

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Preliminary Draft
Town Hall – December 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ray McCown called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ray McCown, Mark Young, Daymon Marple, David Jones and Tim Southern. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Cody Lord and Public Works Brad Hasenoehrl and Mark Phillips Absent: Sharon Schnebly

GUESTS: Neal Leon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing (Final Budget Hearing) and Regular Council Meeting December 2, 2015. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Jerry Neumann present.

Due to the snow this morning there has been a few slide offs around Palouse and Garfield and basically people just need to slow down and stop overdriving their ability. The police department is working on their final review of the trailer court but they are reluctant to want to close this case as the department would like the park to continue their efforts towards compliance once the weather gets better in the spring. Mark Young asked if they can officially suspend it until that time. Chief Neumann said he would write Carol a letter to recognize the agreement that they will pick up where they left off this winter and to please not add any further issues before the process is finalized. Mayor McCown said the trailer court does look better but that some things still need to be addressed. Tim Southern asked whatever happened with the grandson that was causing so much trouble. Chief Neumann said he is unsure what their long term plan is with him.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Brad Hasenoehrl present.

Water

- Everything running normally.

Sewer

- They had a problem with the aeration tank and Strom came and got the cable fixed.
- Cleaned the pressure washer and it is now doing a better job on the screens.

Garbage

- Everything is running normally.

Streets

- Did the first plowing today.

Brad and Mark didn't have chains on the truck yet so they stuck with the basic roads today. Daymon asked what the schedule is on snow days. One resident has said they want Union Street plowed. Daymon said they have always plowed that street only on occasions when they kids want to sled down it and some organization has come asking us to block it off for a sledding party. Daymon also said they greatly appreciate when the school and south hill are hit first and that when they go up 3rd street, go all the way up and turn around and come back that way there isn't a large hump to cross over. Brad said they did about 30% of the streets. Mark Phillips asked how far they want them to go when plowing. Mayor McCown said it will depend on how much snow is falling.

Mayor McCown said he would like everyone to know Brad and Mark jetted out the storm lines last week. There was a rubber hose down the one over by the Love's, they also took the vacuum truck and sucked out the man holes. They jetted out the Love line, it is very shallow, not really much of a man hole there. Tim said getting back to the snow plowing, the way it has worked in the past, someone would start about 5 or 5:30 am do the main routes, bus routes and then later hit the side ones. The other guy would come on later in the day and hit where the first guy hasn't done yet. Daymon agreed saying that way you don't build up comp time or overtime. Mayor McCown said

last year there wasn't much snow, but this year they will use the same guidelines of 3 inches or more of snow to start removal. Tim said also the gravel up on the corners around the school are good. David Jones said he would give the school priority and Daymon agreed saying they are generally there a little after 7 am to start the runs. Mayor McCown said maybe start about 6 am and the school routes are the priority.

Neal Leon was talking to TJ Mitzimberg and the bit on the plow is wore down and it will be about \$2,000 to repair and it will take about a day to a day and half to make the repairs. They will need to take off the whole bottom of the plow to complete the work. Mayor McCown said Mark and he looked at it and maybe Mark could tip it upside down and weld a piece on the bottom side. It currently only wears on one side of the blade. Daymon asked Mark do you think you could do that repair and if so how long would it take. Mark thinks it would take a better part of a day to get the repair work done. Mayor McCown said he thinks it would be worth a try to get it done in house before sending out to Ed-Ka. Tim said he thinks they should solve the issue correctly with Ed-Ka and then monitor the bit wearing in the future so it doesn't happen again. TJ's shop will be closed for Christmas. Daymon said look it over and see how bad it is. Mayor McCown said it is still at a point where the town can get a few plows out of it and he thinks they should wait until after Christmas and see what can be done. Neal said if there are 3/4 bolts left, then there is no urgency and it can wait to be repaired.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

FINANCIAL:

Approval of Checks: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to approve the following bills presented to council for payment. David Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Check Register # 12106-12109 PLUS EFT Dept. of Retire	Payroll: \$7,831.72
Check Register # 12120-12122 PLUS EFTPS	Payroll: \$6,617.80
Check Register # 12110	Claims: \$1,409.44
Check Register # 12111-12119	Claims: \$9,125.25 Total: \$24,984.21

ADJOURNMENT: David Jones **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ray McCown, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Cody Lord, Clerk/Treasurer

