

CITY OF GIRARD
AGENDA
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
March 23, 2026
5:30 PM
A Great Place to Call Home...



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Nick Cheney called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL

Present:

Morgan Johnson, 1st Ward

Lucas Stansbury, 2nd Ward

John Leigh, 3rd Ward

Darrell Wethoff, 4th Ward

Also Present:

Steve Angemayer, City Attorney

Johanna O'Brien, City Administrator

Heather Ryan, City Clerk

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Nick Cheney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

- Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by John Leigh to remove item J under regular business, motion carried.
- Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by John Leigh to accept agenda as amended, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Appropriations Ordinance 2026-06 \$1,880,012.04
 - Purchases over \$10,000.00
 - Priority Power (Solar Project) \$1,446,251.54
 - Ryan Insurance (2026/2027 Annual Premium) \$180,569.00
 - KMEA/EMP3 (Operating Account) \$78,387.00
 - Murphy Tractor (Transmission-Backhoe) \$19,770.78
 - KMEA Mid States (CAT Generator-Concrete & Mat) \$48,010.75
 - PWWSD #11 (Gallons Water Purchased) \$25,162.90
- B. Approve council minutes of March 9, 2026
- C. Hire Don Lipasek as part-time compliance mower at \$12.50/hour contingent on successful completion of pre-employment paperwork
- D. Approve Part-Time Clerk job description with pay scale consistent with utility billing and payroll clerks
- E. Approve Jean Nichols reclassification to Part-Time Clerk at \$15.67/hour
- F. Approve Police Officer I Alex Wilson for \$0.50 increase for positive 6-month evaluation
- G. Approve Scottie Thomas as Golf Clubhouse Kitchen Manager at \$16.00/hour effective March 20, 2026

- Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by Morgan Johnson to accept the consent agenda as presented, with Darrell Westhoff abstained item G on the consent agenda. The reasoning for abstaining is because there was no interview by the golf committee or chairman, so the vote is 4 to 0 with one abstaining, motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

- Toney Stonerock spoke about the lane on N. 130th, which is shared by two other people as well. Approximately 7 years ago the city along with other resources from the county had the land double chip and sealed. It has held up great, but a couple of years ago when we had that severe drought has caused damage to it like it has to other roads in town. I'm only bringing this to your attention as I know there is going to be scheduling done for the upcoming road resurfacing project and would like for that lane to be considered when planning if possible.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Bid opening for relocation services for KDOT North K7 project
 - CDL Electric: \$64,529
 - Shoemaker and Sons: \$79,000
 - Radell Construction: \$33,582.71
 - Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by Morgan Johnson to approve Radell bid in the amount of \$33,582.71 contingent upon KDOT requirements, motion carried.
- B. Water project update and lease agreement format approval
 - Contracts have been assigned and notice to proceed has been approved by USDA and issued. Waiting on submittals for the pipe as changes of scope from 4-inch pipe to 6-inch and 8-inch pipes.
 - Lease agreement to the Adair building for Shoemaker & Sons staging materials and equipment. It would be \$800 a month and term is 1 year but can cancel terms with 30-day notice by either party.
 - Motion by Lucas Stansbury, seconded by Morgan Johnson to approve the mayor signature on the lease for Shoemaker, motion carried.
- C. Executive session for contractual to discuss easement negotiation for primary supply line
 - a. Recommend 10-minute session to include Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, Public Works
 - Motion by Lucas Stansbury, seconded by Morgan Johnson to go into executive session for contractual to discuss easement negotiation for primary supply line recommended 10 minutes to include Mayor, Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, Public Works Director, motion carried.
 - Mayor Nick Cheney called the meeting back to order
 - No motion was made
- D. Approve Resolution 2026-04 Banking Authority
 - Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by John Leigh to approve resolution 2026-4 Banking Authority, motion carried.
- E. Approve Resolution 2026-05 CD Authority
 - Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by Morgan Johnson to approve resolution 2026-05 CD Authority, motion carried.
- F. Spring Clean-up April 24th 8am to 4pm and April 25th 8am to 12pm
 - Reminder that the Spring Clean-up is on April 24th from 8am to 4pm and April 25th from 8am to 12pm, must be able to provide utility bill.
 - Reminder that the City-Wide garage sales will be the previous weekend and if you have a subscription to Girard Hometown you can get your advertised listing for city wide free.
- G. Discuss golf course expenses – HVAC, prep table, pump house

- New prep table per KDHE
- HVAC system
- Lights in Clubhouse
- Motion by Lucas Stansbury, seconded by Darrell Westhoff to table pump house discussion until next regular business meeting, motion carried.

H. Electric update

- 16 call outs for power outages since January
- 19 electric poles around town, usually set around 100 throughout the year so on track so far.
- 9 Transformers put up
- 7 trees cut down & trimmed a lot of trees
- Powerplant has ran 21 ½ hours
- Running gas line for the new Cat Generator
- Finishing relocating poles on 7 Hwy
- Setting and updating poles around the powerplant
- Catholic church is doing there upgrade for the pad mount transformer
- Hopefully get some loopholes on the east loop
- New projects 2-megawatt solar start around April 14th and hopefully completed by October
- Cat Generator hopefully will be here in October-December, keeps getting pushed back
- New addition looking for AMI meters, and call out system

I. Public Works update

- Bi-weekly reports
- 3 types of maintenance-Routine, Scheduled, and Emergency- are supposed to live within the first 2 but we live in the third one (emergency) majority of the time.
- Project management-Plant rebuild
- Water distribution lines and drawings have not been updated so contractor cannot order supplies
- Street repair plans
- Culvert Repair plans
- Opening of the Pool
- Golf course operations
- Removing the bar screen
- Install valve at the main lift station
- Sidewalk repairs
- Bump-outs on square
- Pump house and cost estimates
- Repairs to clubhouse
- New staff at the pool
- Emergency waterline repairs
- Sewer camera system
- Equipment repair-backhoe approx. 3 months
- Hwy 7 project
- Staff Trainings-sexual harassment put on by KMIT
- Work order system
- West Water tower
- Value Inspection
- Yard Repairs

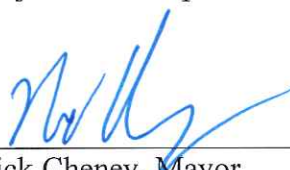
- Brush Pile
- J. Approve Ordinance 1402 KS Gas Franchise agreement
- Removed item from agenda
- K. Approve February 2026 judges report showing total collected \$3,554.12, with total to city \$3,020.95
- Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by John Leigh to approve February 2026 judges report showing total collected \$3,554.12 with total to city \$3,020.95, motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- Council Member Morgan Johnson: Thanks, all city employees for all the hard work they do day in and day out, thank you to the police and fire departments for keeping our city safe and protected. The city wide clean up is April 24th and 25th, it's something the city provides for our citizens so take advantage of it if you can. Starting to see things rolling with the water project, it's exciting. Ball season is here and nicer weather. Please drive safely and pay attention to your surroundings.
- Council Member Lucas Stansbury: Eco's Morgan. Positivity on Facebook post as several people have enjoyed the transparency and the activity, so what to pass along to for the work that Abbey is doing as its informative and a way for the citizens to get involved. I am excited for the water project as it has been a long-time coming. Just another reminder that there's going to be a lot going on as far as moving dirt etc., so please be patient with all the contractors and equipment as they are doing their job just like we are doing ours. Roads are in the near future, some places with a lot more traffic areas but before the project we could go out and look at those areas. Looking forward to the consistent weather instead of the up and down.
- Council Member John Leigh: Thank you to all the city employees for all that they are doing. Also thank you to Johanna and Heather for doing really good job and Steve for going through all that contract as it was a lot of pages. Can't stress enough to please keep an eye out for children at the ballpark. Use the amenities, the golf course, pool/swimming lessons.
- Council President Darrell Westhoff: Thanks to all city employees and Eco's what everyone else has said.
- Mayor Nick Cheney: No comment

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Morgan Johnson, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to adjourn at 6:46p.m., motion carried.


 Nick Cheney, Mayor

Attest:


 Heather A. Ryan, CMC, City Clerk