

The Garrison City Council met on Monday January 5, 2026, 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. Others present: Sasha Dusek, City Supervisor Greg Boucher, and Assistant City Auditor Megan Carlson. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment Period: None

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

Old Business: Sasha Dusek, representing Garrison Youth Sports, was present to inquire what decision the city council has made on the additional gym space for youth basketball at the city auditorium. Garrison Youth Sports mainly consist of five- to eight-year-old children. Practice would be one to two days a week for six weeks. The school charged them \$150 per school year. Moved by Iglehart, seconded by Stumvoll to charge Garrison Youth Sports a one-time fee of \$50 for the use of the city auditorium on a trial basis and allow them to leave the basketball hoop in the corner of the auditorium when there are no events during the week. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

City Supervisor Greg Boucher gave his report. A new wall heater was installed at the water plant, burning trees and branches took place at the dumpgrounds and seventeen curb stops were replaced in the trailer park.

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

The municipal court report for December was presented and reviewed.

City Auditor Diane Affeldt report was presented. Submitted paperwork for a burn permit at dumpgrounds, website updates, alerts and meeting notices posted and deputy auditor training. Attended special city council meeting and committee meeting.

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

US Postmaster	Postage	312.00
RTC Networks	Telephone	1390.54
One Call Concept	Fax calls	13.80
Verizon Wireless	City phones	235.21
UNUM Life Ins.	Insurance	21.45
Circle Sanitation Service	City garbage/dumpster	468.25
McLean Co. Sheriff	Contract	14,600.00
Garrison Park Board	State revenue	2,332.38
Krause's Super Valu	Supplies	33.49
NorDak North	Supplies/printing	1,039.44
Loffler	Printer toner	140.62
D & E Supply	Supplies	321.03
Western Agency	Insurance	3,843.00
Vestis	Service	389.25
Municipal Finance Officers	Dues	80.00
Coal Conversion Co.	Dues	618.00
Garrison Lamplighters	2025 refund	575.00
MARC	Supplies	150.35
Helms & Associates	Terminal design	14,649.16

DGR Engineering	Terminal IFE	5,000.00
Lumacurve Airfield Signs	Freight	39.38
First District Health	Testing	60.00
MDU	Service	1,776.52
McLean Electric Coop	Power	860.00
ND Dept of Environmental	Testing	93.21
Hawkins	Chemicals	10.00
American Welding & Gas	Chemicals	83.97
USA Blue Book	Supplies	1,075.61
Core & Main LP	Curb boxes	2,154.74
Aqua Pure Inc.	Chlorine	219.41
Burlington Electric	Heater/light	695.00
Border States Industries	Street light	520.63
Bobcat of Mandan	Parts	105.97
Otter Tail Power	Power	6,394.65
Waste Management	Garbage	8,349.00
Advanced Engineering	Engineering	3,920.10
McLean Co. Auditor	Taxes	7,576.24
Gale/Cengage Learning	Library	301.63
Micro Marketing	Library	291.61
Loffler	Library	76.95
Penworthy	Library	664.24
NorDak North	Library	21.54
Barnes & Noble	Library	563.52
DL Barkie Constr.	Curb stops	44,660.00
Elan Financial	Registration/clothing	1,237.63
Micro-Comm Inc.	Contract	10,350.00
Hach Company	Contract	3,479.16
S & J Hardware	Supplies	394.87
Farmers Union Oil	Gas	3,420.22
Bisman Welding	Labor	7,700.00
US Postmaster	Water bills	313.98
Ohnstad Twichell	Attorney	1,153.92

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Reinarts to approve payment to Moore Engineering Inc. for Raw Water Project for \$26,568.00, Ohnstad Twichell on CMAR for \$1,153.92 and Michels Trenchless, Inc. for Raw Water Project for \$13,542.50. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Reinarts to approve first reading on Floodplain Management Ordinance. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Kinn, seconded by Reinarts to approve beer and/or liquor off sale license applications for Spirits of Garrison, LLC pending managers name and signature. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Reinarts to approve beer and/or liquor license transfers for Bar 701, LLC on January 31, 2026, and February 7, 2026, to the city auditorium. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to approve to following water rates effective January 1, 2026: water sales rate will increase to \$15.00; water treatment replacement increases by fifty cents and water usage fee increase by twenty-five cents. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Reinarts, seconded by Stumvoll to approve Joint Powers Agreement with McLean County for elections. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Reinarts, seconded by Jeffers to approve the designation of depositories for public funds with Tru Community Bank and BNC Bank in Garrison. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Reinarts, seconded by Stumvoll to approve 2025 Payroll Gross Wages. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

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

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Reinarts to approve Game of Chances for St. Paul Women and GHS Close-Up. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Lead and Copper Water Service Line Inventory on the customer side and city side was discussed. Moore Engineering will work with the City to identify as many of the service lines (on both sides of the curb stops) as possible to reduce the future effort of staff for reporting and user outreach.

No City Attorney Report. Mayor Merry mentioned Mr. Wilson will not be attending regular meetings for four to five months due to family commitment out of town.

Mayor Merry's monthly report was presented. He attended regular meetings of the Garrison Chamber of Commerce, part of teams' meetings regarding water treatment plant and met with ND Department of Transportation representatives, Garrison Fire Department officials and Garrison Ambulance officials regarding possible safety solutions at the intersection of US Highway 83 and ND Highway 37.

Alderman Reinarts reported for the Utilities & Street Committee and Water Board Committee. Reinarts is planning a meeting scheduled next week with Moore Engineering to review all the financials.

Alderman Jeffers reported for the Cemetery, Mobile Housing, Public Buildings and Landfill Committee. Jeffers mentioned a mobile home lot in the trailer park has six big cottonwood trees and three elm trees that should be removed. Kallberg Tree Service gave an estimate of \$5,750 to remove the trees. Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to authorize Kallberg Tree Service to remove six cottonwood and three elm trees on a mobile home lot for \$5,750. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Alderman Kinn reported for Police, Fire and Personnel Committee. Kinn provided a letter he drafted regarding mail delivery and PO Box services for the residents of the city owned mobile home park. Upon reviewing, the city council directed the city auditor to send the letter to all mobile home park residents.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to approve advertising for bids the city owned lot in the Bicentennial Addition. Bids will be opened at the February city council meeting. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

The next regular city council meeting will be on Monday February 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm. The city council meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Diane Affeldt, City Auditor

Stuart Merry, Mayor