

**Town of Garfield**  
**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Town Hall – November 20, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Jarrod Pfaff, Sharon Schnebly, Tim Southern, Mark Young, and Larry Hunt present. Staff – Public Works Superintendent Robby Johnson and Clerk/Treasurer Cody Lord. Absent: Daymon Marple

**GUESTS:** Ray McCown, Bonnie Riebold

Bonnie Riebold asks for the city to remove the tree that is in front on her house on 8<sup>th</sup> street. The tree produces a big mess and is also causing issues to the sidewalk which is a hazard. The council clarifies that Bonnie is hoping for the town to remove the tree, not that Bonnie is going to remove the tree and this is confirmed. Ray McCown said if the city were to take her tree out then we would have to service everyone else's trees. The council explains it is our right of way but the homeowner is responsible for this track of land and also the sidewalk that runs through it. Bonnie adds the tree is on the outside of the sidewalk so it is actually on city property. The tree is starting to hump the sidewalk so it is a bit of a hazard. Bonnie asks if it falls on Ray's house whose problem is it then. Council says if it must be cut down then there is a necessary permit for that. Bonnie again tells the council that they should be taking it down. It is a grey line. The Town of Garfield doesn't take care of any trees on strips. There is a question as to whether certain varieties can be replaced. Mark Young said he is not inclined to cut down the tree in question. The city cut down the branches at the Riebold home because of issues with distance. Ray said round up some friends and gets the tree cut down. The council is in agreement that they should not cut down the tree especially since there are no power lines running through the tree.

Ray McCown made a comment that he is disappointed that the council is selling the backhoe. Ray explains why he is not happy with this decision. Robby talks about no longer composting items therefore having little need for the backhoe. Ray explains there are a lot of people using the clean green and scrap metal. Surveillance cameras need to go up and start catching people in the act so this doesn't continue to be a burden for the town. Robby has the equipment and he will get to when he has the time. What can be done if someone is caught in the act of illegal dumping? If someone dumps illegally then the police are notified and they are fined. Larry suggests that when he goes by in the morning to check the cameras and then turn over violators to the police and let them enforce it. It costs the town about a \$1,000.00 every time we empty that area.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Larry Hunt **MOVED** the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 13, 2013. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** No police present tonight.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Public Works Supervisor Robby Johnson was in attendance for the Public Works department.

- Water and WWTP. Water leak on 3<sup>rd</sup> is done. Some DMR data input training was completed in Palouse on Friday. Pump to Strom on Friday is destroyed and we will need to replace. David Tyse is back on Friday to start again on the plant. Things are coming along out at the plant and looking better. Larry Hunt asked where we are at on the water leaks. Pat Pfaff's leak is the only main one to work on at this time. Robby is having a hard time chasing this leak. He will be back on it Thursday to dig again and see if we can get it solved.
- Garbage. The pamphlets for sanitation was done in house at Latah County, they may be willing to assist in setting something up for us. A couple of new dumpsters need to be purchased. New dumpsters are approximately \$570.00 for a 2 yard without casters and \$690.00 for a 4 yard. The

public works department wants to buy 2 new ones for various projects. Where the cans are put they will stay. We are deciding to go against quick release system to have casters so that they remain where they are dropped for ease of use and safety reasons. Tim Southern said go without the casters and Robby thinks that is the best thing as well. Council approves to go ahead with ordering 2 two yard dumpsters without casters.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Surplus Items. Bids are in on the surplus items. Tim Flenner is getting the grader at \$4,250.00. Interstate Aviation is the winning bidder on the backhoe for \$16,155.50. The White tractor did not receive a bid. Without a sealed bid we can now negotiate directly with the public concerning the White tractor. Since the bid was not met or delivered we can do whatever we want with this piece of equipment including scrapping it which is not favored by Larry, he would rather send it to Arrow Machinery and put it on as consignment. Larry Hunt **MOVED** to accept the surplus item bids. Tim Southern seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
2. Garbage Truck Updates. Mayor Pfaff said that there is 1 bid for the garbage truck. Mayor Pfaff explains the details on the truck including all the mechanical repair that is already done on this truck with 358,000 miles on it. It has a partial curotto can, 2010 model. If we don't want the truck the price of the curotto can goes up. The full curotto can kit is about \$5,000.00; half of the kit is already in the truck. The can comes with the truck and the kit will attach the can to the truck. The total cost to the town of Garfield is \$63,500.00 for both pieces of equipment we are talking about. Larry wonders how we are getting the truck to Garfield. Mayor Pfaff, Robby and Tim are thinking about driving the truck home. Larry thinks it might be more expensive to ship then to just drive it up. They would go about the 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup> to drive it home. It will cost between \$3,000.00 and \$4,000.00 to get it home. We are looking into freighting cost with it being dropped into Spokane. We are still waiting on these numbers to determine the best method of delivery. Other companies have this same truck and can set-up priced \$85,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Winter is coming on and we don't know how much longer the current garbage truck will run. We have at best one more repair before replacing the entire clutch and there are other mechanical issues that are creeping up. Mark Young **MOVED** to purchase the used garbage truck and curotto from Ace Disposal. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
3. Brad Hasenoehrl is our new public works assistant. He has a lot of experience working on underground digging, possesses a CDL Class A license and is very eager to start with the Town of Garfield on November 26<sup>th</sup>.
4. Mayor Pfaff asks based on the new truck purchase and the possibility we may need to drive the truck home, can we move the regular council meeting from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> or around then? Council looking over their schedules. Tim can do the 10<sup>th</sup>, Sharon is good on the 10<sup>th</sup> and Mark is good on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Larry will have to check and Cody will have to notify Daymon Marple.

**FINANCIAL:**

1. Approval of Checks: Tim Southern **MOVED** to approve the following bills presented to council for payment. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried. Larry Hunt abstained.

Check Register #11167-11169 Plus EFTPS	Payroll: \$5,799.01	11/20/13
Check Register #11170-11179	Claims: \$16,657.89	Total: \$22,456.90

**ADJOURNMENT:** Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

---

**Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor**

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