



**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2020**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Special Session on **Monday, February 3, 2020**, at 6:00p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Police Station, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan.

REGULAR MEETING

Present were Mayor Walker, Councilmembers Kerwin, Squires, DiMichele, Earle, Jacobs, Lynch.

Also present were City Manager Dougherty, City Clerk Miller, City Treasurer Marciniak, DPS Director Ohman, Fire Chief Harman, Police Chief Gibbons, Recreation Director Chiasson, Personnel Director Griggs, Communications Director York and Court Administrator Remer.

The meeting agenda considered the following items.

- A. 20/21 Budget: Council Budget Workshop
- Overview
 - Goal Setting
 - Preliminary Revenue Assessment Estimates
 - Debt Service Requirements
 - Capital Projects (5-Year CIP)
 - Personnel Cost Summary

The City Manager and City Treasurer gave a presentation and overview of the 2020/2021 FY Budget. Which included information on the roads project, fund consolidation, new chart of accounts, revenue and expenses, state shared revenue, Act 51 revenue, debt payment, capital projects, retirement costs, historical tax value and fund balance.

The Council discussed some goals for the 2020/2021 FY Budget.

Mayor Walker - requested to make sure the Water Fund could support the lead water line replacements, to assure the proper amount was being assessed for the upcoming road projects and to continue to work with the DDA for business attraction.

Councilmember Jacobs - requested that an appropriation was made to cover the Nankin Transit voucher program.

Councilmember Kerwin - requested the hiring of an Economic Development Director, to research grants to cover the costs, continue to work with the DDA, an additional Ordinance Officer for afternoons and weekend with additional time in the summer and a combined planning workshop

Councilmember Earle - requested the hiring of an Economic Development Director, to research grants to cover the costs, continue to work with the DDA, the creation of a downtown park and more Parks & Recreation programs for seniors and youth.

Councilmember DiMichele - requested the DDA have a vacant properties list, send potential locations to developers and follow-up, an additional Ordinance Officer, the review of the use of contractors; updates to City Park such as: trash cans, lights, water feature and dog park.

Councilmember Squires - requested a focused effort for the redevelopment of the Stu Evans property

Councilmember Lynch - requested simple park updates such as family swings, etc.

Mayor Walker announced it was time for public comment.

- Mr. Murray - addressed the City Council about better inspections and stricter ordinances to sell homes
- Mr. Molnar - addressed the City Council and thanked DPS for fixing the potholes on Elmwood

There being no further business before Council, the meeting was then adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk/Treasurer