

The Garrison City Council met on Monday August 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, Bree Stumvoll, David Reinarts, Otto Kinn and Billee Jo Iglehart. Absent: Britteny Gilbert. Visitors: Charles Johnson. Others present: City Supervisor Greg Boucher and City Attorney Jim Wilson. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Charles Johnson was present to inform and show the city council remains/particles from fireworks he had in his yard this year. He presented numerous plaster type plugs from fireworks tubes which could have damaged property and/or caused physical damage to people. He wanted to bring this to the city council’s attention.

Old Business: Alderman Jeffers reported he spoke with Veronica Corona with Johnny’s Concrete on the remove of debris at their location. Most of the debris had been hauled out when he checked this evening.

City Attorney Jim Wilson reported on the old landfill matter. He has encountered some issues with the quick take procedure. He is working on a letter on this matter.

City Supervisor Greg Boucher gave his monthly report. They are painting the lines again on Main Street, the lagoon inspection will be held this week, ordered street signs for replacement, doing some training on the blade with Bill and painted the city park restroom doors.

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

The municipal court report for July 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 . Renewed SAM registration for City and Airport Authority. New fire siren, FEMA reports & quarterly reports. Attended webinar on budget caps and Flex Transportation Fund Grants. Worked on 2026 Preliminary Budget.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to approve bills submitted for payment except Schumaier Concrete. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Cash	Postage	30.00
Western Dakota Energy	Dues	338.59
RTC Networks	Telephone	1,517.00
One Call Concept	Fax calls	24.00
Verizon Wireless	City phones	263.56
Verizon Connect	PD phones	170.55
UNUM Life Ins.	Insurance	21.45
Circle Sanitation Service	City garbage	468.25
Garrison Park Board	State revenue	2,998.58
McLean County Sheriff	Contract	14,400.00
Digital Office Supply	Copier ink	210.49
C-Ram	Computer update	62.50
Garrison Lumber	Supplies	373.70
Krause’s Super Valu	Samples	6.87
Vestis	Service	381.72
MARC	Supplies	138.27
First District Health	Testing	60.00
MDU	Service	309.37
McLean Electric Coop	Power	2,322.00

ND Dept of Environmental	Testing	113.60
Gregory Boucher	Certification	102.50
USA Blue Book	Supplies	2,314.03
Hawkins Inc.	Chemicals	13,457.94
Elan Financial	Training	423.75
Team Lab	Chemicals	2,882.50
Share Corp.	Chemicals	1,815.02
ND Sewage Pump	Repairs	9,349.34
Core & Main.	Meters, parts	6,049.05
Oberts' Trucking	Gravel & hauling	190.53
Rugby Hardware	Traffic paint	1,321.19
Sherwin-Williams	Paint parts	16.09
Highway 83 Lawn, Leisure	Repairs	120.00
Sanitation Products	Sweeper broom	1,259.95
Acme Tools	Equipment	202.98
Van Diest Supply	Sprayer	6,265.00
CHS Garrison	Spray, parts	1,726.60
Waste Management	Garbage	8,349.00
Advanced Engineering	Service	1,438.25
Otter Tail Power	Power	7,756.82
Digital Office Centre	Library	80.51
Gale/Cengage Learning	Library	450.07
Micro Marketing	Library	267.33
Penworthy	Library	255.71
Demco	Library	266.13
Barnes & Noble	Library	148.41
Krause's Super Valu	Library	35.85
Wilson Law Firm	City court/attorney	1,215.00
S & J Hardware	Supplies	542.65
Farmers Union Oil	Gas	1,885.46
Frontline Plus Fire	Fire siren	39,179.00
US Postmaster	Water bills	315.56

Building permits for the month of July were recognized.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to approve West School Street closure for Camaro's of ND September 21, 2025. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Sales & Use Tax Committee tabled the Garrison Parks and Rec. Dept. request.

The petition to vacate an alley by Austin Schmidt was tabled pending utility location by city employees.

Mayor Merry presented a revision to the Tree Ordinance. Section 2 Creation and Establishment of a Shade Tree Committee currently states it shall consist of five members, citizens, and residents of this city. He is suggesting that the committee consist of five members at large. Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Iglehart to approve first 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, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to increase Game of Chance application fee to \$20 effective September 1, 2025. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Iglehart to approve BCBS percentage contribution rate of 90% employer and 10% employee effective at renewal date October 1, 2025. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Reinarts to increase the water salesman fee to \$15.00 effective September 1, 2025. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

The 2026 preliminary budget was reviewed. A new sweeper will be budgeted under the General Fund, Street Fund and Trailer Park Fund. Moved by Kinn, seconded by Stumvoll to set public hearing for 2026 Final Budget on Monday October 6, 2025, at 7:05 pm in the city council room. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Iglehart to pay Frontline Plus Fire for new fire siren from Fire Dept. Fund, \$30,000 and General Fund, \$7,179. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

No City Attorney report.

Mayor Merry's monthly report was presented. Dealt with street issues in Walsh Addition, attended executive session, committee meetings, and Sales & Use Tax Committee meetings. He helps at GARC and attends Chamber of Commerce.

Aldersperson Iglehart reported for Utilities & Street Committee and Water Board Committee. The committee worked on the preliminary budget. The meeting with Walsh Addition residents on speeding was discussed. A letter will be written to all residents in the Walsh Addition addressing this matter. Garrison Rural Water will install the backflow preventor at the current vault location.

Alderman Jeffers reported for the Cemetery, Mobile Housing, Public Buildings and Landfill Committee. Rules pertaining to cardboard, clothing and books/magazines will be posted at the landfill and a dumpster will be provided to dispose of these items.

Alderman Kinn reported for the Police, Fire Dept. & Personnel Committee. The committee reviewed the preliminary budget and 2026 wages.

A Sales & Use Tax Request from Garrison Golf Course was reviewed.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Reinarts to approve Raw Water Intake Amendment #1 modifying references of "HDR" to HDR Engineering, Inc." Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

The next regular city council meeting will be on Tuesday September 2, 2025, at 7:00 pm. The city council meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Diane Affeldt, City Auditor

Stuart Merry, Mayor