



Mayor Tim Marshall
Councilmember Jerry Webb
Councilmember Jasmine McDowell
Councilmember Jarom Tefteller

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Herrmann
Councilmember Marty Jordan
Councilmember Michael Chevalier

MINUTES

The City of Gilmer Council Meeting convened in regular session at 5:15 P.M. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at Gilmer City Hall, 110 Buffalo St., Gilmer, Texas.

The following Councilmembers were present:

Mayor Tim Marshall
Councilmember Jerry Webb

Councilmember Marty Jordan
Councilmember Jasmine McDowell

The following Councilmembers were absent:

Councilmember Michael Chevalier
Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Herrmann

Councilmember Jarom Tefteller

The following staff was present:

Greg Hutson, City Manager
Mike Martin, City Attorney

Mary Bullock, City Secretary

Other Attendees:

Phillip Williams, Gilmer Mirror
Freddie Turner, Citizen
Johnnie Venters, Citizen

Robert Davis, Citizen
Richard Easley, Citizen

- I. Call to Order**
- Invocation**
- Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Tim Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M. The invocation was led by City Manager Greg Hutson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Attorney Mike Martin.

II. Public Comment

III. Announcements

1. Mayor's Announcements:
 - a. Eric Yarbrough was acknowledged for volunteering to edge the sidewalks around the Civic Center.
2. City Manager's Announcements:
 - a. The city's long-time auditing firm, Karen Jacks & Associates, sent a letter dropping the city from their services this year due to the firm leaving the auditing business. The firm of Brooks & Watson from the Houston area has been contacted as a replacement.
 - b. The construction in the council chambers is completed.
 - c. The playground at Yamboree Park is finished and Abney Park is completed except for the bids for sunshades over the playground equipment.
 - d. Before the meeting, Councilmember Jerry Webb spoke to City Manager Greg Hutson about another episode of vandalism at Abney Park. The slides were spray painted. The City Manager said they are looking into security options that may include cameras.
3. City Council Member's Announcements

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Consider approval of City Council Minutes from September 24, 2024
2. Consider approval of Code Enforcement Report for September 2024
3. Consider approval of Police Department Report for September 2024
4. Consider approval of Fire Department Report for September 2024
5. Consider approval of Expense Report for September 2024
6. Consider approval of Financials for September 2024

Councilmember Jerry Webb made a motion to approve consent agenda items, with a second by Councilmember Jasmine McDowell, and a vote of 4/0 for approval.

V. Items to Consider

1. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to approve the City Investment Report for period ending September 30, 2024 (Enclosure).

City Manager Greg Hutson discussed interest rates increasing due to the economy which has helped our investments grow faster.

Councilmember Marty Jordan made a motion to approve the City Investment Report for period ending September 30, 2024, with a second by Councilmember Jasmine McDowell, and a vote of 4/0 for approval.

2. Consider, discuss, and take possible action on approving street closures for First Baptist Church Fall Festival for Wednesday, November 6th, 2024, from 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. (Enclosure).

- a. W Cass Street between N Trinity St and Davis St
- b. Davis Street to the end of the North FBC parking lot (1/2 block)

Councilmember Marty Jordan made a motion to approve the street closures for First Baptist Church Fall Festival for Wednesday, November 6th, 2024, from 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., with a second by Mayor Tim Marshall, and a vote of 4/0 for approval.

3. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to approve the closure of streets for Treats on the Square, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Gilmer PD to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. (Enclosure).

- a. Jefferson Street from Hilltex Insurance to Stewart Insurance and Realty
- b. Simpson Street to Hwy 154

Councilmember Jasmine McDowell made a motion to approve the closure of streets for Treats on the Square, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Gilmer PD to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., with a second by Councilmember Marty Jordan, and a vote of 4/0 for approval.

4. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to approve the interlocal agreement for emergency services between the City of Gilmer and the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 for 2024-2025 (Enclosure).

Councilmember Marty Jordan made a motion approving the agreement for dispatching services between the City of Gilmer and the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 for 2024-2025 year, with a second by Councilmember Jerry Webb, and a vote of 4/0 for approval.

5. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to approve an estimate from Red River Recreation for picnic tables and trash cans at Abney Park (Enclosure).

Councilmember Jerry Webb asked if the trash cans and tables are in addition to the work they have already approved. City Manager Greg Hutson said they would be replacing the existing old equipment currently onsite. The council discussed the need and costs of replacing the current equipment and recommended City Manager Greg Hutson look for more affordable options through additional quotes.

VI. Adjournment

Councilmember Marty Jordan made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Councilmember Jerry Webb, and a vote of 4/0 for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 P.M.



Tim Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Bullock, City Secretary

