



**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Regular Session Monday, September 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

REGULAR MEETING

Present were: Mayor Jacobs, Mayor Pro-Tem Dold, Councilmembers Karafotis, Squires, Earle, and Witt
Members absent and excused: Lynch

Also present were City Manager Dougherty, Clerk Miller, Acting Police Chief Arnoske, and Parks and Recreation Director O'Farrell

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maddie Richard.

❖ **Item #23-09-127 - Moved by Witt; supported by Earle:**

RESOLVED: To approve the agenda as presented:

The agenda consisted of the following:

1. City Park Playground Grant Bid Award
2. Garden City Early Voting Center
3. GC Goodfellows On-Street Sales

AYES: Unanimous

ABSENT: Lynch

Motion Passes 6-0

Recognition, Presentations, Community Events, Petitions and Communications

- State Senator Dayna Polehanki presented the city with a check for funding for the renovations to the Garden City fire station and spoke about proposed state legislation providing for free school lunches.
- State Representative Dylan Wegela provided a legislative update including proposed environmental package and campaign finance disclosure, gave information on recent town hall events, and proposed legislation regarding water prices at sporting events

❖ **Item #23-09-128 - Moved by Witt; supported by Earle:**

RESOLVED: To approve Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2023
2. Receive and File: Planning Commission Minutes of August 10, 2023
3. Receive, Note, and File: City Financial Report For Month of August 2023

4. Boards and Commissions – DDA
 - a. Appointment of Ghassen Khalaf w/DDA Interest until December 31, 2025

AYES: Witt, Earle, Squires, Dold, Jacobs
NAYS: Karafotis
ABSENT: Lynch

Motion Passes 5-1

❖ **Item #23-09-129 - Moved by Witt; supported by Squires :**

RESOLVED: Motion to award the bid for the DNR Land and Water Conservation City Park Playground Grant to **Penchura LLC.**, in the amount of **\$477,465.50.**

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: Lynch

Motion Passes 6-0

❖ **Item #23-09-130 - Moved by Squires ; supported by Karafotis :**

RESOLVED: Motion to approve the attached resolution designating the Garden City Early Voting Center as the Police Station.

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: Lynch

Motion Passes 6-0

❖ **Item #23-09-131 - Moved by Dold; supported by Karafotis :**

RESOLVED: Motion to approve the Garden City Goodfellows request to conduct on-street 2023 Goodfellow newspaper fundraiser on Friday, November 24th, Saturday, November 25th, and Sunday, November 26th between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the intersections of Ford/Middlebelt, Ford/Merriman, Middlebelt/Warren and Ford/Venoy subject to the receipt of hold harmless agreements from participants in accordance with the city's policy of on-street sales.

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: Lynch

Motion Passes 6-0

Other Business

- Council discussed Ford Road curb restoration.

Mayor Jacobs announced it was time for public comment.

- Brendan McArthur, discussed a phone conversation he received from City Manager and his first amendment rights.

- Maddie Richard, spoke regarding the need for speed limit signs on Hubbard.
- John Murray, spoke about reducing speed limits by Garden City High School, installing traffic control measures to enhance safety, and issue with City Manager.
- Dylan Wegala, spoke regarding speed limit signs, opposition to homeschooling programing at Radcliff center, and city social media policy.
- Patti Stanchina, spoke in opposition to homeschooling programing at Radcliff center and stated it should be offered to all children.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting was then adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk