

MINUTES OF THE GARDEN CITY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING

The Garden City Town Council held a Public Hearing on May 8, 2025, at 6:06 p.m., at the Garden City Office, located at 69 N. Paradise Parkway, Building C.

Town Council Members Present:

Mike Leonhardt, Mayor
Pat Argyle
Martell Menlove
Jordan Parry
Ken Hansen

Others Present:

Cathie Rasmussen
Brad & Jayne Davis
Nadine Sprouse
Norm Mecham
Teri Eynon
Dana Hurdley

On Teleconference:

1. **Roll Call**

Mayor Leonhardt asked for a roll call of Council Members present: Mayor Leonhardt, Council Member Argyle, Council Member Hansen, Council Member Menlove and Council Member Parry.

2. **Public Hearing to receive public input and comments on the following items:**

- a. Ordinance #25-05, An Ordinance Updating the Life Safety Ordinance

CM Hansen questioned the proposed change and the fact the city has adopted the IBC. Mayor Leonhardt said the council would discuss it during the regular meeting.

- b. The Tentative 2026 Budget for the General Fund, Enterprise (Water) Fund, Capital Project Fund, and Beach Access Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Mayor Leonhardt explained to the city the low property taxes and how the other taxes received help fund the expenses of Garden City. CM Hansen stated that with more growth the town has, the property taxes will go down. Mayor Leonhardt stated he brought this up so the public would understand how short-term rental licensing revenue and other revenue helps fund the town.

Norm Mecham found it interesting that the TRT fund is almost as much as property taxes, and in the future, it may be an even larger source of revenue.

Brad Davis asked for more information on the Enterprise Fund. Mayor Leonhardt explained that it was the water fund and how those revenues go directly back to the water. CM Hansen added that it's not a restricted fund like the general fund. It runs more like a business.

Davis asked about "end of life" on treatment plant. CM Hansen explained the filters in the plant and the need to replace them. He added that because the water is so clean that goes through the plant, the town has gotten a lot of time out the filters. CM Hansen said that the water lines are being replaced by sections as well.

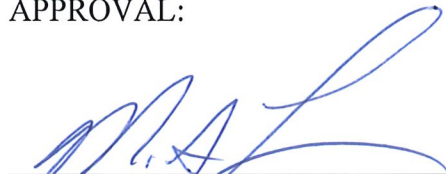
CM Hansen wished to clarify that the taxes the public pay to Garden City are going down because more people are paying taxes. He cannot speak for the county increasing taxes.

Jayne Davis asked about the Beach Access Fund. Mayor Leonhardt explained the lease the city has on the beach when the lake is down below the high-water mark. The city would regulate and receive money to let people park down on the beach and then hire someone to clean it. It doesn't happen every year, but the fund is there for it.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Menlove made the motion to close the Public Hearing and move to the Second Public Hearing of the Garden City Town Council at 6:25 pm. Council Member Hansen seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Council Member Argyle, for; Council Member Menlove, for; Council Member Hansen, for; Council Member Parry, for. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL:



Michael Leonhardt, Mayor

Attest:



Cathie Rasmussen, Town Clerk

