



**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 17, 2021**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Regular Session Monday, May 17, 2021, at 7:00p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

Also present were City Manager Dougherty, City Clerk Miller, City Treasurer Marciniak, and Police Chief Gibbons

- ❖ **Item #21-05-079 - Moved by Lynch; supported by DiMichele :**  
RESOLVED: To approve the meeting agenda as presented.

The agenda consisted of the following:

1. FY 2021-22 General Appropriations and Tax Levy Ordinance
2. FY 2021-22 Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance
3. Mobile Food Vendors – Food Trucks
4. Patrol Vehicle Purchase for 2021-2022

AYES: Unanimous  
ABSENT: None

**Motion Passes 7-0**

**Recognition, Presentations, Community Announcements, Comments from State & County Officials, and Petitions & Communications**

- *Mayor Walker offered congratulations to the 2021 graduating classes from Cambridge High School and Garden City High School.*

**Public Hearings**

**Mayor Walker announced it was time to hear public comment on the proposed FY2021-22 General Appropriations and Tax Levy Ordinance .**

- Brian Marciniak, City Treasurer, gave overview of proposed FY2021-22 General Appropriations and Tax Levy Ordinance
- John Murray, Lathers Street, asked about a 1% millage collection and question about decrease in revenue.

Hearing no further comment the public hearing was closed at 7:08pm.

**Mayor Walker announced it was time to hear public comment on the proposed FY2021-22 Water and Sewer Rates Ordinance.**

- Brian Marciniak, City Treasurer, gave overview of proposed FY2021-22 Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance.
- Robert Smith, Garden City, spoke in opposition to water rate increase.
- John Murray, Lathers Street, said water revenue should be used for water services and asked if water funds collected are used for infrastructure projects.

Hearing no further comment the public hearing was closed at 7:13pm

**Mayor Walker announced it was time to hear public comment on the proposed Mobile Food Vendors - Food Truck Ordinance.**

- Matt Miller, City Clerk, gave overview of proposed Mobile Food Vendors - Food Truck Ordinance.
- Richard Werabelski, Cambridge Street, said that he owns a food truck and supports food trucks.
- Sharon Hassett, Middlebelt Road, stated that she supports food trucks in Garden City and ordinance as written hinders food trucks, restaurants and brick-and-mortar businesses.
- Stacy Karafotis, Dawson Street, asked council to reconsider ordinance as written as 500 foot limit is too restrictive and restaurant owners do not have issue with potential food trucks in area.
- Mike Fearon, Barton Street, spoke in opposition to 500 foot restriction and limiting permits to 6 times a year.
- John Murray, Lathers Street, asked how mobile vendors would be policed and where food trucks would be located.
- Opal Loveland-Fearon, Barton Street, spoke regarding the regulating of food trucks in relation to the way other business are not regulated
- Lauren Anthony, Florence Street, stated that food trucks are still local business that contribute to the local community and asked about possibility of business taxes on food trucks.
- John Molnar, Inkster Road, spoke in support of some form of food truck ordinance and the need to have some regulations in place.

Hearing no further comment the public hearing was closed at 7:35pm.

❖ **Item #21-05-080 - Moved by Lynch; supported by Squires :**

- RESOLVED: To approve the consent agenda as presented.
1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes and Council Closed Session Minutes of 5/3/21
  2. Receive and File: Planning Commission Minutes of 4/8/21
  3. Receive and file 2021-2022 Library Budget Resolution
  4. Receive, note, and file: City Financial Report for April 2021

AYES: Unanimous

ABSENT: None

**Motion Passes 7-0**

❖ **Item #21-05-081 - Moved by Squires; supported by Lynch:**

RESOLVED: Motion to adopt the FY 2021-2022 General Appropriations and Tax Levy Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. A21-003**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2022.**

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1: MILLAGE LEVIES AUTHORIZED.

In order to defray expenditures and meet the liabilities for the City of Garden City for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the following millage levies are hereby adopted: **14.9208** mills for general operating purposes; **1.2500** mills for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal; **3.2741** mills for Police and Fire; **5.0976** mills for Road Bonds. The total millage levy shall be **24.5425** mills per \$1,000 of taxable valuation within the City.

SECTION 2: BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS ADOPTED.

The following appropriations, representing the various budgetary centers of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget as defined by Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, are hereby adopted for the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 as shown below in the estimated revenue and expenditures summaries of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget document:

**GENERAL FUND SUMMARY (FUND 101)**

<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Public Safety	718,200	Mayor & Council	184,500
Street Lighting	350,500	21 <sup>st</sup> District Court	1,147,200
Communications	190,000	City Admin	490,000
Building	643,000	Clerk/Treasurer	1,223,000
Police	210,000	Street Lighting	477,700
Tax Revenue	11,611,400	Communications	378,100
Business Licenses/ Permits	30,000	Building	656,300
Non- Business License/ Permits	12,500	General Services	1,819,700
State Shared Revenue	4,261,200	Police	7,834,800
Grants-Local Units	615,600	Fire	4,241,900
Charges for Services	688,400	Dept. of Public Services	2,053,900
Fines and Forfeits	1,067,800	Planning	88,700
Miscellaneous Revenue	939,800	Parks and Recreation	985,000
Contributions/ Public	425,000	Community Resources	783,800
Contributions/ Other	502,200	Boards & Commissions	17,100
Planning	9,100	Debt Service	603,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>22,274,700</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>22,984,700</b>

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND SUMMARY (FUND 122)**

<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Revenue	215,000	Expenditures	265,000
Interest on Investments	500	Transfers to Other Funds	250,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>215,500</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>515,000</b>

**INSURANCE FUND SUMMARY (FUND 123)**

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Revenue	100,000	Expenditures	100,000
Interest on Investments	300		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>100,300</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>100,000</b>

**MAJOR STREETS FUND SUMMARY (FUND 202)**

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Gas & Weight Tax	2,235,800	Expenditures	1,159,700
Transfer in–Spec. Assess.	52,200	Transfer to Local Streets	1,117,900
Interest on Investments	200		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>2,288,200</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>2,277,600</b>

**LOCAL STREETS FUND SUMMARY (FUND 203)**

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Gas & Weight Tax	905,100	Expenditures	2,200,800
Transfer in-Major Streets	1,117,900		
Transfer in-Spec. Assess.	104,500		
METRO Act Revenue	96,500		
Interest on Investments	200		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>2,224,200</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,200,800</b>

**POLICE DRUG FORFEITURE FUND SUMMARY (FUND 264)**

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Confiscations	60,000	Expenditures	25,000
Interest on Investments	100	Transfer to Cap Projects	80,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>60,100</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>105,000</b>

**DEBT SERVICE FUND SUMMARY (FUND 301)**

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Tax Revenue	2,967,800	Debt Service	2,996,700
Interest on Investments	2,000		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>2,969,800</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>2,996,700</b>

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND SUMMARY (FUND 401)**

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Trf from General Fund	406,200	City Technology Admin	30,000
Trf from Police Drug Forf	80,000	Police Admin	80,000
		Fire Admin	303,200
		Parks Administration	35,500
		Communications Admin	32,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>486,200</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>486,200</b>

**WATER/SEWER FUND SUMMARY (FUND 592)**

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Water/Sewer Revenue	9,645,800	Water Distribution	3,386,800
Other Revenue	132,700	Sewage Disposal	4,166,700

Interest on Investments	1,500	Billing and Accounting	514,000
		General Expenses	1,011,200
		Full Time Maintenance	1,554,700
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>9,780,000</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>10,633,400</b>

**RUBBISH COLLECTION FUND SUMMARY (FUND 596)**

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Revenues	1,421,000	Expenditures	1,540,000
Interest on Investments	2,500		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>1,423,500</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>1,540,000</b>

**ALL FUNDS SUMMARY**

**REVENUES – ALL FUNDS: \$**

**EXPENDITURES – ALL FUNDS: \$**

AYES: Squires, Lynch, Jacobs, Earle, DiMichele, Kerwin, Walker  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: None

**Motion Passes 7-0**

❖ **Item #21-05-082 - Moved by Lynch ; supported by DiMichele :**

RESOLVED: Motion to adopt the ordinance to amend Sections 53.03 and 53.04 of Chapter 53, Title V of the City of Garden City Code providing for rates and charges for water and sewer services and providing for billing for water and sewerage disposal services.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE  
 CITY OF GARDEN CITY**

**ORDINANCE 21-006**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES  
 SECTIONS 53.03 THROUGH 53.04 OF CHAPTER 53**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES, SECTIONS 53.03 THROUGH 53.04 OF CHAPTER 53 OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY; PROVIDING FOR RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE.**

Sections 53.03 through 53.04, of the City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

**53.03. WATER SUPPLY RATES.**

- (A) Consumption base rate **\$29.44** per 1,000 cubic feet of water.
- (B) Annual fixed user charges, in addition to those in division (A) above: **\$66.56**
- (C) Service outside City. Water service rates charged for water service outside the City shall be **100%** of the rates and charges set forth in division (A) and (B) above, or as may hereafter be established for City water service by City Council Resolution.

**53.04. SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATES.**

- (A) *Consumption base rate, including excess sewage: \$60.51 per 1,000 cubic feet.*
- (B) *Annual fixed user charges: \$66.56*
- (C) *RV Annual fixed construction charges: \$17.51*
- (D) *Sewage disposal rates outside the City. Charges for sewage disposal service to premises outside the city shall be 100% of the rates and charges set forth in division (A) and (B) above or as may hereafter be established for sewage disposal service by City Council Resolution.*

**SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.**

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.**

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect on **July 1, 2021** after publication as required by law.

AYES: Lynch, DiMichele, Jacobs, Earle, Squires, Kerwin, Walker  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**Motion Passes 7-0**

❖ **Item #21-05-083 - Moved by Squires ; supported by Kerwin :**

RESOLVED: Motion to table action on the amendment to Chapter 111 Food & Drink Regulations to include Chapter 111.079 Mobile Food Vending as presented.

AYES: Squires, Kerwin, Lynch, Jacobs, Earle, DiMichele, Walker  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**Motion Passes 7-0**

❖ **Item #21-05-084 - Moved by Jacobs ; supported by Kerwin :**

RESOLVED: Motion to authorize the Chief of Police to execute the necessary agreements to purchase two 2021 Dodge Charger Police AWD V6 Vehicles with 5-year 75,000 mile

warranties at the Michigan State Bid cost of **\$30,636.00** each from **LaFontaine-CDJR** .

AYES: Unanimous  
ABSENT: None

**Motion Passes 7-0**

**Mayor Walker announced it was time for public comment.**

- John Murray, Lathers Street, spoke regarding the city's credit rating, the security and exchange commission and utilizing cable to get word out about community issues for better communication with residents.
- Tracy, Block Street, stated that there should be no changes made to Garden City Park, concrete issues on Gilman Street, and drainage issues/flooding on Krauter near Salvation Army.
- Mike Jones, Donnelly Street, complimented the recent Lucky Squirrel event and said he likes the pavement work done on Donnelly Street.
- Lauren Anthony, Sheridan Street, spoke regarding the recent Lucky Squirrel and recent public comment portions of City Council meetings.
- Opal Loveland-Fearon, Barton Street, stated that trees along fence line at Florence Park need to be cut down, fence on Alvin, grass along Alvin, suggested a walking path all around Florence Park, and vehicles parking across sidewalks.
- Kim Poma, Belton Street, stated she felt like her pervious public comments were dismissed by Council.
- Jim, Sheridan Street, stated the city utilized a tax and shift philosophy in regard to police and fire funding.
- Stacy Karafotis, Dawson Street, spoke in opposition to a city sled hill and discussed communications regarding hill between city officials.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting was then adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk