

Garland City Corporation

City Council Meetings

January 21, 2026

Members Present:

Jeanette Atkinson
Sharla Nelson
Tena Allen
Jim Hall
Josh Munns
Danny Austin, Mayor
Kristal Edwards, Recorder

City Council Work Session

Mayor Austin called the work session for January 21, 2026, to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Garland City Building. The following Department Heads were present: Fire Chief Steve Harrington, Police Chief Dustin Cordova, Emergency Preparedness Director Lanette Sorensen, and Code Enforcement Officer RaeAnn Bott.

Fire – Steve Harrington

Steve reported that they have reprogrammed their radios. He noted that he is completing the recommend specifications and ensuring that the radio change will not be an issue. He reported that Fire Training will begin this week. Council Member questioned the coordination with the fire department for one of the service projects of America 250 for painting curbs. A brief discussion ensued.

Mayor Austin amended the work session agenda to include the 2024-2025 audit update from the Treasurer, Tiffanie Smith, and excluded Linda Bourne as she was unable to attend.

Emergency Preparedness - Lanette Sorensen

Lanette briefly reported on the ICS courses required and that the tentative date for the ICS 402 Training will be March 21, 2026. She reported that she will be sending out email reminders for the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Fair in April and is still accepting vendor recommendations.

Code Enforcement – RaeAnn Bott

RaeAnn reported continued progress on current code enforcement resolutions, with several resident matters moving forward to code. She provided a brief update on the Weber dispatch and noted that her radio has been updated. She reported that she is working to implement a kennel dog license application to be ready by the upcoming drive-thru Rabies Clinic that will be held on March 7, 2026. Additionally, she provided the council with the current code and requested that they review it and suggest any revisions by the next city council meeting.

Police Chief – Dustin Cordova

Chief Cordova briefly reported that they are in the preliminary phase of the proposed unified agreement with Perry, which was discussed at the Tremonton city council meeting held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. He noted that they are tuning some details is in attendance to take any questions.

Treasurer – Tiffanie Smith

Tiffanie provided an update on the 2024-2025 audit, noting that there are a few findings. She informed the council that each department is required to pay its water and sewer usage, meaning that the general fund is required to pay the enterprise fund for use of those services. In addition, she reported a detailed overview of the current budgets.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

City Council Meeting

Mayor Austin called the January 21, 2026, City Council Meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. at the Garland City Building. Council Member Nelson offered a thought and prayer, and Council Member Allen led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Austin noted that the agenda needs to be amended. Council Member Nelson motioned to amend the agenda to remove line-item number seven on the zoning district discussion. Council Member Atkinson seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.

Council Member Atkinson motioned to approve the agenda. Council Member Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Comments

- Levi Winward reported that he attended the Tremonton city council meeting last night and expressed his concerns about the merge with Perry City. He provided multiple concerns that may arise from the combination of a Unified Police Department. He encourages the city council to do its research.
- Clint Munns reported that he received an annexation letter from the county. He provided detailed information regarding his surrounding property that may be affected by this annexation or future developments. He expressed his concern that the city would not be able to keep the road open during snowstorms and noted that it may cause a larger expense to have Garland city service that road.

Cassandra Merrell

Cassandra clarified that she is not associated with the New Hope Crisis Center but is with the Tremonton council. She reported that Tremonton has created a committee under the Emotional Wellness Committee to raise awareness of and provide resources for domestic violence. She also shared that they are preparing the logistics for a domestic violence walk and would welcome support from Garland City, including input on the timeframe and the name of the initiative. A discussion ensued.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution, R-26-02

Council Member Atkinson reported that there are a few corrections needed before approval. A discussion ensued on revising the verbiage for the fire department, volunteers, and if a council member or mayor is not re-elected. Council Member Atkinson motioned to table Resolution R-26-02. Council Member Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on Revised Dispatch Agreement

Mayor Austin reported that the revision included the length terms, which were shortened to a year, and a statement was added that Weber realizes Garland is in negotiations for services with Tremonton, and when that agreement is reached, the contract will fall to Tremonton's responsibility at that point. He reported that the city attorney has reviewed the agreement as well, and noted that we can move forward with this agreement since he did not sign the original agreement from the previous city council on January 7th. Council Member Nelson reported that Garland City is responsible for the first quarter payment, and Chief Cordova agreed, noting that it will be stated in the upcoming contract. Council Member Nelson motioned to approve the dispatch services agreement between Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Service District and Garland City. Council Member Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Jason Hurd Annexation Petition

Jason Hurd gave an introduction of himself and his background. He is requesting the annexation into the city and would like to build one home and one shed, and noted that the site plan includes expansion of the road to 60 feet. Questions were asked by the city council to Jason regarding his proposal and intent to annex. The City Planner, Valerie Claussen, was virtually in attendance and reported that this location is currently being serviced by Garland city water, and mentioned the following annexation process if the council votes to approve the petition. Jason stated that he is not looking for any additional services, which Valerie noted could be included in the future ordinance of no additional services required. Council Member Atkinson motion to accept the petition submitted by Jason Hurd for parcel number 06-113-0007. Council Member Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Hotel Stay for Public Works Training PO# 7862

Travis and Hunter will be attending the Rural Water Conference in St. George. This purchase order is for two rooms for their hotel stay. Council Member Nelson motioned to approve PO# 7862 for the Best Western Abby Inn for \$1,604.82. Council Member Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Community Involvement Board

Mayor Austin reported his intent to create a community involvement board for informational purposes to help residents feel informed and heard. He introduced Angie Johnson as the board's lead, who shared ideas on improving communication, educating the community about municipal government, and increasing opportunities for public engagement. Further discussion followed regarding promotion of the board and community involvement opportunities.

Mayor and City Council Reports

Mayor Austin expressed his appreciation to Tiffanie and Kristal for their work and patience over the last two weeks.

Council Member Allen

No report.

Council Member Atkinson

She reported that the youth council is searching for volunteers to count the homeless in the community on January 28th-30th, noting that a training video must be watched by January 22nd. She reported the Boys and Girls Club has an upcoming fundraiser and questioned if we can revisit the armory agreement with wrestling, as the club would love to utilize the facility once a month. A discussion ensued regarding the public's interest in reserving the armory. Additionally, she reported that the youth council is seeking businesses that may need help or potential service opportunities. In addition, she reported that she is planning the upcoming city clean-up days and would like to have the dumpsters ordered once we have a date set. Lastly, she reported the America 250 service projects and that the city should receive acceptance for the grant funds by tomorrow, the 22nd.

Council Member Hall

He reported that he toured the sewer treatment plant with Travis and expressed his appreciation of Travis and his knowledge of the facility. Travis provided a brief update on the pending leak repair as he is still waiting to schedule an appointment with the contractor.

Council Member Munns

He questioned Travis if we needed to find a new contractor for the maintenance project on Willow Lane. A brief discussion ensued. Additionally, he questioned the status of the 300 South project. Travis gave an update that its undergoing engineering review.

Council Member Nelson

No report.

Financial Review – Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable

Council Member Atkinson motioned to approve the coding for payroll and accounts payable. Council Member Munns seconded the motion, with all council members present voting in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

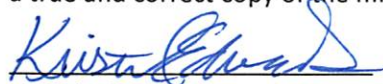
Request for Future Agenda Items

- Kelly Harris – Easement Connections
- Amend Holiday Compensation Resolution
- Employee Reimbursement Policy Resolution
- City Clean Up Days
- Rabies Clinic & Licensing
- Closed Session for Property
- Employee Handbook
- Use of Armory

Council Member Atkinson motioned to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Council Member Nelson seconded the motion, with all council members present voting in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

The undersigned, duly acting and appointed Recorder for Garland City Corporation, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes for the City Council Meetings held on the above-referenced date.



Kristal Edwards, Recorder