



Mayor Tim Marshall
Councilmember Jerry Webb
Councilmember Jasmine Cunningham
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, January 9, 2024, at Gilmer City Hall, 110 Buffalo St., Gilmer, Texas.

The following Councilmembers were present:

Mayor Tim Marshall
Councilmember Jerry Webb
Councilmember Michael Chevalier
Councilmember Marty Jordan

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Herrmann
Councilmember Jarom Tefteller
Councilmember Jasmine Cunningham

The following Councilmembers were absent:

The following staff was present:

Kimberly Smith, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary
Michael Martin, City Attorney
Lana Davidson, Police Chief
Monty Montgomery, Gilmer PD

Mary Bullock, Business Manager
Lisa Long, Civic Center Director
Jason Murray, Gilmer PD
Joshua Lambert, Gilmer PD

Other Attendees:

Phillip Williams, Gilmer Mirror
Kevin Honeycutt, Gilmer Lawn & Garden
Herb Winkeller, Resident
Pedro Mendoza, Resident
David Griffith, Attorney

Debra Brinkley, Resident
Les Thomas, Private
Rosann Mendoza, Resident
Cyntha Clark, Resident
Arthur Hill, MLK Parade

- 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Herrmann, and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Marty Jordan.

II. Public Comment

Kevin Honeycutt explained to council that he has been trying to start a project in the city for three months and has not been able to proceed with the project. He plans on building on the property across from Bruce Middle School. Attorney David Griffith also stated to council regarding the project and would like to move forward with it. Attorney David Griffith would like this on the next meeting agenda for City Council.

III. Announcements

Councilmember Jarom Tefteller entered the meeting at 5:26 pm.

1. Mayor's announcements – Mayor Tim Marshall read aloud two proclamations. One was for the Gilmer Buckeyes winning state, and one for Martin Luther King Day. Mayor Tim Marshall also read aloud the notice that went out regarding trash rate increases.
2. City Manager's announcements
3. City Council Member's announcements

IV. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of City Council Minutes from December 12, 2023, Police Department Report for December 2023, Fire Department Report for December 2023, Expense Report for January 2024, and Financials for December 2023.

Councilmember Jarom Tefteller made a motion to approve consent agenda items, with a second by Councilmember Marty Jordan, and a vote of 7/0 for approval.

V. Items to Consider

1. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to approve the Upshur County Crimestoppers to purchase an Enhanced Diversion Device for the Gilmer Police Department.

Joshua Lambert explained the NFDD and what the capabilities of the device are. He also stated that training on the devices is separate from the cost Upshur County Crimestoppers is paying. Councilmember Jarom Tefteller asked if we could table the item until we have a policy written and approved by the City Attorney and information from TML regarding liability insurance.

Councilmember Jarom Tefteller made a motion to table this item to next meeting to get the answers we need and additional training funds, with a second by Councilmember Jerry Webb, and a vote of 7/0 for approval.

2. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to approve waiving the fee for the use of the ETEX room at the Gilmer Civic Center for the Domestic Violence Seminar entitled "Take a Stand Against Domestic Violence," on January 20, 2024, organized by the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Debra Brinkley stated she was gathering people and information for the seminar. She has different speakers from Sheriff Jerry Webb, District Attorney Larry Bird, and a lady from Longview Police Department, and Judge Tefteller. Councilmember Jarom Tefteller stated his law firm would pay the fee for the rental room at the Civic Center.

No action was taken.

3. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to approve Ordinance 24-001 granting provisions to address drainage, floodplains (FEMA), Waters of the US Corps (Corps Permitting), and stormwater pollution prevention (TCEQ) and matters related thereto.

Mayor Tim Marshall explained the reason behind the ordinance. Attorney David Griffith stated he felt this came up after speaking about the development to the city. Mayor Tim Marshall stated this ordinance was not put in place because of their development on Hwy 271 S.

Mayor Tim Marshall made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-001 granting provisions to address drainage, floodplains (FEMA), Waters of the US Corps (Corps Permitting), and stormwater pollution prevention (TCEQ) and matters related thereto, with a second by Councilmember Jerry Webb, and a vote of 7/0 for approval.

4. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to approve the following appointments for Fire Marshall for the Gilmer Fire Department.
 - a. Fire Marshall – Johnny Taylor

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Herrmann made a motion to approve the Fire Marshall appointment to Johnny Taylor for the Gilmer Fire Department, with a second by Councilmember Jarom Tefteller, with a vote of 7/0 for approval.

5. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to approve the following appointments for the Gilmer Fire Department.
 - a. Fire Chief – Jerry H. Taylor
 - b. 1st Assistant Chief – Phillip Wilburn
 - c. 2nd Assistant Chief – Ken Scheid

Councilmember Jasmine Cunningham made a motion to approve Fire Chief Jerry H. Taylor, 1st Assistant Chief Phillip Wilburn, and 2nd Assistant Chief Ken Scheid appointments for the Gilmer Fire Department, with a second by Councilmember Jarom Tefteller, with a 7/0 vote for approval.


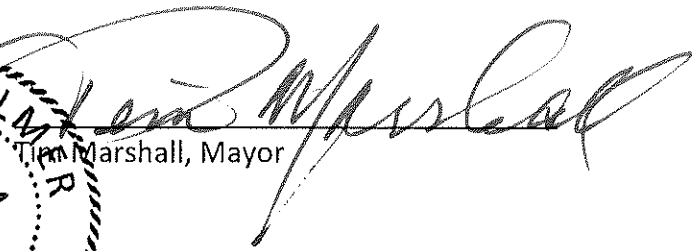
VI. Adjournment

Councilmember Jerry Webb made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Councilmember Jarom Tefteller, and a vote of 7/0 for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

ATTEST:


 Kimberly Smith, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary

 
 Tim Marshall, Mayor