

**CITY OF GIRARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 16, 2021**  
**5:00 PM**  
*A Great Place to Call Home...*

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pyle

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Sheldon DeLange, First Ward  
Lucas Stansbury, Second Ward  
Bill Huston, Third Ward  
Jeff Leslie, Fourth Ward

Also Present:

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

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Sheldon DeLange

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pyle led the pledge of allegiance.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Bill Huston, seconded by Jeff Leslie to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Sheldon DeLange, seconded by Bill Huston to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Appropriations Ordinance 2021-04	\$238,620.40
Purchases over \$10,000.00	
Dutton Lainson-AMR Equipment	\$12,052.06
KMIT-Worker Comp Ins Premium	\$21,402.00
KMEA-GRDA (Contractual whole electric	\$72,298.98
KS Dept of Transportation (Sidewalk Grant)	\$59,000.00
Bonecreek (Whole water)	\$21,900.00
Approval of meeting minutes of February 01, 2021.	
Approval of Public meeting minutes of February 02, 2021	
Hire Sheila Florence, Hayden Wilson, Joseph Shadden and Aaron Smith as Part-time Firefighters effective February 18 <sup>th</sup> at \$10/hour	

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Attentive:

Chuck Smirl-Utility dispute – Did not show.  
Kenneth Sullivan-Utility dispute – Did not show.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. Executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss upcoming retirements, resignations and hiring in Public Safety Departments and a possible new hire
- Motion by Sheldon, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to go to executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss upcoming retirements, resignations and hiring in public safety departments

and possible new hire for no longer than 25 minutes to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator and Police Chief on call. Motion carried.

- Mayor brought the meeting back into regular session following the 25-minute executive session.
- Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Sheldon DeLange to offer the interim Fire Chief position to John Moutz in the amount of \$1650 every two weeks beginning February 18, 2021. Motion carried.
- Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Sheldon DeLange to hire Ann Rap as temporary full-time position at \$12.00 an hour beginning February 18, 2021. Motion carried.
- Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Sheldon DeLange to remove Daulton Crays as interim Fire Chief and add him as a part-time firefighter at \$10.00 per hour beginning February 18, 2021. Motion carried.

B. Consider No Parking signs along Sinnet

- Motion by Sheldon DeLange, seconded by Jeff Leslie to install No Parking signs from Carline to K47 working with Crawford County to purchase the signs. Motion carried.

C. Open bids for haying at lagoon

- There were no bids for haying the lagoons to open. Motion by Sheldon DeLange, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to allow bids to be accepted until February 26, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried.

D. Consider terminating contract with Priority Power

- Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Sheldon DeLange to terminate Priority Power with a certified letter. Motion carried.

E. Update on booster pump, water/wastewater PER

- Discussion regarding the booster station and the water towers. The Public Works Director noted the city could save \$23,000 for inspections and repairs to both towers. No motions were made.

F. Approve Fire Department software

- Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Sheldon DeLange to table discussion regarding Fire Department software. Motion carried.

G. Consider giving City Administrator authority to authorize purchases above \$10k (tanker of diesel) in the event that KMEA asks the City to run powerplant engines

- Motion by Jeff Leslie to allow the City Administrator authority to purchase diesel in emergency cases to operate the power plant. Jeff Leslie withdrew his motion and made a new motion. Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Sheldon DeLange to give the City Administrator the authority to reactivate purchases over \$10,000 for emergency diesel purchase for operation of power plant engines. Motion carried.

H. Discuss sewer rate increase

- The council discussed if a possible sewer increase is necessary in the upcoming year. No motion was made.

Note: Steve Angermayer left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

## **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

### **Council Member Sheldon DeLange**

Stated his appreciation of all the outdoor employees during the extreme cold weather. He also stated his appreciation for Jim Jarvis helping the safety of animals through social media.

### **Council Lucas Stansbury**

Stated his appreciation of all the outdoor employees during the extreme cold weather and the power plant. He wants all city employees to know they are appreciated.

Council President Member Bill Huston

Echoed employee appreciation including the power plant.

Council Member Jeffrey Leslie

Stated he saw positive comments on social media for Jim Jarvis for his helping the animals.

Mayor Mickey Pyle

Stated appreciation for Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department, Codes, Electric Department, Clerks and all employees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. with a motion by Sheldon DeLange, seconded by Jeff Leslie. Motion carried.

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Mickey J. Pyle, Mayor

Attest:

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Karen E. Buck, CMC, CPM, City Clerk