

**Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held on February 7, 2024, at 8:17 pm at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:**

<b>Mayor Linda Bourne</b>	<b>present</b>
<b>Council Member Sharla Nelson</b>	<b>present</b>
<b>Council Member Josh Munns</b>	<b>present</b>
<b>Council Member Donnie Howell</b>	<b>present</b>
<b>Council Member Jeanette Atkinson</b>	<b>present</b>
<b>Council Member Tena Allen</b>	<b>present</b>

**Mayor Bourne called the meeting to order. Council Member Howell gave the invocation and Council Member Munns led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Council Member Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. A second was made by Council Member Howell with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.**

**Council Member Nelson made a motion that we approve the minutes for January 3, 2024. A second was made by Council Member Howell with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.**

**Mayor Bourne asked if there were any open comments from the public. Merrilee Gardner stated she wanted to thank Josh for his help with the water issue and she thanked Skyler and Travis too. She stated that she hoped that the council would keep an open mind with everything on the agenda and the comments that are made tonight. She also commented on the utility rate increase for the elderly who are on a fixed income. She thanked the mayor and council for their time and for serving the community.**

**Deb Long thanked Josh and everyone for all the hours put in with the water leak. She stated she wanted to know what was going on with West Factory.**

**Mayor Bourne stated the next item on the agenda was a public hearing to receive input on the issuance of sales tax revenue bonds and called the meeting to order. Japheth McGee from Zions Bank gave out a handout with a simplified explanation of what a sale tax bond is and how the process works and went over it. He said it is essentially a loan to the city from investors secured by our sales tax revenues. He stated we don't have to use the sales tax revenue to pay back the loan. He stated in evaluating the funding possibilities and how the loans would be paid back the city will be receiving property tax revenues from the new Lakeshore building and that is what the city will be using to repay the bond. He stated that part of the money will come from the state infrastructure bank and part from private investors for a municipal bond.**

**Council Member Munns had questions about the public hearing notice. Japheth stated they leave the notice very broad on purpose to be able to divert issues later. He explained also the 4.5 million is the maximum and to start with until engineer estimates and bids come in.**

**Mayor Bourne opened it up to public comment and asked that anyone wanting to comment come to the microphone and state their name and address for the record. The City Planner, Valerie Claussen, explained the process is in the beginning stages. We have to start the bond process before we know the final plans and dollar amount. She understands this is an emotional thing for a lot of the residents. She stated a lot of the questions tonight are about the engineering aspect of the project which is not the purpose of the public hearing. It is to hear comments about committing sales tax revenue to secure the money for the project. There were concerns about the inland port taking money away from special districts. Japheth stated that it will not affect special districts. There were concerns about the speed limits, transparency about the project, the 1400 West intersection, existing**

sidewalks, the permit from the railroad to go underneath the storm drain, approaches, and driveways, how wide the park strip will be, and the bridge going over the canal from West Factory Street to Canal Bank Road.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any more comments from the public. Hearing none she stated we would adjourn from the public hearing at 9:49 p.m. and called the regular meeting back to order.

Mayor Bourne stated the next item on the agenda was reports of officers, boards, and committees

Mayor Bourne gave an update on the Lakeshore Project. She stated they are trying to come in here and be a part of our community and commented on some of the activities they have planned and have already done.

Council Member Allen stated she had nothing further to add.

Council Member Atkinson stated the youth council is looking to plant some trees at the armory and the park for Arbor Day.

Council Member Howell had nothing further to report.

Council Member Munns stated that he thinks the council needs to be more involved and hands-on with the West Factory Street Project.

Council Member Nelson had nothing further to report.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any financial questions. Council Member Nelson asked if the amount to Econo Waste was a monthly payment and Mayor Bourne replied yes.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to approve the coding for payroll and accounts payable and utility account adjustments. A second was made by Council Member Munns with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any requests for future agenda items. Council Member Munns suggested that we have one of the public works employees available for the Saturday of the city clean-up weekend.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to adjourn at 10:06 p.m. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

  
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Sharlet Anderson, Recorder