

**Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall – July 25th, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the regular meeting of the council to order at 7:05 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Jarrod Pfaff, David Ulrick, Cande Hasenoerhl, and Tom Tevlin were present. Staff: Clerk – Nancy Whitesell, Public Works – Shon Clark.

GUESTS: Officer Joe Handley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cande Hasenoerhl **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the July 11th meeting on condition of correction of adding a dash into the term ‘on going’ used in the Police Department Report. A correction to add Department of Ecology to a technical assistance visit discussed in Old Business 2nd paragraph and to add the word ‘their’ regarding the next inspection. David Ulrick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Officer Handley was available to report

- 1) There was an arrest made during a domestic dispute involving a weapon. The amount of bail set forth was substantial
- 2) There has been several DUI’s, one including a wreck with injuries
- 3) Issued a pending ticket against 103 N 7th street for excessive RV’s, in efforts to get them to remove them
- 4) Reminder to everyone if you see something suspicious do not hesitate to call the Police

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark reported.

- 1) Meters were read
- 2) Looking at quotes for water line replacement on 4th
- 3) There was 1 meter that was changed out
- 4) Did a lot of clean up and maintenance to sewer plant, stated it is looking great
- 5) Installed guardrail on top of digester
- 6) Meeting with Department of Ecology went well. There was a great amount of training included and the DOE seems satisfied with the work being done
- 7) DOE want the wetlands cleaned as soon as possible
- 8) DOE also stated that the Bio Cell trickling filter needs to be repaired
- 9) Pick up of trash was stalled on Monday the 16th due to meeting with DOE and a failed brake air can that needed to be replaced. All receptacles were picked up on Tuesday
- 10) Still working on bids for oiling and will be trying to grade and add rock where needed later in the week and the following week
- 11) Had vandals breaking glass bottles in the park around the gazebo area. Town will be investigating the cameras
- 12) Installed new backboards, rims, and nets, also painted lines on the basketball courts. The BB courts now look very good.

Mayor Pfaff stated that it had been 8 years since the water tower has been cleaned out. The typical time for clean out is usually 5 years. Mayor Pfaff also stated that it also needed to be inspected for any needed repairs and have them completed. A bid from LiquiVision Technology indicates that it will cost the Town approximately \$5000. Mayor Pfaff would like to wait until after harvest and when the ground is hard for ease of access. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to have LiquiVision to complete the job. Tom Tevlin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pfaff has spoken with Reuel Klempel about the fact that we have one pump wet well mount that is bad. He stated that more water is going sideways rather than up. Pioneer Pump gave Reuel a quote that he passed onto the Mayor. The quote for the pump and the additional charges of labor will cost the Town approximately \$10,000. After some discussion on the possibility of going to dry pumps, Shon Clark suggested that an inspection should be done to take a good look at the situation and get more information before committing to any repair. Council and Mayor Pfaff agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The insurance claim filed against the Town of Garfield by Laura Redmond stating that the Town was responsible because it had not turned her water off when she requested, has been denied by AWC. Association of Washington Cities Risk Management Service Agency (AWC RMSA) investigated the details surrounding the incident that occurred on May 21st, 2018. It is their position that the Town of Garfield bears no responsibility for the damages. Mayor Pfaff spoke with Laura Redmond and she intends to file a lawsuit against the Town.

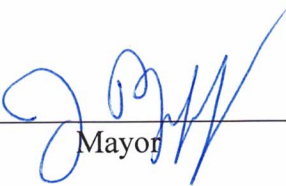
NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Tom Tevlin has been contacted by residents that cannot pay their bill until after the 20th and would like an extension to avoid late fees. Nancy Whitesell also stated that she had also received requests for extensions. Nancy stated that by doing this, it would be very difficult to keep track of who's bill is due when and if we do for one, we would have to do for all. Council determined that the Town will continue to apply late fees in accordance with Ord 435-N which states:

Water fees remaining unpaid on the 20th day of the month following the month in which water was provided to a customer shall be considered delinquent and a \$10.00 late charge shall be assessed against the account.

FINANCIAL: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the payment of bills, Tom Tevlin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., David Ulrick seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer