



**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 13, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Special Session on **Monday, February 13, 2023**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Police Station, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Members present were Mayor Jacobs, Councilmembers Squires, Earle, Karafotis, and Witt

Members absent were: Dold, DiMichele

Also present were City Manager Dougherty, City Clerk Miller, City Treasurer Marciniak, DPS Director Ohman, Police Chief Gibbons, and Personnel Director Griggs.

The meeting agenda considered the following items.

A. 23/24 Budget: Council Budget Workshop

- Overview
- Road Millage and Improvements
- Preliminary Revenue Assessment Estimates
- Debt Service Requirements
- Capital Projects (5-Year CIP)
- Personnel Cost Summary
- Goal Setting

The City Manager and City Treasurer gave a presentation and overview of the 2023/2024 FY Budget. Which included information on the roads project, State shared revenue, Act 51 revenue, retirement costs, historic tax-values, debt payment, fund balance, streetlighting, capital projects, chart of accounts, personnel cost summary and retirement costs.

The Council discussed some goals for the 2023/2024 FY Budget.

Mayor Jacobs - Requested that a new position be created for an Economic Development Director with a potential cost share from the DDA.

Councilmember Earle - Requested a settlement with all of the collective bargaining units and technology upgrades from Departments to enhance department operations.

Councilmember Karafotis - Requested that Police and Fire salaries be reviewed with retention of employees being an important factor, intersection cameras to control speeds and reduce accidents, a building for an animal control facility, look into leaf removal, an Economic Development Director and part-time grant writer.

Councilmember Squires - Requested to continue Ordinance Enforcement and work with Judge to support enforcement efforts of the City.

Councilmember Witt - Requested that he supports the Economic Development Director and grant writer positions being created, begin to address beautification efforts in the City and focus on the entrance areas into the City, the creation of murals at Radcliff Center and work with the Construction Trades Program at GCPS for public artwork.

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

- There were no public comments.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting was then adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk