The Garrison City Council met on Tuesday September 2, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, Bree Stumvoll, David Reinarts, Britteny Gilbert, Otto Kinn and Billee Jo Iglehart. Others present: Jason Strand from AE2S. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Iglehart to approve the city council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Jason Strand presented the Wastewater Facility Assessment report. He reviewed the alternatives and asked the city council which alternative they prefer. This alternative will be included in the final report to receive the $15,000 PAR Grant. The city council agreed to alternative #2.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Iglehart to order the petition to vacate an alley by Austin and Dana Schmidt be filed and set hearing date for October 6, 2025, at 7:10 pm in the city council room. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Old Business: Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve second and final reading of Tree Ordinance Section 2 Creation and Establishment of a Shade Tree Committee consisting of five members at large for the city. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

City Supervisor Greg Boucher report was given by City Auditor Affeldt. Street sweeping will begin along with flushing hydrants.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to approve the city auditor’s monthly financial report. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

The municipal court report for August was presented and reviewed.

City Auditor Diane Affeldt report was presented. Affeldt attended committee meetings and special meetings. Web site updates and monthly meeting notices were posted . Prepared and mailed letters to Walsh Addition property owners on street concerns. Inspected mobile home court for expired vehicle registrations. Worked on Lead Service Line Inventory requirements. Registered for NDLC Conference.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Iglehart to approve bills submitted for payment. Discussion was held on Wilson Law Firm bill for old landfill work. Mayor Merry was directed to contact Mr. Wilson on providing a letter by Friday in reference to the old landfill appraisal. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: Reinarts.

US Postmaster Postage 234.00

Cash Postage 50.00

RTC Networks Telephone 1,458.00

One Call Concept Fax calls 19.50

Verizon Wireless City phones 235.06

UNUM Life Ins. Insurance 21.45

Circle Sanitation Service City garbage/dumpster 1,568.00

Garrison Park Board State revenue 3,255.61

D & E Supply Supplies 359.56

Steve’s Plumbing Labor 203.00

Garrison Lumber Supplies 2,568.21

Krause’s Super Valu Samples 5.99

Vestis Service 381.72

Western Agency Insurance 18,014.00

NorDak North Publishing 349.42

Johnson Controls Battery 1,113.80

First District Health Testing 60.00

MDU Service 240.15

McLean Electric Coop Power 3,361.00

Hawkins Chemicals 1,509.93

American Welding & Gas Chemicals 4,858.48

USA Blue Book Supplies 1,492.25

Pigeon Products Repairs 33.00

Bismarck Heating & Air Motor 1,213.75

Core & Main. Manhole, parts 2,241.65

Aqua Pure Inc. Chemicals 9,034.40

Ecolab Pest Elim. Service 195.72

A-1 Evan Septic Tank Repairs 600.00

Burlington Electric Repairs 987.50

Semchenko Electric Lights 576.97

Michael Todd & Co. Signs 1,790.40

Bechtold Paving Paving 237,525.75

Waste Management Garbage 8,349.00

Advanced Engineering Service 4,464.75

Otter Tail Power Power 6,512.09

Digital Office Centre Library 94.79

Gale/Cengage Learning Library 327.87

Micro Marketing Library 174.75

Modern Marketing Library 141.18

NorDak North Library 41.20

Barnes & Noble Library 482.93

Elan Financial Services Shop cabinet 1,952.00

Wilson Law Firm City court/attorney 1,170.00

S & J Hardware Supplies 1,206.52

Farmers Union Oil Gas 1,706.54

Powerplan OIB Repairs 3,898.86

McLean Co. Sheriff Contract 14,400.00

US Postmaster Water bills 314.95

Building permits for the month of August were recognized.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve General Fund MMDA funds be used for street repairs by Bechtold Paving. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Stumvoll to approve transfer of beer and/or liquor license for Hometown Tavern to city auditorium October 18, 2025, from 4pm to 12 midnight. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to approve Sales & Use Tax Committee recommendation to fund Garrison Golf Club $20,000 from economic development portion. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to approve Otter Tail Power street light applications. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve NDPERS actuary analysis cost of $36,358.00. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: Reinarts.

No City Attorney report.

Mayor Merry’s monthly report was presented. Created a letter to send to Walsh Addition residents regarding calcium chloride on the streets. Attended committee meetings and Sales & Use Tax Committee meeting. He helps at GARC and attends Chamber of Commerce.

Alderman Reinarts reported for Utilities & Street Committee and Water Board Committee. The committee is working with DL Barkie on repairing the storm drain on 4th St SE and curb stops in Northview Trailer Park.

Alderman Jeffers reported for the Cemetery. Mobile Housing, Public Buildings and Landfill Committee. Nothing to report.

An engineer’s report was reviewed on the Water Treatment Plant Improvements and Raw Water Intake Improvements. Moved by Iglehart, seconded by Stumvoll to approve payment to Moore Engineering for Raw Waer Intake Improvements for $66,420.00. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

The next regular city council meeting will be on Monday October 6, 2025, at 7:00 pm. The city council meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Diane Affeldt, City Auditor Stuart Merry, Mayor