

CITY OF GIRARD
AGENDA
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 18, 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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

- Motion by John Leigh, seconded by Darrell Westhoff to accept agenda as presented, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Appropriations Ordinance 2026-10 \$173,848.74
 - Purchases over \$10,000.00
 - KMEA EMP3 (Operating Account) \$83,222.00
 - Midwest Engineering (Engineering Services WTP & Waterline Improvements) \$35,424.60
- B. Approve council minutes of May 4, 2026
- C. Approve special meeting minutes of May 14, 2026
- D. Accept Jim Leonard resignation effective April 29, 2026
- E. Accept Todd Miller resignation effective May 6, 2026
- F. Approve \$0.75 increase for Eric Bailey for successful completion of 6-month evaluation
- G. Approve Joshua Brumback for Year 1 of 3 Retention Bonus Program for Certified Officers (RBP-CO)
- H. Approve Jesse Snider for Retention Bonus Program for Certified Officers (RBP-CO)
 - Motion by Lucas Stansbury, 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. Executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss employee discipline
 - a. Recommend 7-minute session to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Fire Chief
- Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by Morgan Johnson to go into executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss employee discipline recommended 7 minutes to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Fire Chief, motion carried.
- Mayor Nick Cheney called the meeting back to order
- Motion by Lucas Stansbury, 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, Fire Chief, motion carried.
- Mayor Nick Cheney called the meeting back to order
- No motion was made
- B. Executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss employee hiring
 - a. Recommend 4-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 nonelected personnel to discuss employee hiring recommended 4 minutes to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Public Works Director, motion carried.
- Mayor Nick Cheney called the meeting back to order
- Motion by Lucas Stansbury, seconded by Morgan Johnson to go into executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss employee hiring recommended 6 minutes to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Public Works Director, motion carried.
- No motion was made
- C. Executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss employee job audits
 - a. Recommend 10-minute session to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Clerk
- Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to go into executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss employee job audits recommended 10 minutes to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Clerk, motion carried.
- Mayor Nick Cheney called the meeting back to order
- Motion by Morgan Johnson, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to go into executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss employee job audits recommended 10 minutes to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Clerk, motion carried.
- Mayor Nick Cheney called the meeting back to order
- No motion was made
- D. District 4 Fireworks fee waiver
- Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by Morgan Johnson to waive permit fee for fireworks, motion carried.
- E. Schedule budget workshop for after June 15th
- Motion by Lucas Stansbury, seconded by Morgan Johnson to schedule budget workshop for Monday June 22nd at 4p.m., motion carried.
- F. Update on issues regarding RVH pick-up line
- Jesse and Abbey put information out on social media regarding alternate routes to line up avoiding the highway.
- Possibly send out map to school to pass out during enrollment.

G. Schedule a meeting with business owners on square to discuss bump-outs

- Business on the corners of square, contacted chamber to see about options to discuss bump-outs
- Business owners want their opinions heard
- Landscaping removal on the square will begin on May 26th
- Several want them removed but also very costly
- After meeting we will have a better understanding to be able to find the best option to move forward

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- Council Member Morgan Johnson:

Thank you to all the city employees for always going above and beyond. Thank you to the fire department and police department for all they have been doing. Been out driving around and the facilities are all looking good. The weather has been great, but this time of year storms can pop up, so please be prepared. The water project is getting ready to start so please keep an eye out.

- Council Member Lucas Stansbury:

Eco's Morgan ward one. Thank you to the city employees for the work you do day in and day out. Weather getting nicer and the facilities are getting opened back up remember the facilities we do have available in and around town. If you ever have question, we are redoing our city website so hopefully soon we will have a lot of information available on there. There are other facilities that are indoors like the activity center. Reminder to citizens to help keep them clean up and nice as some of these things have been destroyed due to vandalism causing unnecessary expenses to fix.

- Council Member John Leigh:

The golf course does have a restaurant, so if you would like something to eat this is a good place to go. We do have some upcoming storms, so there may be sirens but if they sound remember its all for our safety.

- Council President Darrell Westhoff:

Thank you to all employees for what they do. Timeline on the pumphouse and the street signs. We got some storms moving though, so please remember the county policy, if there is a tornado warning issued within Crawford County, the sirens will be set off. Remember to check local weather stations and weather radios for updates regarding storms.

- Mayor Nick Cheney:

Public works will be removing all the landscaping on the square and city office starting on May 26th. The roads may be blocked off to ensure safety. The patchwork schedule will start in July beginning of August. The website contract we currently have ends on June 2nd so we will have just a temp page available until our new website is complete.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Morgan Johnson, seconded by John Leigh to adjourn at 6:42p.m., motion carried.



Nick Cheney, Mayor

Attest:


Heather A. Ryan, CMC, City Clerk

