

**Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 28th, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Town Hall
405 W. California**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Dave Ulrick, Cande Hasenoehrl, Tom Tevlin, Mark Young, Neal Leon.
Staff: Shon Clark – Public Works Supervisor, Nancy Whitesell – Clerk/Treasurer

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chief Neumann, Officer Anderson, Adam Lambert

Adam Lambert approached the council about renting the restaurant for a possible pizzeria. Mayor Pfaff stated he would have Public Works look in there to see what kind of condition it is currently in.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the November 14th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting with a correction have David Ulrick's name changed to Tom Tevlin being the one who seconded the approval of the minutes of the October 25th Regular Council Meeting. Tom Tevlin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Neumann to report.

Chief Neumann stated that all is well in Garfield. The property owner that was asked to clean up their yard and vehicles, have complied with their requests. Owner has worked well with Officer Anderson. The reported stolen vehicle was recovered in Lewiston and will be returned. The vehicle fund for the department has secured solid long-term funds and should have a new vehicle in 2020. Juveniles caused minor vandalism at the Post Office. Volunteers worked quickly to clean it up. There was an unfounded vehicle prowling outside of Grumpy's tavern. Officer Snead will be leaving in April to go to summer theatre, so a third position will need to be hired. Chief Neumann is requesting that if anyone sees the big white dog on South hill that has shown aggressive behavior, to please contact the Department by using the non-emergency number. Shon Clark stated that the dog comes down the hill every day he's at the well. They determined that an officer would go with Shon on Thursday to see if it would repeat its behavior. There have been some family issues in town, but everything is going ok. Nancy Whitesell asked about problems at the intersection of 2nd and California. A town resident called stating that there had been an accident in that intersection that morning and felt that

there was an issue with the location of the stop sign. Chief Neumann stated that it's most likely that the sign is just being intentionally ran.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark to report.

A manhole was raised at 6th & Front Street, and 1st & Main Street. They were both raised 4 inches. Bio-solids were hauled to Bar Tech. Due to recent weather, the flow is up at the sewer plant. Repairs were made to a water leak at 10th & Main and at 702 N. 7th. A water meter box was repaired at the Jones' old shops. Water meter lids were replaced in driveways with lids that can handle being driven over without damage. Garbage pick up has been going well, and there has been 15 new toters received. The compost bin has been filled twice, and the service will end for the winter. Locks were changed at the Community Center due to too many keys that are unaccounted for and to minimize its unscheduled usage. Public Works have started installing the Christmas decorations and lights on the streets. Rock has been added to 4th & Cleveland. A bald tire had to be changed out on the dump truck. The ditch between D Street & the railroad has been cleaned out. The storm drain at 6th & Main was jetted, and another storm drain was uncovered that had been paved over at 2nd & Union. Water was diverted at the alley between 4th & Front Street, as there was puddling over the manhole.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Pfaff received an email from Steve Nelson regarding the I&I project. Surveying will begin mid-December.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL: Neal Leon **MOVED** to pay bills, Mark young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Nancy Whitesell had a request from a customer who would like to make a payment agreement for a past due amount on his account, and to have late fees that apply to that amount to stop. He has been consistent on paying his current amount on time. It was agreed that he would be able to make payments that take no longer than 6 months to bring his account current.

2019 Budget

Resolution 2018-07 will increase the garbage rate schedule 6%.

Resolution 2018-08 will increase the water rate schedule 6 %

Resolution 2018-09 will increase the sewer rate schedule 4%

Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to pass the resolutions for increase of rates for the year of 2019, motioned. Mark Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 468-N adopting property tax increase 1% property tax for the year 2019. Mark Young **MOVED** to pass the ordinance. David Ulrick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pfaff has asked that we budget \$3,000 for the 2019 budget for a road grader. We can get one surplus be we need to be able to jump on it because they go very fast. The \$3,000 is just for the shipping, the grader will not cost the Town anything. The

Town will need 2 four-yard dumpsters for garbage and clean-up. Fees will be double the cost of dumping at the County dump. Each will cost \$700 dollars. Tom Tevlin asked how many floaters we currently have. Shon Clark stated that we have 5-6 that don't get dumped every week.

Old resolution for temporary help will need to be updated. Mayor Pfaff is asking that we increase the wage for temporary help from \$13.00 to \$17.00, due to minimum wage going up. If we increase it to \$17.00, the Town may be able to hire better help. In order to do this, we will need to change the ordinance authorizing \$1500 that can be spent without approval to \$3000 without approval. Council was ok with the changes to the resolution.

Executive Session: Mayor Pfaff called for an executive session to discuss wages at 7:40 pm. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to enter the session for an employee evaluation. Mark Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. David Ulrick **MOVED** to come out of executive session at 8:04 pm. Neal Leon seconded, and the session ended.

Mayor Pfaff addressed an across the board cost of living raise. After discussion, Mark Young **MOVED** to set the COLA for 2019 at 1.2%. The step increase resolution 2013-30 will remain the same. David Ulrick seconded, Cande Hasenoehrl opposed, and the motion passed.

ADJOURN: Mark Young **MOVED** adjourn the meeting. Tom Tevlin seconded, and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.



Mayor Pfaff

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer