

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 12th, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Town Hall
405 W. California

PUBLIC HEARING: 2019 Budget - Mayor Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. During discussion on budget Cande Hasenoehrl asked where the money to pay Rick Wride was coming from. Mayor Pfaff said it was coming from Parks. It was also discussed that if the Town hires help when needed, per the last meeting, the wage could be up to \$17.00 an hour. She asked that we limit the help to 3 hours a week at this rate. Mayor Pfaff stated that he is moving \$25,000 out of Current Expense to cover the audit that is scheduled this year. He also stated that we have the street levy funds again but will be allotting \$2,000 from Street Reserve just in case we need it.

The Town Council had agreed on an increase of \$16.00 in rates back in 2017, however the rates only increased by \$11.00. Mayor Pfaff stated that the Town could follow up the loss of collection by increasing sewer rates by \$2.00 in June. Cande Hasenoehrl stated she wanted to put the entire \$5.00 increase on January 1, 2019. The decision was to keep the rates previously discussed. Council will revisit the rates in June. Neal Leon **MOVED** to pass the 2019 budget. Mark Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pfaff called the regular meeting to order at 7:24 pm

ROLL CALL: Mayor Pfaff, Cande Hasenoehrl, Neal Leon, Mark Young, Tom Tevlin, Dave Ulrick. **Staff:** Mark Phillips – PW, Shon Clark – PWS, Nancy Whitesell – Clerk Treasurer

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Officer Anderson, Daymon Marple

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve November 28th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Dave Ulrick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Anderson to report: Officer Snead contacted the owner of the dog on Jefferson Street. Officer Snead also told the owner that the dog must be licensed, and that there would be fines for impoundment. Officer Snead responded to

traffic complaints on 4th St. There was an emphasis on traffic stops over the week, and most of the stops people were driving 10-15 mph over the speed limit; Rather than giving tickets, he educated those he stopped. Most of the people he stopped were out of towners. Citizens have been thanking Officer Snead on his efforts.

A no trespass order was issued to a property on Adams St. The house has had a lot of drug use, and the owner is being taken advantage by women who are 30 years younger than the owner, and these women are transients. The owner initially wanted the woman to stay; however, it's been a month and he wants her to leave. Officer Anderson has notified APS to report that he was being taken advantage of financially. There will be a follow up on Friday. They are working to help get the woman to leave. Mark Young asked about 2 men reported to be casing houses and checking doors. This may have been a couple of weeks ago and occurred on the South end of 3rd St. Officer Anderson said he has heard nothing of this, and the complainant did not contact the police. He also wants to stress the importance of citizens being the eyes and ears for the Town, and that if they see something say something. If there is suspicious activity it is more than appropriate to contact dispatch either on the non-emergency line or 911. Officer Anderson also stated that Palouse has approved to advertise for an additional full-time position within the Palouse Police Department.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark to report:

PW installed a Chlorine pump at Well 3. They found a large water leak at a property where the owner is out of town. Shon was able to contact the owner and shut the leak down.

Shon has taken Bio-solids to Bartech. They have finished rebuilding a pump mount for the sewer pump at WWTP. They have also uncovered a manhole at 4th St. and Manring St. Public Works fixed a pothole in front of the Post Office and one on 10th St. and Spokane St. New storm drain gates were built for 6th St. between California St. and Main St. Plowing went well, and the Gator worked great for clearing the snow. Garbage has been collected as expected.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Pfaff stated he has spoken to the Seedlings Day Care at the Methodist Church and rent possibly will be \$150.00 per month. David Ulrick asked if this rent included maintenance of the yard, cleaning of Church etc. He is concerned about looking as though we are gifting and will save the Town from hiring someone else to do this; At this point the contract is in waiting.

Neal Leon asked about the traffic signs. He stated that he noticed in other towns they had brighter lights, flashing of the words slow down and has thank you on them. He also wants to know if we need signs going both directions. A grant to buy the Town more signs will be needed. A call to Tekoa to find out the cost of their signs, as they are much more noticeable. Mayor Pfaff indicated that TIB may have the funds to assist in getting the signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL: Neal Leon **MOTIONED** to approve the bills to be paid. Dave Ulrick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Approval of bills to be paid Neal/Dave unanimous.

Resolution 2018-10 / Setting of Salaries of certain public officials – Cande Hasenoehrl **MOTIONED** to pass the resolution, Dave Ulrick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2018-11 / Setting of Salary for Relief worker – Dave Ulrick **MOVED** to pass the resolution, Neal Leon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pfaff stated that each Council member needs to sign the form to either receive compensation or to decline it for the year 2019. After discussion about the council meeting that was scheduled for December 19th, Mark Young **MOVED** to cancel the meeting, Tom Tevlin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dave Ulrick stated that step increases should be on anniversaries and that the step raises should last 6 years.

ADJOURN: Mark Young **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, Cande Hasenoehrl seconded, and the motion passed.



Mayor Pfaff

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer