

**Town of Garfield  
TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 7:00 PM  
405 W California  
Public Phone in Option: 1-650-667-2797 PIN: 879 441 721#**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pfaff, Neal Leon, Jesse Parkins, Cande Hasenoehrl and Tom Tevlin Staff: Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer, Public Works: Shon Clark

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:** No Guests Present

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Tom Tevlin **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**POLICE REPORT:**

Marshal Handley provided the council with a written report. He stated that the town resident on Adams Street was sentenced to 324 days and will likely serve a little less in exchange for good behavior while incarceration. Marshal Hadley hopes to have the chronic nuisance ordinance updated to deal with future issues.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Shon Clark for Public Works  
The scrap metal has been getting addressed and hauled off.

**Water**

Everything operating normally.

**Sewer**

The public works department has been spending some time dealing with the I&I inspections. Nothing major has turned up yet but they are going to also start looking at sump pumps that may be diverting water to the sewer system. If there is a lot of inflow occurring from sump pumps, the town will likely have to help the landowners figure out a cost-effective way of handling this situation or the town could simply require that it be no longer permissible.

There was a sewer backup on Jefferson Street in the town lines and the manholes were already beginning to fill up. To save time and not have to deal with digging out the jetter, Roto-rooter was called onsite to use their jetter to quickly clear the line before any backups occurred. The ten-inch service line was clogged with rags and these would have been coming from that immediate neighborhood, up to south hill and west of 3<sup>rd</sup> street. Tom asked what the cost of the service call was, and Shon said he wasn't given a cost yet, but it was for two call-outs with 3 hours of service and 1 hour of jetter usage.



Shon has passed his level I sewer operator test and will be scheduling his level II very soon. He is qualified to take that test now since he has in service experience he can use from the water side.

### **Garbage**

Everything is operating normally. Mayor Pfaff said Shon and Mark have requested to purchase another 4 dumpsters. Currently, the rental dumpster inventory is out and being utilized. Each dumpster would be approximately \$695 from Rule Steel and would include freight to get them here. Cande said if the town is collecting from rentals and they are being used, it makes sense to get some more. Shon noted that some rental dumpsters have switched to route dumpsters and rental dumpsters must be dumped at least once a month. Route dumpsters are also required to be a route dumpster for at least two years. Neal Leon **MOVED** to approve purchasing 4 more rental dumpsters. Cande Hasenoehrl **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

### **Streets**

The backhoe will need the batteries replaced and then the guys can start scraping and adding rock to some of the potholes around town.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Cande said she would like to discuss the ad that was placed in the Gazette for the open council member position and hopes would like the town to amend the Garfield Municipal Code to reflect what the Washington State RCW details to be eligible for an elected position. Mayor Pfaff asked what exactly is the concern that is still arising from the council position that was resigned. Cande and Neal expressed concern for a member of the council to still be allowed to serve when they no longer live within the town limits for which they serve. Cande and Neal would like to see more detailed language on what constitutes residing within the town limits means.

Mayor Pfaff said the county is typically the agency that monitors these types of issues and they determine who is a resident and non-resident and eligible to be on the ballot. The town's attorney also advised this is the role of the county. Some scenarios of how a person might not fit the criteria of an eligible council member were presented but while discussing it was determined if the language were more exact, it could become too obtrusive for someone wanting to be a member of the council. Tom suggested that this one council member is a group of five others and if for some reason their thinking is no longer in line with them being a resident of the town, there are always four other members on the council to balance the outcome of the vote. Cande suggested that more thought be put into this so that it was not a situation that they would have to address should the problem arise again in the future. Mayor Pfaff said the county validates addresses and eligibility for a position before a name can be placed on a ballot or a person certified for an elected position.

Cande asked if anyone from town has put their name down for the open council position that was posted and Mayor Pfaff responded as of now there hasn't been a letter of interest submitted but word is beginning to circulate in town and there is time to see if anyone comes forward.



**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2021 Council Pay**

Mayor Pfaff said the council was being provided a form to select if they would like to accept or deny payment for their time attending council meetings.

Cody has closed out the 2020 budget year and there was roughly a \$10,000 deficit for the year. Mayor Pfaff said this is not bad considering the purchase of the 1-ton and cost to rebuild the engine, purchase of the snowplow for the 1-ton and assisting with moving the final trailer from the trailer park. Also, the UV system was added to the WWTP.

**FINANCIAL:** Approval of checks

Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Neal Leon **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

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| Payroll: Checks 14572-14575 Plus EFT           | Total = \$10,781.03 |
| Claims: Checks EFT Dept of Revenue             | Total = \$1,836.67  |
| Payroll: Checks 14576-14584 Plus EFT AWC & DOR | Total = \$14,155.23 |
| Claims: Checks 14585-14602                     | Total = \$13,570.19 |
| Claims: Checks 14603-14605                     | Total = \$39,519.38 |

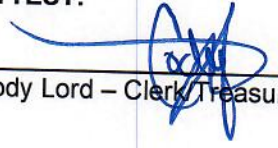
Total of Payroll & Claims = \$79,862.50

**ADJOURN:**

Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Cande Hasenoehrl seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

  
Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer