

**Town of Garfield  
TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FINAL  
Town Hall – July 12, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pro-Tem Damon Marple called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Dave Ulrick, Neal Leon, and David Jones present. Staff: Public Works Reuel Klempel. Absent: Mark Phillips, Candi Fisher is at a Budget Workshop; Mayor McCown is out of town,

**GUESTS:** Mike Fuentes from Apollo Solutions and Officer Jerry Newman were present.

Mike Fuentes of Apollo –

Agenda: Energy solutions, Mike division manager, his guests Andrew Graham Central WA University, Chris Fuentes U of I, students in here for learning. Business was founded in the tri cities, and is the 19th largest mechanics contractor in the US. Apollo specializes in energy and installation, including writing grants for cities including Palouse. Upgrading infrastructure and find a way to pay for it, if they say they will save money then they will pay the difference if it doesn't make enough money. The energy solar rays pays for itself over time (Palouse example). Dept. of Enterprise services is the part of the state that admins this service. Garfield staff reviews the work and construction. They make sure all the invoices and financials are in order before turning them into the town. The projects have quick turn-around for the projects to go through after filing for interest in working with them. First two steps are on their dime to see if the town of Garfield is eligible for the systems that may need work. They offer self-funding for projects and show you what is available for the price the city can afford or willing to do. Every town they have applied for have gotten the grants, so far. Apollo has volunteered their engineer's time to teach STEM students about the work they have done within schools. They got Palouse 2/3 of the amount in grants for their system, and they get credited for it and don't sell over 100k because that falls under federal guidelines. Town would approve if they liked the numbers then wait to hear from the Dept. of Commerce. They come back once a year to tell you how your project is doing. Energy pay back is 35 years or less, because of extended pay back on wells and sewers. Pays for operation of the pump, then you can send the money to the company providing the pump instead of paying the electric. Council thinks that looking into the solar for the pump to cut the costs. Going to run it past the mayor and talk about the options then get back to them.

Jeff Rathbun-

Lives at 904 W Main St. he has 316ft. of bank that is city property that he maintains. Wants to fix the railing and steps on public property, wants to know who he needs to ask to repair the existing structure of steps. Wants to know if he needs a permit or how to go about fixing it? Council agreed he can fix pre-existing steps. Second question: Wants to build a fence, property line goes to 10th St., 10th St. goes 66ft back. If the sidewalk is in good shape then he can go off the sidewalk, roughly within a few feet. Has a waterline running through his property up to the property behind him, where he wants to do the fence had an old sidewalk under there (underground). Would put a gate for access from the hydrant to his place, hydrant will be completely accessible, understands if they need to work on the waterline, that his fence could be hurt in the process. He can go off the current sidewalk to estimate the distance his fence needs to be. All came to an agreement on where to place the fence that meets both parties' needs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** David Jones **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 28, 2017. Dave Ulrick seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Police Jerry Newman was present for this meeting.

Sex offender that moved into town has left town. There is an ongoing death investigation waiting on the tox screen and waiting on options with prosecutor. Extra traffic with hay trucks in town.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Reuel Klempel present for the Public Works Department

**Water** – Fire hydrant installed up the street, able to get to the correct height to get installed cost about \$100, valve on the hydrant, installed yesterday.

**Sewer** – Engineers came out to the plant, went over the issues they mentioned looking at what the project needs in funds and look into extending the years on the current 3 year loan, without changing monthly costs. The engineers are going to come back with proposals to council to find a way to solve money issues. Question: Did they buy the stuff they had approved previously, computer etc.? Yes. Got water sampling done today for drinking water, from well head and distribution system and sent them for testing. Did lead and copper samples a couple weeks ago. They’re still having issues with the pump controls, waiting for more bids on the electrical portion. One well not getting signal to not shut off and has to be restarted. System out by the cattails, controls in the building run everything to the plant and sends it every five minutes (holds records for a year). They’re waiting for a letter from Dept. of Ecology to not have to have someone in on weekends and holidays.

**Streets** – Dirt roads got oiled, not very happy with how they did, not as wide as last year and stickier. 2nd St. has been chip sealed, and 3rd St. waiting to hear back from the Engineers.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jerry Newman- Change Sheriff Joe Handley to “Officer” never has been Sheriff. Joe Mary will be retiring, look into replacement contract up in 2018.  
Change “Sheriff” Joe Handley to Officer Joe Handley David Jones moved, Dave Ulrick seconded, passed.

**FINANCIAL:**

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

Check Register #12805-12814	Payroll: \$12,709.32
Check Register #12815-12830	<u>Claims: \$15,026.84</u>
	Total: \$27,736.16

**ADJOURNMENT:** Neal Leon **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM Dave Ulrick seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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**Ray McCown, Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ruth Lowley, Deputy Clerk**