

Garland City Corporation

City Council Meetings

February 18, 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 February 18, 2026, to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Garland City Building. The following Department Heads were present: Emergency Preparedness Director Lanette Sorensen, Police Lieutenant Skyler Gailey, Fire Chief Steve Harrington, and Code Enforcement Officer RaeAnn Bott.

Police – Skyler Gailey

Skyler reported that there will be continued efforts to monitor speeds near 1400 South. He reported that the Citizens Academy begins February 19, 2026, and is a six-week program, and invited the council to attend the sessions. He reported that the upstairs evidence closet has been cleaned out, noting that the department has found several boxes of gun locks and is making them available at the city buildings and police department for the public.

Fire –Steve Harrington

Steve reported that the Big Box Training class will be held on the 28th, noting that Lakeshore had offered to host the event at their facility. In addition, he emphasized the importance of increasing mutual aid from other departments. He reported that the goal is to create a more coordinated and efficient emergency response system among local agencies.

Code Enforcement – RaeAnn Bott

Raeann reported she had attended a training and had received a scholarship for additional training. She reported that she is finalizing arrangements for the upcoming drive-thru dog license and vaccination clinic. It was noted that the Youth Council would help with signage and traffic flow for the clinic.

Emergency Preparedness – Lanette Sorensen

Lanette reported that she has received more participants for the Emergency Preparedness Fair that will be held on April 18th from 9 am to 12 pm. She reported that she needs a point of contact for fire extinguishers. She noted that she is working on the inventory of the EMS building on the 28th and will begin adding supplies to the upstairs closet in the city building, with volunteers helping out. She reported that the ICS 402 class will be held on the morning of March 21st. Lastly, she reported that monthly peer support meetings will begin in March, with sessions alternating between different departments. She noted that the peer support conference will be held in June.

Community Involvement Board - Angie Johnson

Angie introduced Levi Tarver as a member of the board and noted that Merrilee Gardner will also serve on the board. It was briefly discussed that Angie and the mayor will approve who is on the board, with Angie noting that she would advise against current council members and city personnel serving on the board. She reported that the board's purpose is to improve communication between the city council and residents, increase transparency, and encourage community involvement. She proceeded to outline a series of improvement recommendations, highlighting areas she believes city initiatives appear to be falling short.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

City Council Meeting

Mayor Austin called the February 18, 2026, City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Garland City Building. Council Member Atkinson offered a prayer, and Council Member Nelson led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Member Nelson motioned to approve the February 4, 2026, minutes. Council Member Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Munns joined the meeting.

Open Comments

Cody Bardwell reported that he has been in contact with Lieutenant Gailey regarding the heavy traffic on West Factory Street. He expressed his concerns about traffic issues, suggesting traffic calming measures and better enforcement, and expressed his frustration over the lack of citations for commercial vehicles.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Kelly Harris Agreement

Kelly Harris was not in attendance, so this item will be added to the next city council agenda.

Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase Order Approval Amounts

The council reviewed the proposed ordinance, O-26-02, regarding purchase approval amounts. Council Member Atkinson motioned to pass ordinance, O-26-02, an ordinance of the city of Garland, Utah, amending the Garland City code 1-9-4, adopting an amendment to the purchasing procedures for Garland City. Council Member Nelson seconded the motion. Mayor Austin called for a roll call vote:

Josh Munns – yes
Jim Hall – yes
Jeanette Atkinson – yes
Tena Allen – yes
Sharla Nelson – yes
Ordinance, O-26-02 passed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution R-26-03 Holiday Compensation

After a brief discussion on the inconsistencies of the previously passed resolution and resolution amendment, Council Member Nelson motioned to repeal Resolution R-26-03 and revert back to the previous employee handbook pay compensation as it was identified before this started. Member Munns seconded the motion. Mayor Austin called for a roll call vote:

Josh Munns – yes
Jim Hall – yes
Jeanette Atkinson – yes
Tena Allen – yes
Sharla Nelson – yes
The motion passed.

New Business

Discussion on Text Amendments

Valerie explained the purpose of the text amendments, including accommodating new developments and cleaning up text amendments. She noted that the current commercial zoning does not support the criteria or provide guidance that is required for CAPSA's proposed site plan. The amendments aim to clarify and provide consistent standards across different zones, and the importance of conditional use for specific developments. The council discusses the removal of boarding houses and lodging from the R4 and RM12 zones. Valerie reported that the Planning Commission will have a public hearing at its next meeting in March, followed by the city council, which will have a public hearing on this item at its March 18th meeting.

Discussion on Utility Rate Study

Quinn provided an update on the city's master plans for wastewater treatment, culinary water, and storm drain studies. He reported that the master plans involve building computer models to analyze existing data and future projections, with a focus on consistent planning boundaries and densities. He mentions the need for an updated utility rate study and an impact fee facility study, which will be facilitated by the master plans and are expected to be completed by June. A brief discussion ensued regarding the transportation and park plans. Once the studies have been completed, there will be executive summaries available for the city council.

Discussion on CAPSA Site Plan

Josh Thompson, Chief Development & Communications Officer with CAPSA, reported that they have submitted the site plan to the city this week. He expressed his appreciation for speaking at tonight's meeting and also thanked Council Members Allen and Nelson for touring the CAPSA site in Logan. He was available for questions, and discussions ensued regarding the proposed site plan and roadway access.

Discussion on Financials & Audit Findings

Tiffanie Smith, Treasurer, reported that the auditor will be presenting her report at the next city council meeting. She addressed the audit findings for 2024-2025 and noted that finding #1 was dropped. She opened it up to any questions. Additionally, she provided an update on the current finances and informed the council that she has been working on the budgets, and reported that it is a state requirement for each city building and grounds to fund its own water and sewer billing. In addition, it was reported that there is a 10-year payback plan for sewer fund deficits and that the city is working on updating impact fee studies to ensure accurate revenue projections. The council expressed its appreciation for all of her hard work.

Discussion and Possible Action on Garland Fire & Brigham City Interlocal Agreement

As previously discussed in Steve's work session report, he emphasized the importance of working together with other agencies. He provided an overview of the proposed interlocal agreement between Garland City Fire and Brigham City Fire. In addition, he noted that he is formalizing other agreements with surrounding agencies as well. Council Member Nelson motioned to approve the interlocal agreement between the Brigham City Fire Department and the Garland City Fire Department for mutual aid services. Council Member Atkinson seconded the motion, with all members present voting in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion on Dog Ordinance

Raeann provided updates on the dog ordinance, noting that she would like to review and discuss any suggestions from the city council. The council discussed the ordinance and its suggestions on setbacks and kennel conditional uses.

Discussion and Possible Action on PO# 8255 Library Window Tint

Council Member Munns motioned to approve PO# 8255 for the window tinting for the library. Council Member Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on PO# 7872 Girls Lacrosse Player Packs

It was reported that this item has received a check and that the funds are in the budget. Council Member Atkinson motioned to approve PO# 7872 for the girls' lacrosse player packs of an estimated total of \$3,186.00. Council Member Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on PO# 7869 Jim Hall Conference

A brief discussion ensued on the food reimbursement section of this item. Council Member Atkinson motioned to approve PO# 7869 for Jim Hall, Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference, for an estimated total of \$1,339.38. Council Member Munns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on America 250 Celebration

Council Member Atkinson reported that there will be a kite flying and a Paul Revere event at the Garland City park on April 18th from 1 pm to 2 pm. She advises the council and public to download the city app to watch for the upcoming announcements. She reported that one of the America 250 service projects is painting the curbs red near all of the fire hydrants around the community. Lastly, she discussed the need for paper products for the America 250 potluck.

Discussion and Possible Action on Delegation of Authority

The council discussed the seniority of its members and the delegation of authority. Council Member Nelson motioned that Council Member Atkinson will be the first mayor pro tempore. Council Member Atkinson seconded the motion. A brief discussion ensued regarding a second pro tempore. Council Member Atkinson motioned to include Council Member Nelson as the second mayor pro tempore. Council Member Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor and City Council Reports:

Mayor Austin

Mayor Austin expressed his appreciation to Tiffanie and Kristal for all of their work in the front office. Additionally, he reported that he attended the fire drill and things seem to be working great with the new dispatch.

Council Member Atkinson

Council Member Atkinson reported that there is a City Wheat & Beet Day meeting on Tuesday, February 24th, at 6 pm and invited anyone to join.

Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported that the sewer plant light replacements were installed, and now there is a ballast issue that Travis is working on. He noted that there have been no current updates on the leaking pipe. Lastly, he noted that the Lacrosse meeting went well this week.

Council Member Munns

Council Member Munns stated that he will coordinate with Mayor Austin next week regarding potential snowplow assistance in the event of additional snowstorms, due to two Public Works employees being away for training.

Council Member Nelson

Council Member Nelson noted that there are no current updates.

Lieutenant Gailey reported that there is progress on the contract, and a draft was provided to Mayor Austin for review. Lastly, he provided an update on the fundraiser for the D.C. trip for the families of the fallen officers and the department, noting that they are close to their goal.

Council Member Allen

Council Member Allen reported to the council that she would like to attend the Parks Trails meeting in Tremonton on March 4th and proposed to cancel the work session meeting. Other council members agreed that they would like to attend that meeting as well. A brief discussion ensued, and Mayor Austin noted that the work session on March 4th would be canceled.

Financial Review – Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable

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

Request for Future Agenda Items

- Kelly Harris Agreement
- Dog Ordinance
- Speed Limits

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 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