

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Preliminary Draft
Town Hall – February 22, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ray McCown called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ray McCown, David Jones, Dave Ulrick, Neal Leon, Daymon Marple, and Mark Young. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Cody Lord and Public Works Mark Phillips Absent:

GUESTS: Sandra Cavallo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Jones **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting Feb. 8th, 2017. David Ulrick seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Officer Joe Handley present for this meeting.

Officer Handley said there was nothing much to report since dealing with the drug house in town on Adams Street in which a couple arrests were made. They have only had about 4 or 5 calls in the last 2 weeks for Garfield.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Mark Phillips is present for the Public Works Department

Water

- Water is doing good. The telemetry system hasn't acted up too much in the last two weeks.

Sewer

- Flows have been way up at the plant and the collection system is full.
- The sewer line on South 4th is staying clear. Neal Leon asked if they had run a camera down it. Mark said no they hadn't because the camera is back in Rosalia.
- They have used some extra pumps to move things around at the WWTP.

Mayor McCown said last Friday night Lee Taylor's sewer line backed up and a plumber came out to look at it. The plumber took the coupler off his line and sewer started backing up from the system for about 10 mins. Mark went over and looked in the manholes and they were completely full on 6th Street. Reuel opened those same manholes yesterday and they were still up to the manhole cover. Currently there is only one pump working at the plant and they have a couple portable pumps working out there to move the material along.

- Mark said they removed the manhole covers in the low land and discovered water coming in at the joints. He said this would be a good place to start with the I&I issue and suggests getting those joints sealed so that water isn't entering the system.

Garbage

- Garbage was a little heavy this week because of water in the garbage cans.

Streets

- Streets have been cleared of snow and they will leave the gravel on the roads for a bit anticipating more snow in the coming days.

Parks

- Drying up a little bit but still under water.
- Bathrooms will be open after the freezing is done end of March to 1st of April.

Mayor McCown said two manholes were underwater and taking on water into the system and eventually need to be raised. Daymon Marple asked what the flows have been lately at the plant. Mark said they have been in the 6 digits and are very high. The storm runoff system is also high but seems to be running okay. There has been a lot of grading that has occurred over the years causing the drains to be lower than the uphill drainage. Mayor McCown said they need to add some drainage to the park with lateral lines so that not as much runoff is collecting there. Also in front of Alan Lewis' house the mayor believes if they notch into the sidewalk some of the runoff collecting there will find its way to the drain.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council Suggested Projects for 2017

- The culvert on the west side of the tavern needs to go across the street into the storm drain system and not into the sewer system where it is currently draining.
- Clean half the polishing cell. Mayor McCown said they probably just need to clean the whole thing. Dave said the pond is so full and the funding has never been there to clean it. Daymon asked do you want to backhoe it and Dave said they can route the water around it in July and clean it in August when it is dry and hopefully they can use the new backhoe to complete that project. David Jones asked where the town takes the material when cleaning it out and Neal Leon said DOE will approve them to spread it out on the fields. DOE is picky about cat tails in the pond but they are virtually impossible to kill and will regrown once the work is completed.
- Change the sewer line on 4th Street from Monroe to Cleveland Streets. Mayor McCown said Mark and Reuel are currently watching it every couple days.
- Dave said they need to revise the employee manual and delete a few words.
- Dave suggested they start on the inflow problems. In the lower ground get the camera over here and do the side services and see how much water the system is actually getting from under the houses. Mayor McCown said they have already opened a few manholes and they need to run a camera down the line. The council discusses the camera was a 50/50 purchase with Rosalia, however they hold it all the time and it is always our guys running it back and forth whereas the original agreement was whoever needed the camera retrieved it from the other town.
- Neal said they have been talking about the I&I issue for a year now and nothing has been completed and he would like to see this project started.
- Neal would also like to see the manholes repaired.
- Neal said 7th Street is wide enough that the public works guys can take the equipment up and work the street to handle traffic in both directions and soften the approach.
- Neal also said he would like it to be a priority to get the streets in good shape around town.
- Daymon said he would like to see the stop and yield signs replaced.

Dave reminded everyone to drive appropriately while in town that the public looks to them to set a good example. Daymon questioned if the pipe bursting should happen in house or hire that out to a contractor. Neal responded it is pretty expensive to hire someone to do this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Surplus Gator, Cop Car and Orange Dump Truck

Mayor McCown said these items were placed on the agenda to surplus because they are never used. Neal said if Garfield got its own police department they would need to purchase something different anyways. Mayor McCown said they haven't been able to get the orange dump truck to run. Neal asked if they get rid of the gator will they be replacing it with anything and Mayor McCown said possibly a 4 wheeler and Dave felt the utility meter reading route should be done on foot.

Cody said before they surplus these items he would like to talk with Stephen Bishop's office about adopting a surplus policy like the State Auditor suggested in their exit with the town. He will talk with them and see if he can have something for discussion at the next council meeting.

Neal asked about the payment box that was supposed to be ordered and put in the door. Cody said he was waiting on Mark and Reuel to order the door before purchasing the pass thru box. Neal said let's just get it ordered and installed. Mayor McCown said he would like the temperature to rise a bit before having to work on the door.

FINANCIAL:

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

Check Register #12635-12638 PLUS EFTPS
Check Register #EFT Dept. of Revenue
Check Register #12639-12642

Payroll: \$7,663.94
Claims: \$1,127.35
Payroll: \$9,245.29
Total: \$18,036.58

ADJOURNMENT: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ray McCown, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Cody Lord, Clerk/Treasurer