

CITY OF GIRARD
AGENDA
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 4, 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 Westhoff, 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 Morgan Johnson to accept agenda as presented, motion carried

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Appropriations Ordinance 2026-09 \$209,653.56

- Purchases over \$10,000.00

State Treasurer (GO Bond Series 2021 Interest for Jan 2025) \$72,959.38

JT Construction (Front Office Remodel-½ Down Payment) \$14,400.00

BCBS (Insurance Premium) \$33,895.28

KMEA GRDA (Operating Account) \$28,717.00

PWWSD #11 (Gallons Water Purchased) \$24,773.20

B. Approve council minutes of April 20, 2026

C. Approve \$1.00/hour increase for Terry Wray for successful completion of certifications and associated increase to pay scale

D. Approve \$1.00 increase for William Eddington for successful completion of Year 2 Merchant's Course

E. Approve Aydin Sisney as seasonal lifeguard at \$9.00/hour contingent upon successful completion of preemployment paperwork

F. Approve Weston Stafford as seasonal lifeguard at \$9.00/hour contingent upon successful completion of preemployment paperwork

G. Approve Ryder Stafford as seasonal lifeguard at \$9.00/hour contingent upon successful completion of preemployment paperwork.

H. Approve Harrison Burke as seasonal lifeguard at \$9.00/hour contingent upon successful completion of preemployment paperwork.

I. Approve Bradyn Hilderbrand as Part Time police officer at \$20/hour contingent upon successful completion of preemployment paperwork.

J. Approve Blake Tyler for \$.50 raise for completion of KLETC and positive 6-month evaluation.

K. Approve Brody Sutton as a volunteer firefighter contingent upon successful completion of paperwork

L. Approve Kenneth Atchison as a volunteer firefighter contingent upon successful completion of paperwork

M. Approve Ryddr Grosstephan as a volunteer firefighter contingent upon successful completion of paperwork

- Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by Morgan Johnson to accept consent agenda as presented, motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

- There was no-one that spoke during public forum

REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing for deannexation
 - No comments were made during the public hearing
- B. Approve ordinance for deannexation
 - Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by John Leigh to approve ordinance 1403 deannexation for Mike Peak property, motion carried.
- C. Appoint and approve Suzy Chaffee to the library board with a term of May 2026 to April 2030
 - Motion by Morgan Johnson, seconded by Darrell Westhoff to appoint and approve Suzy Chaffee to the Library board with the term of May 2026 to April 2030, motion carried.
- D. Appoint and Approve Casey Brown to the library board with a term of May 2026-April 2030
 - Motion by Morgan Johnson, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to appoint and approve Casey Brown to the Library board with the term of May 2026 to April 2030, motion carried.
- E. Discuss storm siren activation procedure
 - Girard's policy and procedure's, storm sirens are activated whenever there is a tornado warning issued within our county to allow individuals and family to have plenty of time to gather their things and get to a safe shelter.
 - Sirens are for outdoor use only; they are not meant to be heard inside.
 - Recommend getting weather radio and signing up for free alerts through genesis alerts.
 - Public awareness education
- F. Overview of procedure for service line replacements
 - Have done line locates
 - Waiting on materials, valves and pipes
 - Probably going to start sometime in June due to the delays
 - Service line replacement is due to the lead and copper rule that the EPA mandates
 - Developed a waiver to replace service line up to 1 foot from the foundation of the house
 - Rolled copper is fine but solder cooper is not they will need to be replaced
 - PVC or PEX do not need to be replaced
- G. Executive session for contractual to discuss easement acquisition negotiations
 - a. Recommend 5-minute session to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Public Works Director
 - Motion by Morgan Johnson, seconded by Darrell Westoff to go into executive session for contractual to discuss easement acquisition negotiations recommended 5 minutes to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Public Works Director, motion carried.
 - Mayor Nick Cheney called the meeting back to order
 - No motion was made
- H. Executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss contractual negotiations for water/sewer engineering contract
 - a. Recommend 7-minute session to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Public Works Director
 - Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by Morgan Johnson to go into executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss contractual negotiations for water/sewer engineering contract recommended 7 minutes to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Public Works Director, motion carried.
 - Mayor Nick Cheney called the meeting back to order
 - No motion was made
- I. Executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss employee discipline
 - a. Recommend 10-minute session to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Public Works Director, City Clerk
 - Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by Morgan Johnson to go into executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss employee discipline recommended 10 minutes to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Public Works Director, City Clerk, motion carried.
 - Mayor Nick Cheney called the meeting back to order
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GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- Council Member Morgan Johnson:

Thank you to the city employees and all the first responders for all their hard work everyone does day in day out to make the city run more smoothly. The weather is getting nice, have seen kids out using the facilities, so please pay attention and slow down.

- Council Member Lucas Stansbury:

Eco's what Morgan said. Thank you to all city employees. I do like this time of year because the weather is getting better, but I don't like the storms. Appreciates the county, fire department and emergency management sharing the information regarding the storms and looking forward to the public education learning sessions. The facilities around town are either open again or getting ready to open. The disc golf looks nice and have seen several people using this facility, so thank you Jackie.

- Council Member John Leigh:

City wide clean-up was this past weekend, and all the people were friendly and helpful. Even had some things that were heavy and they said just drop it and they would take care of getting it into the dumpsters. Appreciates the City of Girard for doing this for everybody.

- Council President Darrell Westhoff:

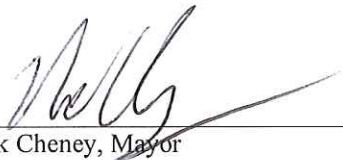
Thank you to the Chief and County Emergency personnel for coming and explaining how the sirens work. Hopefully everyone will pass the word when there is a tornado warning issued and the sirens will go off. Thank you to all the employees for all they do.

- Mayor Nick Cheney:

May 26th public works are going to start tearing out the landscaping stuff up on the square and also the city hall. A lot of other projects starting soon, water project, sidewalk, and the road project that the city and county are working together on some patch work. The city hall front office remodel is still going on as well.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Nick Cheney, Mayor

Attest:



Heather A. Ryan, CMC, City Clerk

