

**CITY OF GIRARD**  
**AGENDA**  
**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Date: February 27, 2023**  
**5:00 PM**  
*A Great Place to Call Home...*

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Mickey Pyle called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt: 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Lucas Stansbury: 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Bill Huston: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

Jeff Leslie: 4<sup>th</sup> Ward—Arrived at 5:23p.m.

Also Present:

Johanna O'Brien-City Administrator

Karen Buck-City Clerk

Steve Angermayer-City Attorney.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Bill Huston.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Lucas Stansbury, seconded by Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Bill Huston, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to accept the consent agenda A through E as presented. Motion carried.

A. Approval of Appropriations Ordinance 2023-05	\$103,569.38
Purchases over \$10,000.00	
BCBS (Health Insurance)	\$31,876.87
MidState Energy (West Sub)	\$19,925.24
B. Approval of meeting minutes of February 13, 2023	Enter data
C. Approve Trevor Randall as a Volunteer Firefighter effective immediately. Mr. Randall holds Firefighter I and II certs and EMT.	
D. Approve Kelli Adolph as full-time temporary Clubhouse Manager at \$15.00/hour effective March 1, 2023	
E. Approve Jocelyn Goff, Grace Winter, Brooklynn Ryan at \$10/hour effective March 1, 2023	

Motion by Lucas Stansbury, seconded by Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt to move the Pubic Forum after A. Public Hearing for Resolution of Intent regarding organized collection service. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM** (Was following Regular Session A.)

Randy Bennett spoke concerning the restaurant at Crawford Hills Golf Course. Wondered if there was a business plan including how the employees are paid. He is concerned about how the restaurant will affect the city's local restaurants. He could not find anything on the website regarding the restaurant. The Mayor stated it was not a restaurant, but a snack bar for the golfers. Also, the amount of money transferred from the electric department was reduced.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### A. Public Hearing for Resolution of Intent regarding organized collection service

- Cindy Wentz
  - Stated she was against the City of Girard controlling sanitation. She gave multiple reasons, including taking away freedom of choice, alleys are not being maintained so using the excuse of tearing up the alleys is not valid, not fair to turn off all utilities when only the trash portion is not paid, will affect the other trash companies and doesn't like administrative costs to be added to the bill.
- Tammy Patton
  - Curious where did this suggestion come from. Thinks surveys should be passed to the residents prior to adopting the resolution.
- Kyle Thomas
  - Explained he has a nice house with no trash in his yard and currently does not pay for trash service. Says he won't pay if forced to have trash service. Stated he has photos of city employees with trash in their yard.
- Lacey Clark
  - Always trash in her yard which isn't hers because other people don't put their trash in containers like they are supposed to. Landlords should be responsible for clean up of their houses.
- Matt Abella
  - Stated several people have voiced they are against the resolution and the City is ignoring them.
- John Hartman
  - He is a sanitation service and has 40+ customers including Mulberry. Feels this is being cut-throat and he is the underdog which will cut him out of serving Girard.
- James Goings:
  - Wants to know if businesses will also be required to have sanitation services. His business has very little trash and he takes it to his house to dispose of. He feels this service is being pushed onto customers.
- Jessica Phillips
  - Speaking for those with illnesses and/or disabilities. Doesn't want to be forced to have trash service and feels residents should have the right to choose the cheaper service.
- Closed the public hearing at 5:46 p.m.
- Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt to table the Resolution of Intent until March 27, 2023. Arthur-Westervelt, Huston and Leslie voted aye, with Stansbury voting naye. Motion carried with majority vote.

### B. Consider meeting with Bone Creek executive board

- No motion was made regarding the meeting with Bone Creek executive board. It was discussed not to have the full council at the meeting but City Administrator, Mayor and Public Works Director.

### C. Approve CMB for Crawford Hills Golf Course on premise for 2023

- Motion by Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt, seconded by Jeff Leslie to approve CMB for Crawford Hills Golf Course, on premise for 2023. Motion carried.

### D. Discuss forgiveness of \$10,000 on account 35001600, USD 248 due to overread of water meter.

- Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Bill Huston to forgive \$10,000 due to an overread of water. Motion carried.

- E. Executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss employee evaluation in consideration of a promotion to Streets/Wastewater Foreman in the Public Works Department and CDL Instructor candidate benefits issues. Recommend 10 minutes session to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Administrator Apprentice.
- Motion by Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt, seconded by Jeff Leslie to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee evaluation in consideration of a promotion to Streets/Wastewater Foreman in the Public Works Department and CDL Instructor candidate benefits issues. Recommend 10 minutes session to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Administrator Apprentice. Motion carried.
  - Mayor Mickey Pyle returned the meeting to regular session following the executive session.
  - Motion by Lucas Stansbury, seconded by Jeff Leslie to return to executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee evaluation in consideration of a promotion to Streets/Wastewater Foreman in the Public Works Department and CDL Instructor candidate benefits issues. Recommend 12 minutes session to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Administrator Apprentice. Motion carried.
  - Mayor Mickey Pyle returned the meeting to regular session following the executive session
  - Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to promote Austin Spragg to Wastewater/Streets foreman at \$21.50 per hour beginning the first day of the current payroll. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Bill Huston to give permission to the Public Works Director to over CDL Instructor position to Robert Minor starting at \$20.00 per hour. Motion carried.

### **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

Council Member Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt

Inquiring where all the paperwork is regarding the fire department. Inquiring about the restaurant at the golf course. Would like to see the menu on the website.

Council Member Lucas Stansbury

Talked to a firefighter elsewhere. Maybe the city can look at different ways and work with other fire departments. Inquired if the record keeping is improving. Inquired of the road work repairs at the areas where trucks tore up the road during the detour on K7. Inquired why the intersection of Osage and Catalpa was holding water and if there was a plan to cure the problem. Stated the feedback regarding trash service is good and explained why he voted no on the motion to table the Resolution of Intent. Stated the council is listening to the public.

Council President Member Bill Huston

Realizes the trash service topic is frustrating but he is not going to vote for anything that will hurt the city or the citizens. Inquired if street maintenance is scheduled. South Cherokee St looks like there must be a base issue and needs repaired.

Council Member Jeffrey Leslie

Stated fire department issues will never be solved without trust between them. Explained why he motioned the Resolution of Intent to be tabled. Stated he won't make a motion without the seeing what the motion involves and it's final views and to do no damage. Feels like the council is not doing their job if no questions are being asked from the citizens. He wants the best for the City of Girard. He doesn't feel like the city has ever put itself with competing against local businesses. His opinion is the snack bar at the golf course is to benefit the golf course and golfers.

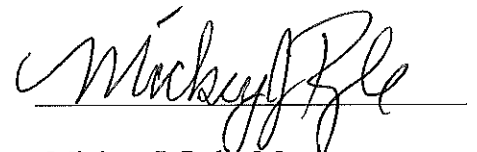
Mayor Mickey Pyle

Glad for the people to give comments regarding the trash. Gave the Council good information to be considered. Feels like the council should listen to the public with no comments regarding the public hearing as

to not get in a debate. Inquired the process of the electric building for a ribbon cutting. Feels like the departments are heading in the right direction. Thanked everyone for what they do.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt, seconded by Jeff Leslie at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.

  
Mickey J. Pyle, Mayor

Attest:

  
Karen E. Buck, CMC, CPM, City Clerk