**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARRETT, TEXAS**

**Regular Meeting**

**October 20, 2016**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**208 N. Ferris Street, Garrett Texas, 75119**

**AGENDA**

1. Call City Council meeting to order. Roll Call.

Diane Jasso Michelle Rogers **present**

Cynthia Martinez **present** Jami Rogers **present**

Mayor Newsom **present** Dan Cepak

1. Determination of Quorum. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance.

 Mayor Announcements

**Mayor Newsom stated that he will cover his announcements later on the agenda.**

 City Council Announcements

**Councilman Michelle Rogers, called TX Dot at the beginning of the week to report an issue on the service road that was dangerous. TX Dot resolved the issue promptly.**

 Public Comments

**Joe Smith inquired about the City holding a ceremony for the two citizens that had recently passed.**

1. Motion to approve Minutes of September 15, 2016 meeting.

First: **Jami Rogers** Second: **Cynthia Martinez** All in favor: **yes**

1. **Departmental Reports**

Police Report: Activity for month of September 2016

**Chief Nelson announced that Sgt. Amos is no longer with the Garrett Police Departments. Officer Jessica Flores was introduced as the newest addition to Garrett Police Department.**

 Fire Report: Activity for month of September 2016

**No questions**

 Court Report: Activity for month of September 2016

**No questions**

 Public Works: Activity for month of September 2016

**Don Lewis reported property purchased on Pecan Hollow. Owner wants to build 3 townhomes to match the others that are currently there. He was advised that he would need to place his on sewer line.**

**Ennis is direction developer to Garrett. Water grant bids will be placed after Thanksgiving.**

 Administrative Report: Financials:

**No questions**

1. Conference with City Attorney regarding adoption of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_16-177\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ adopting a New Chapter 8 of The Code of Ordinances, to, Wit:-Animal Control

**City Attorney Larry Jackson suggested adopting ordinance at this time and stated could be adjusted at a later date.**

**First: Michelle Rogers Second: Jami Rogers All in favor: yes**

1. Conference with City Attorney regarding adoption of Ordinance No. \_\_\_16-178\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ adopting a New Chapter 3 of The Code of Ordinances-Master Fee Schedule

**Master Fee schedule has previously been adopted by City. The attorney just added to code book. Councilman Jami Rogers asked if fees were current. They are the same fees that the City is currently using. She also asked the Attorney to send hard copies as well as electronic copies to the City Secretary.**

1. Discuss and amend the Employee Handbook, Benefits section 4.01 Comprehensive Leave, regarding the pay out of vacation time after an employee’s resignations or termination.

**Payouts of vacation after separation of duties are not permitted. (may need edit after talking to Mayor.)**

**First: Michelle Rogers Second: Jami Rogers All in favor: Yes**

1. Accept the resignation of Councilmember Dianne Jasso.

**Mayor Newsom announced that Diane Jasso had verbally giving him her recognition from city council.**

**First: Michelle Rogers Second: Jami Rogers All were in favor: yes**

1. Appoint Sheri Payne to fill the vacancy on the council.

**Mayor Newsom stated that Sheri Payne had a previous engagement therefore was unable to attend the meeting. Appointment was tabled until the next council meeting.**

1. Discussion regarding TMRS.

**Chief Nelson looked into TMRS. He presented a map to the council to show the cities similar in size that are currently using TMRS. He stated that it was a 2 to 1 match for the city and that you are fully vested after 5 years. Councilman Jami Rogers questioned him on if all City employees would have to participate. Jami Rogers found the answer of yes in the TMRS Brochure. It was decided that more information was needed and that the subject would have to be revisited at a future meeting.**

1. Discuss Sewer Bills.

**Monthly intake from residents isn’t covering the sewer and trash bills. City is covering the difference. Need to look into raising the cost billed to the resident.**

**Adjournment:**

**First: Jami Rogers Second: Michelle Rogers All in favor: yes**