The Garrison City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday April 22, 2025, at 5:00 PM in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, Bree Stumvoll, David Reinarts, and Otto Kinn. Absent: Billee Jo Iglehart and Britteny Gilbert. The agenda items are personnel and open meeting violations.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve the following declaration: On January 28th, 2025, the Personnel Committee of the Garrison City Council violated the ND Open Meeting laws by failing to notice an exit interview with a departing city employee as a public meeting, which occurred at 6:00 pm, and wrongfully excluding members of the public from a portion of that meeting to privately interview the employee. These actions resulted in a public meeting that was improperly noticed and closed (Executive Session).  Upon recommendation of the city attorney, the following actions were taken to remedy the unlawful meeting: the committee reproduced a transcript of the closed portion of the meeting to the best of their recollection, prepared a proper meeting notice and posted it at the city auditor’s office and published it in the city’s newspaper of record – the McLean County Independent. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, and Kinn. Nay: None.

The thirty-day PD plan is on hold until the city sees what a hybrid looks like with McLean County.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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Diane Affeldt, City Auditor Stuart Merry, Mayor

The Garrison City Council held a special meeting on Thursday May 1, 2025, at 5:00 PM in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, Bree Stumvoll, David Reinarts, Otto Kinn and Billee Jo Iglehart. Absent: Britteny Gilbert. Others present: City Attorney Jim Wilson, Chief Travis Tesch, Kaare Hallesy and Tyson Matthews via cell phone. The agenda item is police department. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Alderman Jeffers presented a contract with McLean County Sheriff’s Department. The County would provide twelve hours a day service for an annual cost of $115,200.00. The contract dates are May 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Reinarts to authorize the mayor’s signature on the contract with McLean County. After considerable discussion Alderman Jeffers withdrew his motion. An ordinance officer was discussed. Severance pay of eight weeks for the police officers was suggested by Alderperson Stumvoll.

A special city council meeting was scheduled for Monday May 5, 2025, at 5:00 pm. The agenda item will be police department.

The special meeting is adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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Diane Affeldt, City Auditor Stuart Merry, Mayor

The Garrison City Council held a special meeting on Monday May 5, 2025, at 5:00 PM in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, Bree Stumvoll, David Reinarts, Britteny Gilbert, Otto Kinn and Billee Jo Iglehart. Others present: City Attorney Jim Wilson, Chief Travis Tesch, Kaare Hallesy and Tyson Matthews. Guests present were nineteen citizens, eight McLean County Law Enforcement, Sheriff Jr. Kerzmann, and County Commissioner Curt Olson. The agenda item is police department. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Merry announced that residents of the city will have the opportunity to speak after discussion. He will open the floor to public comments for fifteen minutes.

Sheriff Kerzmann stated Garrison will have twelve-hour service. The time will be managed the same as the other cities in McLean County. Service will be provided within city limits of the twelve-hour coverage. Any 911 calls will count against the twelve-hours. A monthly report will be provided. A price guarantee will be worked on with a six-month to eighteen-month trial. The County Commissioners have to approve the contract. The department will assist the city in transition and the correct way to dissolve equipment. If we hire an ordinance enforcement person, the county will assist that individual. The county will provide special event coverage.

Mayor Merry provided a few comments at the end of discussion.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Reinarts to authorize Mayor Merry to sign the contract with McLean County effective immediately. Roll Call: Gilbert, Aye; Kinn, Aye; Iglehart, Aye; Reinarts, Aye; Stumvoll, Aye; Jeffers, Aye.

The special meeting is adjourned at 5:40 pm.

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Diane Affeldt, City Auditor Stuart Merry, Mayor

The Garrison City Council met on Monday May 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, Bree Stumvoll, David Reinarts, Otto Kinn and Billee Jo Iglehart. Britteny Gilbert via conference call. Visitors: Jason Strand from AE2S, Jesse Berg from Moore Engineering, Jason Foss, and Jacob Massie from Johnny’s Concrete. Others present: City Supervisor Greg Boucher, City Attorney Jim Wilson, and Chief Travis Tesch. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Stumvoll to approve the city council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Jason Strand from AE2S was present on the 1st Avenue NE Street Improvement drainage problem between the two banks. He presented a letter agreement between the City of Garrison and AE2S. The approximate cost is $5,000. Moved by Iglehart, seconded by Reinarts to approve the Letter Agreement between City of Garrison and AE2S and authorize the mayor’s signature. Voting Yea: Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Jason Foss was present with more information on an ATM machine in the city auditorium. The building would need to be hard-wired for internet service to operate the machine. He received information and costs from RTC. Since this location is a business location the cost for internet would be $100/month with a onetime charge of $100. Jason would like the city to consider his ATM business. He will be responsible for maintaining and servicing the ATM. He mentioned paying back 50% of the bank fee proceeds to the city from the first and all transactions each month.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Kinn to contact RTC to install Wi-Fi in the city auditorium. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Jacob Massie from Johnny’s Concrete was present concerning the large pile of debris on their property in Aero Park west of Garrison. The city wants to know his plan for the removal of the debris. A letter from Veronica Corona with Johnny’s Concrete was read to the city council. Jacob stated he will haul all the debris to Sawyer Landfill and report back to the city council next month.

Jesse Berg from Moore Engineering was present to request approval on change order #5 for Burlington Electric, Inc. in the amount of $4,514.38. Moved by Reinarts, seconded by Iglehart to approve change order #5 for Burlington Electric, Inc. for $4,514.38. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Reinarts, seconded by Stumvoll to approve pay request #11 for Burlington Electric, Inc. for $73,793.53. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Jesse Berg mentioned the contract with the CMAR Michels Trenchless affiliates was explained to him. Jesse will have the contract information at a later date. Moore Engineering is working on their response to Rice Lake West. Jesse is working on scheduling a meeting with FEMA on the raw water intake project.

Old business: City Attorney Jim Wilson stated Appraiser Corey Kost will contact the city in the next couple weeks to look at the old landfill land.

Moved by Reinarts, seconded by Stumvoll to approve second and final reading of Chapter Ten Health Ordinance. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Chief Tesch had nothing to report.

City Supervisor Greg Boucher gave his monthly report. They are tarring streets, working on valves in the trailer park, spraying weeds on city property and ditches, repaired the city auditorium roof, and Bechtold Paving provided a quote to do city wide asphalt repairs. The Bechtold Paving quote is $196,231.75. Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Stumvoll to approve Bechtold Paving quote of $196,231.75. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None. Greg was asked to paint a yellow line outside of the drainage ditch between the two banks to warn drivers.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to approve the city auditor’s monthly financial report. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

The municipal court report for April was presented and reviewed.

City Auditor Diane Affeldt report was presented. Affeldt attended city court, committee meetings, and Water Board meeting. Web site updates and monthly meeting notices were posted. Affeldt completed ARPA Annual Report and quarterly reports. Participated in Lead and Cooper Rule webinar. Prepared and will be mailing letters to residents on the Lead and Cooper Rule. Reviewed building permits and sent notices on permits not completed.

Moved by Reinarts, seconded by Jeffers to approve bills submitted for payment except for Wilson Law Firm amount of $5,265.00.  Roll Call: Reinarts, Aye; Stumvoll, Aye; Jeffers, Aye; Iglehart, Nay; Gilbert, Aye; Kinn, Aye.

US Postmaster Postage 292.00

Verizon Wireless Cell phones 496.36

UNUM Life Ins. Insurance 21.45

Circle Sanitation Service City garbage 468.25

Garrison Park Board State revenue 2,268.49

Garrison/Max Ambulance AEWD patches 73.00

Vestis Auditorium service 1,035.08

Nancy Falcon Safety boots 54.98

JB Repair PD vehicle 291.82

Share Corporation Bar system 312.82

First District Health Testing 60.00

MDU Service 1,564.06

McLean Electric Coop Power 2,226.29

USA Blue Book Chemicals 1,384.22

Hach Company Service contract 4,564.00

Burlington Electric Sludge pump 625.00

Hawkins Inc. Chemicals 1,270.44

CHS Garrison Chemical 893.75

Bobcat of Mandan Blades 246.62

Nygard Construction Snow removal 750.00

Elan Financial Paint machine 73.50

Waste Management Garbage 8,349.00

Otter Tail Power Power 8,714.48

Digital Office Centre Library 252.39

Gale/Cengage Learning Library 415.33

Micro Marketing Library 275.65

Barnes & Noble Library 201.47

Penworthy Library 301.79

MaLynda Kramber Library 51.15

Farmers Union Oil Gas 1,566.06

Schumaier Concrete Curb & gutter 11,140.00

NorDak North Printing/supplies 973.57

S & J Hardware Supplies 923.69

Wilson Law Firm City court/attorney 2,673.00

US Postmaster Water bills 293.71

US Postmaster Lead & copper letters 308.43

Wilson Law Firm City attorney 5,265.00

A special city council meeting is set for Tuesday May 6, 2025, at 11:30 am with agenda item, city attorney report.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to designate McLean County Independent as official newspaper per NDCC 40-01-09. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to appoint Billee JO Iglehart to the Garrison Housing Authority. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve Sales & Use Tax Committee recommendation of Garrison CVB, $19,500 from community development and Dickens Village Festival, $24,000 from community development. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve Lodging Tax Committee recommendation of Garrison CVB, $10,000. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve GAIA Gaming Site Authorizations for Hometown Tavern and Bar 701 July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve GAIA Gaming Site Authorization and rental agreement for Garrison City Auditorium July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Stumvoll to approve a Game of Chance for Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve 2024 Waste Management $500 donation to Dickens Village Festival. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Kinn, seconded by Iglehart to approve 2025 Waste Management $500 donation to SACA. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None. Abstained: Stumvoll.

Mayor Merry’s monthly report was presented. Visited the Bob Callies Elementary School with City Auditor Affeldt to announce “If I Were A Mayor” essay contest winner. He chaired Sales & Use Tax Committee meeting, attended Lodging Committee meeting and Water Board Committee meeting. Addressed a concern by a resident on garbage disposal and followed up with an article in the newspaper. Visited with Jesse Berg of Moore Engineering about a letter received by them for Rice Lake officials.

Alderman Reinarts reported for Utilities & Street Committee and Water Board Committee. His report is the same as Moore Engineering on the CMAR.

Alderman Jeffers reported for the Cemetery. Mobile Housing, Public Buildings and Landfill Committee. He is looking into Wi-Fi in the city auditorium and replacing the bathroom sinks in the auditorium for $1200 each bathroom. Moved by Iglehart, seconded by Reinarts to replace the bathroom sinks in the city auditorium. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Alderperson Stumvoll reported for the Police, Fire Dept. & Personnel Committee. Stumvoll mentioned putting a plan together for the police department. Moved by Kinn, seconded by Jeffers to dissolve the police department effective immediately pending approval from McLean County Commissioners. Stumvoll will visit with Officer Rick Richards on the transition. A Police, Fire Dept. & Personnel Committee meeting was scheduled for May 6, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

Alderman Reinarts reported for the Water Board Committee. The members are working on proper verbiage on classification of water plant operators. Garrison Rural Water is working on the backflow preventor building.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Kinn to approve Retail Liquor and Beer License Off Sale applications for Millika Panda ( ND Cstore Inc.) for May 10, 2025, to June 30, 2025. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Gilbert, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

The next regular city council meeting will be on Monday June 2, 2025, at 7:00 pm. The city council meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Diane Affeldt, City Auditor Stuart Merry, Mayor

The Garrison City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday May 6, 2025, at 11:30 am in the city council room. Executive Session was held, and topic was City Attorney Report, NDCC 44-04-19.1 (6) Attorney work product.

The Garrison City Council held a special meeting on Monday May 12, 2025, at 11:30 am in the city council room. Present: Shannon Jeffers, Bree Stumvoll, David Reinarts, Otto Kinn, and Billee Jo Iglehart. Absent: Mayor Stuart Merry and Britteny Gilbert. President Jeffers presided.

The Police, Fire Dept. & Personnel Committee met to establish a severance package for the police department. The following is what they are recommending: eight weeks severance pay beginning May 6, 2025, unused vacation paid, health & dental insurance paid to June 1, 2025, for Travis Tesch, and city utilities for the eight weeks, the cities portion of Kaare Hallesy’s PERS, $1,804.02 and no reimbursement of trailer park rent to Hallesy.

Moved by Reinarts, seconded by Stumvoll to approve severance package for Travis Tesch as follows: eight weeks pay beginning May 6, 2025, unused vacation paid, BCBS health & dental insurance paid to June 1, 2025, and city utilities for eight weeks. For Kaare Hallesy as follows: eight weeks pay beginning May 6, 2025, unused vacation paid, and city portion of PERS, $1,804.02. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Iglehart, seconded by Stumvoll to approve Sheriff Kerzmann’ s recommendation to sell two police vehicles to Burleigh County Sheriff Department for $55,000. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Iglehart, seconded by Reinarts to authorize the Police, Fire Dept. & Personnel Committee to sell small police department equipment. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts, Kinn, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

The special city council meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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Diane Affeldt, City Auditor Shannon Jeffers, President

The Garrison City Council held a special meeting on Thursday May 15, 2025, at 2:30 pm in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Bree Stumvoll, David Reinarts, and Billee Jo Iglehart. Absent: Shannon Jeffers, Otto Kinn, and Britteny Gilbert. Visitors: Kent Ritterman and Jesse Berg from Moore Engineering, Todd Joerz, Carl Meyer, Catherine Millard, and Daniel Jones with FEMA. Mayor Merry took minutes in the absence of City Auditor Diane Affeldt.

The group discussed statues/progress of CMAR and status of Geotech boring at intake area and to manage any potential risk once work begins. Also to make sure each group is not duplicating services and then to pool documentation. This is all part of Phase 1.

The goal is to begin construction in 2026. If it goes into 2027, a time extension would be needed, according to Joerz. He added, “We want to keep things moving.”

The meeting was also a time to make sure every entity was on the same page, including the Corp of Engineers. When we start reimbursement, papers need to be sent on a monthly basis and quarterly reports completed. Reimbursements need to be submitted in a timely manner.

Jesse Berg was told to get permitting done in reference to sturgeon and piping plover, etc.

Talked about scheduling future meetings to keep everyone all on board.

A meeting with CMAR company, Michels will be held Wednesday May 21, 2025 at 5:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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Diane Affeldt, City Auditor Stuart Merry, Mayor