

**Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FINAL
Town Hall – July 26, 2017**

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

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ray McCown, Dave Ulrick, Neal Leon, and David Jones present. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Candi Fisher, Public Works Reuel Klempel. Absent: Damon Marple,

GUESTS: Steve Jones was a visitor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Jones **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 12, 2017 with changes. Neal Leon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Junk Cars – there have been a couple of junk cars in town. Joe will speak to the owners.

Police Budget – Salary negotiations. Joe asked for the mayor to appoint two people from council to meet with Palouse to negotiate. Mayor will appoint a committee before the next meeting.

There are cars in town without licenses. Officer will investigate.

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

Water – Main & Sixth hydrant was repaired and turned back on. Mark Young asked how many hydrants are still to be fixed. There is still one with a leaking seal and one needing other repair. The fire dept. will test them and we will have a new list to work off from. Archie Neal had water pressure problems and a leak was discovered on our line. It has been repaired for the time being, but the line needs to be replaced from the meter out. It is a galvanized steel line and is still leaking most likely from corrosion.

Sewer – Mark hauled approximately 2 loads to Bar-Tech with one more to go. Boiler inspection was done and they cited a few repairs needing to be made. Getting quotes for telemetry, alarm system and SCADA well system for next meeting.

Streets – Jefferson Street between third and fourth will be ripped up and the soft spot dug up and filled with gravel and resurface. Motley & Motley will do the resurfacing.

Garbage – Mark had to repair a garbage truck tire while in Colfax.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolution # 2017-08 – Declaring Restaurant Surplus. David Jones **MOVED**, and Mark Young seconded to declare the restaurant surplus property and sell it at auction. Minimum bid was agreed to be set at \$40,000 Passed unanimously.
2. David Ulrick **MOVED**, and David Jones seconded to advertise the surplus in the official newspaper. Clerk/Treasurer will advertise.
3. A tort claim was received per courier. It has been forwarded to the town attorney.
4. There is no ruling on the Methodist church at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Town received a new bid for gator, \$800 from Kim Wertz. David Jones moved and Mark

Young seconded. Vote was 3-1 in favor.

DOT Grant – The grant paperwork for safer railroad crossing to the school has been completed and will be sent to the appropriate agencies.

Employee manual. Dave Ulrick has been working on the changes he recommends but will save for later discussion.

2018 Budget preparation will begin in August. David Jones asked that the Budget be summarized for quicker recognition of funds. Candi stated that good accounting practices calls for the Budget to have separate funds for each account. The 401 Fund which now includes water, sewer and garbage will be separated into three different funds for the coming year and thereafter, so that we may more closely follow expenditures and revenues for the individual services.

FINANCIAL:

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

Check Register # 12833-12837
Check Register #12838-12848
Check Register #12831-12832

Payroll: \$8,014.33
Claims: \$12,293.68
Claims: \$ 4,498.02
Total: \$24,806.03

ADJOURNMENT: Neal **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Robert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ray McCown, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Candi Fisher, Clerk/Treasurer