

**Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FINAL
Town Hall – May 24, 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, Mark Young, and David Jones. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Cody Lord and new hire Candi Fisher, Public Works Reuel Klempel. Absent: Mark Phillips, Daymon Marple.

GUESTS: Roger Million, Laurie Meyer and Chief Jerry Neumann

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dave Ulrick **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting May 10, 2017. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Police Chief Jerry Neumann present for this meeting.

All is well in the town of Garfield. Mayday recap everything went well no incidences. And it rained again. Make a request, don't know what happened to our cones but we can do a lot more with opening and closing the streets. The chief had to borrow cones from Palouse to use. Palouse got most of their cones back. We may want to invest in some. Dave Ulrick stated that Garfield used to own quite a few. They are easy to grab and set out and put them back when they are done. Next event we should either find the ones we had or purchase new ones to use. The next event would be the ride in on July 30th. Officer Merry is still working on the metal from the water tank at the request of the Department of Health. He has been sick for a few days so the work has been delayed a bit. Reuel said he had talked with the gal about the metal at the well and she will take care of it. Dave Ulrick stated he had talked to her approximately 15 years ago about the same thing.

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

Water

- Still having issues with the telemetry system which locked up 4 times and it had to be reset.
- Reuel went to Moscow and a huge cloud of smoke came out of the back of the pickup. He checked it and it looked like the heater hose broke off and sprayed antifreeze all over the exhaust system. Used water from the ditch and made it back.

Sewer

- Replaced the line at Eggleston residence. Went out the next day and dug it up. When public works cut into the road, Reuel saw that the pipes were misaligned. He was able to get the camera in there. The jetting done in the past put a hole in the main line. Reuel said it is a clay line. New pipe was put all the way back. Mayor asked if everything was working fine and Reuel stated it was and she was tickled to have it working. They still have to clean up the area and have taken some additional gravel up to fill and smooth the hole. The south hill gravel from the sewer is continuing to drop.
- Installed the 6-inch flow meter which is good and it is recording, but it is recording 45% higher than the effluent meter, the influent meter is accurate because it is factory calibrated. Mark Young asked if the effluent meter is off. Reuel said yes, but he is going to get it calibrated.
- Check valve at the lift station is fixed and working perfectly. Ray McCown asked if there are two pumps in there now. The answer is "yes". One pump at the sewer site was bad and had to be rebuilt. It is now working.
- One sewer call on 2nd and Adams was received. The problem is between the meter and her house. Not on city property.
- DO and PH probes at the end of the pond are not read automatically. Public Works were able to run a line 700 feet to other end of the pond so are recording every five minutes now. The conduit is on the fence line and it works.
- Reuel cleaned the chlorine contact basin.

- I&I issue: Reuel thinks there is some direct connect issues happening, because when it rains in an hour or so you can see the flow out there so it doesn't appear to be just ground water. Public Works will have to track it back to the source.

Garbage

- The only issue was with the truck going over the RR track and wanting to jump out of gear.

Parks

- Parks are cleaned up and ready for May Day. Public Works put a couple garbage cans at the south of the park. There are some on the north and south ends now.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. TIB Grant 2nd Street, Jefferson Street and Union Street

TIB Grant – Ray McCown stated Mark may have Union Street dug out in the next week or two. Mayor McCown questioned if the RR crossing was part of the Second street repair? There is a natural cut in the pavement about 2 or 3 foot past the railroad. Mayor McCown said it is miserable to have to go across that crossing now. Cody updated the Council on the road status. We should have the crossing done while they are here. The Town will work on trying to get it completed with the TIB project. Neal Leon stated he would suggest someone stay on top of Motley & Motley, if something comes open see if they can get here sooner. Mayor McCown stated the Public Works Dept. should be keeping them on schedule.

Dave Ulrick visited with Cathy Schaffer, the assistant to Cathy McMorris-Rogers, about the financial aspects and how to get the I&I taken care of. A standard grant opportunity form was provided to the Town. The goal was to get Garfield in their minds and hopefully in the future they are aware Garfield is having I&I issues and willing to fix them. Mayor McCown said it was a good meeting. Mayor McCown said the engineers were coming up the 30th at 1:30. Reuel asked what day is River Watchers meeting, June 7th at 1:00 and Reuel questioned who was attending. Mayor McCown said the Town attorney, the Town engineer, two council members, Candi, Cody and public works. Mayor McCown requested that Reuel make a list of everything he has accomplished at the sewer plant.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Introduction of New Clerk /Treasurer

Mayor McCown said everyone knows Candi Fisher. She was the Clerk/Treasurer in Farmington for 15 years. Mayor McCown stated the job pays \$40,000 annually. Need approval for the minutes. Mark Young **MOVED** and Dave Ulrick seconded which passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Cody Lord requested from Council to be able to purchase a laptop for the clerk-treasurer office. The laptop will be used for minute taking and training. In addition it was determined that the office needs a new microwave and mini refrigerator and a few other office supplies. Dave Ulrick **MOVED** and Mark Young seconded to purchase a laptop for minutes and training, a microwave, mini fridge and other accessories needed for new clerk/treasurer. Passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL:

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

Check Register #12746-12749 EFTPS	Payroll: \$8,006.79
Check Register #12750-12751	Claims: \$22,405.20
Check Register #1272-12757	Claims: <u>\$2,015.84</u>
	Total: \$32,427.83

Mayor McCown talked with Sonja and she stated a person was disappointed that she had to clean up the chalk decorations on the street. They got it straightened out and in the future they can leave the chalk on the streets because the rain will wash it away. The day was for kids. Neal Leon let them have their fun.

ADJOURNMENT: Dave Ulrick **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ray McCown, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Cody Lord, Clerk/Treasurer