COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF GARFIELD
AUGUST 3RD, 2026 7:30 PM
217 3rd St

Call to Order Kevin Ford
Roll Call
Mayor: Kevin Ford was present
Councilmembers: Art Wagner, Linda Franzello, Travis Feldman, and Matt Hall were all present
Councilmember: Caleb Prescott was absent
City Clerk: Erin Divine was present
City Treasurer: Country TACS, Connie Jo Hughes was present

Agenda Changes
Caleb Prescott resigned from city council and the role of council president effective August 3rd 2026.
Need to appoint a new president of the council and new council member.

MOTION #1 Travis motioned to make Art Wagner the President of the Council, Linda seconded. Motion passed 4/0

Department reports/purchase requests
Fire Department
One meeting, one fundraiser, held a gun raffle.
Clerk
Bills, Hometown grants update , ordinances, meeting with Townweb rep, wheat crop sold, organization of office and old paperwork/files.
Maintenance
Absent
Treasurer
Need to create a budget hearing, went over monthly overview
Community Center
Absent. One renter, kept Bingaman's deposit as a donation.
Sewer
Running fine, issues with flushing, need to create a notice for sewer flushing.

Consent agenda
MOTION #2 Art motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Linda seconded. Motion passed 4/0

Old Business
City Website proposal through Townweb
Discussed the use of notifications, the importance of emergency alerts, and simplifying the Clerks job allowing her to focus energy on more important issues.

MOTION #3 Travis motioned to accept the Townweb Design website proposal as presented, Art seconds. Motion passed 4/0

NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting 8/17/26

Discussed using the next meeting for going over the Fire Department Ordinances.

Set date for budget hearing

Connie recommends doing the budget hearing on the 24th so we have our legal time to have it posted in the paper, that would make the meeting on Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 7:30PM.

MOTION #4 Travis motioned to hold a special meeting for our budget hearing on Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 7:30PM, Linda seconded. Motion passed 4/0

FRA fire department

Discussed usage of FRA funds, whose name is on the accounts, and needing to switch names on the annuity.

GENERAL DISCUSSION (15 min)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel matters

Started executive session at 8:32 for 15 minutes, over at 8:46.

MOTION #5 Travis motioned to set Erin Divine's City Clerk wages to $15.00 an hour for up to 20 hours a week effective starting August 3rd 2026, and a one time bonus of $1,200.00 for work done so far, Matt seconded. Motion passed 4/0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #6 Travis motioned to adjourn the meeting, Art seconded. Motion passed 4/0

Meeting adjourned at 8:58PM.

Minutes approved on _____

Mayor, Kevin Ford

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City Clerk, Erin Divine

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