

**Town of Garfield**  
**PUBLIC HEARING 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**  
**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Preliminary Draft**  
**Town Hall – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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

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

**GUESTS:** Neal Leon

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor McCown opened the Public Meeting for the Preliminary Budget Hearing at 7:00 pm.

Mayor McCown said the town has got to change something, currently with the additional expenses from sewer and garbage, the town is falling behind about \$30k a year. Mark Young said hopefully by next year the town will have fewer unexpected expenses in the sewer and garbage account. Mayor McCown asked does the council want to go all the way through this budget, basically it is the same as last year with a few changes. Mayor McCown said if a couple of you would like to come in some evening, Cody will go over it with you. Cody will send out the proposed Preliminary Budget right after the council meeting to all council members.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:04 pm and the regular council meeting reconvened.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Daymon Marple **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Officer Joe Handley present.

Over the last couple weeks there were ten calls for service which ended in one arrest, not all of them associated. The cold weather is coming so the domestic calls will start becoming more frequent. Officer Handley said he would just like to inform everyone if any of you are out in the early hours of the morning and see someone walking around about 2 to 3 in the morning and they look suspicious, please call 911 immediately. Mark asked about the marijuana transportation detail that was brought up at the last council meeting, and asked are you charging the growers for this service. Officer Handley explained it is not a detail more of just information provided to the department so they are informed on which car will be carrying the goods out of town. Officer Handley stated new Federal Law says they are not allowed to be armed to protect their load so it is just good to know who is actually carrying it. More companies are turning to armed security companies to provide a trail car, but this operation is not big enough to need that.

Officer Handley has been told the current marijuana operation may be going to apply to get their medical processing license next year. Mayor McCown asked does that mean they are going to try and process it on site. Officer Handley said they are going to produce the medical marijuana on site. Mark asks do they send to retail establishment to currently have it processed. Officer Handley said they transport the buds to a retail establishment who processes it, they don't extract. Sharon Schnebly said they would have to have a producer and processor license to grow and extract, she knows that Debra wanted to do that at one point. Officer Handley said currently they don't label or bag. Mark asked how many people do they have working up there and Officer Handley thought it was between 4 and 5 employees. Mark asks if Officer Handley could check and get back to the council with that information. Officer Handley was concerned about one individual working up there but it has been confirmed that is not occurring, and he has met the two owners and cousin that are currently operating the facility.

Daymon Marple said back to this 2 am suspicious person comment, was that brought up because there are currently prowlers out and about at this time. Officer Handley said yes and it is all revolving around the

same neighborhood. The Police Department is currently doing some more investigating, but asks that if people are seen at 2 or 3 in the morning, they typically don't have a good reason to be out at that time so please call the department. Daymon said he is asking because recently there was 2 people coming down the street rattling doors and then they were gone so he couldn't tell who it was. Officer Handley said there is a lot of misconception of what they are able to do. Officer Handley said they have to provide an ID to him if asked and if they don't they will go to jail, if he then gets a burglary call the next morning he knows who to go looking for. Mayor McCown said there are a few residents who are out walking at 4 am and some residents leave for work in Pullman at very early hours.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Brad Hasenoehrl present.

Water

- Everything seems to be going good.
- Daymon said the chlorine seems a little high from time to time. Brad said everything is monitoring alright but with the winter water usage dropping the chlorine might spike from time to time. Last week the reading was 1.55, a little on the high side, they like to keep it about .5. If the well is running it will inject chlorine at that time so it may spike at that time too, also they put in a new barrel and the first couple weeks on the new barrel it will be slightly stronger.

Sewer

- For the most part everything is good.
- Sharon asked how much time have you been out there. Brad said this week 7 hours total and last week the same. Sharon said that doesn't seem like a lot of time. Sharon said you should probably be out there a little more and we need to be closer to 5 hours a day like Ecology wanted. Brad said that last week didn't help with it being Veterans Day and Tuesday Brad's son was sick and Monday he was on the garbage truck. Mark was out there this Monday.

Garbage

- Everything seems to be going good.
- Mark fixed the Curatto Can but then this week it went back to not working.

Parks

- They were going to collect the leaves but they got blown away before they could get to them.

Streets

- Brad and Mark started jetting the storm lines today. Brad said they will get a few lines done and then set up a five year plan. They got one section working today.

Mayor McCown said the water line going up the alley behind his shop now has five patches on it and the next time they repair it, it needs to be fully replaced. The alley is paved about 75% of the way so will be a little bit of a project when it is needing to be fully replaced. Mark asked what the cones outside the clinic on the road were for. Mayor McCown said there was an insulator that hung from the eve of the clinic which disconnected in the windstorm resulting in the wires coming loose and dangling low over a section of the road. Last night Officer Merry was parked there for a long time to make sure no one touched them, it was finally determined they weren't harmful so he put the cones out so no one would run their vehicle into it. Mayor McCown asked the council if they saw the big tree that went down, it is going up towards the swimming pool and the tree hit a parked car.

Mark said the Fire Chief asked about the hydrant at 8<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln. Brad said he and Chris looked at it and there was no water to it. Mayor McCown said they have to find some maps and see where the lines go to and Brad said he looked at the maps and looked at all 3 areas where lines come from and there is still no water to the hydrant. Neal Leon suggested that maybe there is another valve that he doesn't know about, to get in touch with Dave Ulrick and see if he knows where there could be an additional valve. Mayor McCown said he toured around town and thinks the town has about 40 hydrants and 34 are the newer style. The one across the street from his house is not a good one and currently has no water to it.

Mayor McCown said if they get the 4 older ones replaced with the current inventory, then the town will only have 1 old one left.

Daymon asked is everything ready for snow removal. Brad said no, this Friday they will be putting on the plow. Mark said based on the conversation he had with the Fire Chief he was told the Fire Department will wait until spring to paint. Mayor McCown said when the town crew dug up the line in the alley behind his shop they hit a Frontier line even though no line was marked on the pavement by the Frontier locate crew. After Mark hit the line it set it off the fire alarm for about a half hour. Then when Frontier arrived and they dug again the telephone lines touched and they set it off again. Mayor McCown turned the breaker off today and currently it doesn't blow at noon. The phone line was the line to Stephen Bishop's office and was a 40 pair line. Neal suggested when Frontier comes out and marks the lines the public work guys should take pictures for proof, take three or four pictures and then keep them this way if they try to back charge the town you will have pictures to prove that nothing was located.

Mark said he learned from the fire meeting tonight, they had four calls last night with the strong winds and had units at both ends of the district. The county communication system was terrible last night and caused some confusion. Also the state police system was down, one fairly local unit was at a traffic situation on a state route for about 6 hours before the state police knew there was anything to respond to. The state police couldn't communicate at all. Cody asked Mark if he had a copy of the fire budget and Mark said he would get the finalized one to Cody after the fire meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mayor McCown asked Brad to deliver the Christmas lights to the community center on Monday for bulb replacement and preparation for installation.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Interlocal Agreement with Pomeroy for WWTP Operator**

Sharon said she had a couple of suggestions; on page 2 under the Services section, Sharon thinks the town's Mayor should be changed to the Town's Council since it could be a budgetary issue and then in the last sentence of this paragraph she thinks it should read the scheduling will be determined by the Town's Council since again this is a budgetary issue. Mark said he can see where the mayor needs to make some kind of decision if Willie needs approval for additional time at the plant. Sharon also said the town needs to determine what an emergency issue is, what constitutes an actual emergency that can be built into this contract. Mayor McCown said there is never is going to be an incident when he will have to stay beyond his allotted time. He is primarily coming to teach the guys, so he can pick up and leave anytime.

Mark said these services will include 8 hours and 1 day per week, but if the wording is changed to 8 hours or 1 day a week if gives a little more leniency. Sharon agrees that if it read 8 hours each day or 1 day a week then they wouldn't need to change the last sentence. Mayor McCown reminded the council they are signing this contract with Pomeroy and this is the language they wanted. Sharon said she understands, but they have to protect the needs of the town. Mark said this part of the contract has to do with Garfield and not Pomeroy. If the council makes a slight change to the wording then it makes it very clear the hours allowed and no more. The town would not be losing anything by eliminating a few words. David Jones agrees saying then he can work for less than 8 hours. Mayor McCown said yes this is the maximum that he can work on a weekly basis.

Sharon said she would like to get to the pay, the council had discussed a different amount. Mayor McCown said that figure includes everything that Willie is currently paid for in his wages with the City of Pomeroy and this is the rate that Pomeroy wants. Mayor McCown said Willie may want to charge a little bit more per hour since the .56 a mile rate will most likely go directly to the City of Pomeroy to reimburse them for the use of their city vehicle. The city isn't sure they want him driving his pickup but if he did then the .56 a mile rate will go directly to Willie and not Pomeroy. Mayor McCown said the only bad thing is if he had a wreck or hit a deer then he wouldn't be covered under the city's insurance if he was in his personal vehicle. Mayor McCown said keep in mind he is driving up, working here and putting in some extra time while away from Pomeroy, he probably isn't going to want to do that unless he has a little more compensation than what he is currently being paid in Pomeroy.

Sharon said we are agreeing to have an agreement with the City of Pomeroy, Willie will need to discuss this with his city, they may have a contract that doesn't allow him to have a side job and if we are paying him above and beyond what he currently makes then it may become a conflict. Mayor McCown feels he should make a little more than he is making down there. Sharon said then the town will have to draft a whole other contract, and Mayor McCown agreed one that would have more incentive to make him want to come here and provide services. Mark asked Mayor McCown if he had any further talks with Willie about what he needs beyond the mileage and \$29.84 hour rate to get him here. Mayor McCown said he did talk with him about it and asked him to put some thought into it. Pomeroy is willing to let Willie come up now because he does their cemetery, after the spring he will only be able to come up about once a month.

Mark suggested getting Pomeroy what we have now and then negotiate later. Mayor McCown agreed saying let's get this approved and then call the mayor in Pomeroy and see what is okay with them. Sharon said to modify the one sentence and then she is alright with it, stating anything above and beyond would need to be negotiated with Willie but Sharon questioned if Mayor McCown has talked with the mayor in Pomeroy, what was the reason why it couldn't be added into this contract. Mayor McCown said they didn't want to show any gain in his wage they just want us to cover his labor expenses exactly how they pay him at the City of Pomeroy. Sharon said then we have to come up with another contract, it would then be a contractor contract, something like the town currently has with David Tysz, saying the town definitely needs to have something in writing.

Mayor McCown said yes a little additional contract. Mark stated he knows what the mayor is wanting to accomplish but he is a little concerned about the legality of it and said to make sure to run the additional contract idea past the town's attorney. Mayor McCown said the council needs to take some action on it and suggests approving the way it is and then send it down to them and they can study it and then negotiate with Willie. Mark said let's change the one sentence and see if everything else stands. Mark said in the meantime Mayor McCown can have a conversation with the town's attorney and see where to go. Sharon said she would rather the attorney come to a meeting so the council can ask him questions about this matter. Cody will ask them to attend the next meeting and will tell them the concerns and hopefully they can come and address it. Daymon Marple **MOVED** to adopt the temporary Interlocal Agreement with the City of Pomeroy and operator Willie Graham reflecting the change to the Services section, 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence, adding the word or between 8 hours a day **OR** one day per week. David Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**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 # 12080-12090

Claims: \$8,880.74 Total: \$8,880.74

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mark Young **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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**Ray McCown, Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cody Lord, Clerk/Treasurer**

