

**Garland City Corporation
City Council Meetings
March 4, 2026**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent

Danny Austin, Mayor

City Council Meeting

Council Member Atkinson called the March 4, 2026, City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Garland City Building. She excused Mayor Austin as he was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Council Member Nelson offered a prayer, and Council Member Allen led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Member Allen motioned to approve the February 18, 2026, minutes. Council Member Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Munns joined the meeting.

Open Comments

Sandy Roundy shared her eventful day that she found a lost dog and contacted the city, which helped reunite the dog with its owner. She expressed her gratitude to RaeAnn, the code enforcement officer, for her excellent work, along with the animal control personnel who assisted.

Ricky Hansen expressed his concerns about an ongoing issue with a ditch near his farm, with the placement of plastic fencing and the accumulation of garbage within the ditch. He would like to be on the upcoming agenda so that he can share more details.

Nancy Peterson expressed her appreciation that the weeds are gone near 1400 South.

2024-2025 Financial Audit Report

Cami Moss from Child Richards CPA & Advisors presented the 2024-2025 financial audit report, highlighting a clean opinion with a few concerns. She provided a detailed overview of the financial analysis, internal controls, and the seven compliance findings. The state compliance tax fee was clarified, emphasizing the need for separate impact and connection fees. The city is undergoing an impact fee study, and the importance of substantiating fees was highlighted. She noted that the city staff was great to work with and that they are committed to implementing the necessary changes to address the findings and improve their financial practices. She concluded the presentation by thanking the council and staff for their time and cooperation.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Kelly Harris Agreement

This item was tabled as Kelly Harris was not in attendance, and will be added to the following agenda once he confirms that he'll be in attendance.

Discussion on Dog Ordinance

Council Member Atkinson excused RaeAnn from this meeting as she is close to exceeding her hours. She noted that RaeAnn has been revising the current dog ordinance and opened the meeting up to public input.

Katie Hirschi questioned what the city wants to improve with the dog ordinance. Council Member Nelson provided clarification, emphasizing the key revisions being made throughout the dog ordinance. She noted that the current ordinance is outdated, and some provisions are unenforceable and may be considered animal cruelty.

It was noted that this item is open for discussion and suggestions. This matter will be posted for a public hearing on March 18, and the dog ordinance will be made available online and on the city bulletin board for public review.

New Business

Discussion of City Speed Limits

Cody Bardwell expressed his appreciation to the city council for adding this item to the agenda. He expressed his concerns about the speed limit on West Factory Street and the lack of enforcement from speeding vehicles, specifically noting semis. He reported that he has been in contact with Police Lieutenant Skyler Gailey about this issue. The police department's discretion in enforcing speed limits and the impact of excessive speed on neighborhood safety is discussed.

Terri Bardwell expressed that he has the same concerns as Cody. She would like to see the speed limit dropped from 30 to 25.

Russ Peterson expressed concern about student traffic. He reported seeing many students driving recklessly around town, particularly after school is dismissed. He noted that he has been in contact with Lieutenant Gailey as well about this issue.

Katie Hirschi noted that she would like the city to consider adding more through-streets as the city has two main roads.

Sandy Roundy jokingly stated that she drives the speed limit and if she were ever killed near the Senior Center due to student reckless driving, to have a memorial sign there in her remembrance. The audience laughed.

Mayor and City Council Reports:

Mayor Austin

Council Member Atkinson reported on behalf of Mayor Austin that the Big Box Training went well and he expressed his appreciation to Lakeshore for hosting the event.

Council Member Allen

Council Member Allen reported that she received a note from Lanette to express her appreciation to the Youth Council for helping clean and organize the EMS building. The Library Director, Linda King, reported that the library windows have been tinted and her lights will be fixed on Tuesday. She reported receiving another library grant, noted that library cards are available, and shared information about upcoming library events.

Council Member Atkinson

Council Member Atkinson reported that the City Clean-Up days are coming soon and that the city will be accepting applications for the 2026 City Wheat & Beet Day beginning April 1st. In addition, she expressed her appreciation to RaeAnn for doing a great job in setting up the dog vaccine clinic.

Council Member Hall

Council Member Hall reported that the public work training went well and noted that Travis will receive his testing results in the near future. He reported that Travis was able to finally get in touch with the company for the UV Lights and a technician was supposed to call him the next day. He never received the call so he needs to try to get back in touch with the company. He got one bank of lights mostly working so our ecoli and chloroform numbers have come down. Lastly, he noted that the soccer registration deadline was March 1st. Linda advised the council to visit the cookshack to see the work that Shannon has done.

Council Member Munns

Council Member Munns stated that he is coordinating with the Sherwin-Williams representative to identify lower-cost paint options for repainting fire hydrant curbs red. He provided an update on the North Main project and noted that the sewer line installed was 8 inches, extending about 400 ft.

Council Member Nelson

Council Member Nelson noted that the studies are coming along.

Financial Review – Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable

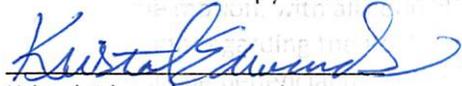
Council Member Nelson motioned to approve the coding for payroll and accounts payable. Council Member Munns seconded the motion, with all council members present voting in favor of the motion. Motion approved. There was a brief discussion regarding the Rocky Mountain Power bill. It was reported that if anyone needs to report a light pole issue, it would be beneficial to provide the light pole number, located on the pole, to the city staff or Rocky Mountain Power.

Request for Future Agenda Items

- Public Hearing Dog Ordinance
- Ricky Hansen Ditch Discussion
- City App Demo

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 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 Meeting held on the above-referenced date.


 Kristal Edwards, Recorder