

**CITY OF GIRARD
MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
February 24, 2025
5:00 PM**

A Great Place to Call Home...



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Mickey J. Pyle called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Lanessa Arthur, 1st Ward
- Lucas Stansbury, 2nd Ward
- Dennis Everett, 3rd Ward
- Darrell Westhoff, 4th Ward

Also present:

- Steve Angermayer, City Attorney
- Johanna O'Brien, City Administrator
- Karen Buck, City Clerk

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by the Mayor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Lanessa Arthur, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Lanessa Arthur, seconded by Darrell Westhoff to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

- A. Approval of Appropriations Ordinance 2025- 04 \$133,479.20
 - Purchases over \$10,000.00
KMEA/EMP3 (Operating Account) \$84,762.00
- B. Increase Kelli Adolph to \$16.34/ hour effective March 1 compatible with new pay scales
- C. Approve council minutes of February 10, 2025

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Bill Call was present to express his thoughts and feelings regarding his utility bill and office personnel, stating his bill was extremely high and he wasn't getting the results he expected from the office staff.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Approve mayoral appointment for President of the Council
 - Mayor Pyle suggested appointing Darrell Westhoff as the president of the council.
 - Motion by Lucas Stansbury, seconded by Lanessa Arthur to accept the mayoral appointment of Darrell Westhoff as council president. Motion carried with Darrell Westhoff abstaining.

- B. Approve purchase of equipment for 'old' Heritage upgrade contingent upon pre-payment by owner
 - Motion by Lanessa Arthur, seconded by Darrell Westhoff to approve the purchase of equipment for 511 N Western Ave. Motion carried.
- C. Approve Brokob plat
 - Motion by Lanessa Arthur, seconded by Darrell Westhoff to approve the Brokob plat as suggested by the planning board committee. Motion carried.
- D. Public Safety update
 - Mark McAtee, volunteer firefighter, gave a report for the Fire Department regarding how many medical/fire calls the department had responded to, as well as fire purchases and new gear needed for the department.
 - Seirra Roberts, Police Chief, gave a report for the Police Department regarding how many calls had come through the police department, as well as the status of the new police vehicle that was approved and ordered. Chief Roberts also gave the conditions of the current police vehicles.
- E. Approve Police Officer III job description
 - Motion by Lanessa Arthur, seconded by Darrell Westhoff to approve Police Officer II job description. Motion carried.
- F. Approve Police Department Ride-along policy
 - Motion by Lanessa Arthur, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to table the ride-along policy for the police department pending talking to our insurance company. Motion carried.
- G. Approve Police Department loan repayment policy
 - Motion by Lucas Stansbury, seconded by Darrell Westhoff to approve the retention bonus policy for the Police Department. Motion carried.
- H. Consider authorizing purchase of used patrol vehicle
 - Motion by Darrell Westhoff, seconded by Dennis Everett to approve possible purchase of used patrol vehicle for \$15,000.00. Motion carried.
- I. Executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss employee promotion and reassignment.

Recommend 10-minute session to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Clerk on-call, Public Works Director on-call

 - Motion by Lanessa Arthur, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee promotion and reassignment for no longer than 10 minutes to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Clerk on call and Public Works Director on call. Motion carried.
 - Mayor Pyle brought the meeting back to regular session. No motion was made.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Council Member Lanessa Arthur

Pay attention to electrical heaters in your home.

Thank you for getting transformers and the hard work on the sidewalks.

Regarding the comments on not getting a grant for a vehicle in the police department were not accurate on the social media. If the public has questions, please call. The council is trying to be transparent.

Thank you to the staff. Thank you to the office staff.

Council President Lucas Stansbury

Echo's Lanessa.

Noted the public safety sales tax is being appropriated correctly.

Act of Kindness given to the elementary school by the Police Department.

Encourage employees to access the amenities of the city.

Council is trying to be transparent and take pride in their decisions.
The City has an EV charger on the square to be accessed by the public.

Council Member Dennis Everett

Thank you to the Police Department and the Fire Department.

Thank you to Public Works and Water Plant.

Council President Darrell Westhoff

Echo everyone else.

Good job to the employees who did snow removal.

Can the City make the railroad look at their crossing on Hwy 47?

For those who post anonymous on social media are cowards.

Mayor Mickey Pyle

Echo everyone else.

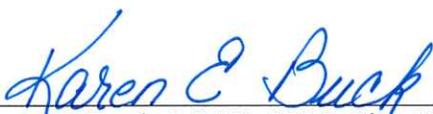
Agrees with Darrell.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lanessa Westhoff, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Motion carried.


Mickey J. Pyle, Mayor

Attest:


Karen E. Buck, MMC, CPM, City Clerk

