

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Preliminary Draft
Town Hall – October 22nd, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ray McCown called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM

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

GUESTS: John Lawson, Edward Zebiate, and Carol Lawson.

John Lawson is here to petition to keep a 2 month calf for his FFA project at his residence. He is wondering if the council will allow him to keep the calf even though they don't have an acre of land or more than 15,000 square feet of pasture. He promises to the council that he will keep the pen clean. Daymon Marple asks how much space is on the grounds where he lives. Edward said he is not sure on the acreage but can find out if needed. Tim Southern said I enjoy supporting kids and their projects; however we have to go by what the town ordinances say. If there is not more than an acre or over 15,000 square feet of grazing space then it won't work. If the council makes exceptions for one person then we have to entertain every request that comes in here. Edward asks could it be done with a provision saying it can only be there for 30 to 60 days. Mayor McCown said it just is not big enough and right near downtown and it's just not the right property for this type of thing. The council gives John many different options of people in town to talk with about keeping and boarding animals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting October 8th, 2014. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Officer Terry Snead present for the Police Department.

It's starting to quiet down a bit and there are not as many traffic stops happening. Occasionally the police department has to remind people to slow down around town. The past couple weeks there have been a couple civil standbys. There has also been a landlord tenant dispute with a harassment complaint. The police officers helped with a sexual assault investigation for Latah County. There are 2 other cases that are ongoing that can't be discussed until they are resolved. Daymon Marple said he noticed the semi trucks have slowed down through town. Officer Snead said they are trying to be as visible as they can to help prevent people racing through town.

Mark Young said the sexual predator on 2nd street, have you guys verified that he is living there? Officer Snead said he would have to register with the County and if they are talking about the same person, he would have an officer through the County that has to watch over him. Mark asks has your department given any effort to verify he is in town and living at that residence. Mark said I know the violation was force able rape of a 23 year old but under those conditions can he live within the area of the elementary and preschool? Officer Snead said he would have to look at the conditions and see what the restrictions are for his circumstance. Right now he is only rated a level 3 but they are trying to get it raised. Tim Southern said the guy in question came to town about a month ago. Officer Snead finished by saying downtown has been very quiet lately.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: The Public Works Update is filed by Report.

Water

- All systems are operating normally.
- Lead and Copper samples will be taken shortly for the Dept of Health deadlines.
- Last meter read of the year to take place at the end of the week.

Sewer

- Two loads of Bio-Solids were hauled to Bar-Tech last week. Half a load still remains at the plant.
- Plant continues to operate better.
- The Department of Ecology is requesting more detail on the log entries.

Garbage

- Cleanup week is underway, and the bulk of cleanup is completed.
- Public Works is requesting that the council set limits on the amount of demolition and larger items people are discarding of as cleanup week is beginning to get out of hand. Maybe set some parameters of what can and can't be dumped and how much.

Parks

- Park restrooms will be shut down and winterized after the 31st of this month.
- Leaves will be picked up in the park soon.

Streets

- Streets will be swept again soon.
- The plow will be brought to the shop for a new cutting bit.
- 1-2 loads of rock chips will need to be ordered for the coming winter.

Mayor McCown said regarding Dept. of Ecology we are remaining in good standing with them and we are making sure we fulfill all deadlines. Mayor McCown also talked about how some town residents knocked a building down and threw the debris out for all town cleanup. Mayor McCown said based on this year's cleanup we will have to start drawing a line on what is and isn't acceptable for cleanup. The Public Works guys picked up 2 full garbage trucks full of debris. They still have to go around and pick up a bunch of wood.

Tim stats concerning cleanup rules does the council wish to write some rules and restrictions? How do we write it to make it clear? Another situation the guys had to deal with was sheet rock left outside and it got wet and deteriorated and the guys were expected to pick it up. They probably had to use the bob-cat to pick it up. Mark thinks if there is a load that our maintenance guys can't get easily, they should be allowed to use their best judgment and have the right to refuse it. Tim thinks there should be a clause stating that nothing requiring machinery to load will be permissible on cleanup day. Mayor McCown thinks maybe they should put in words that no building materials are allowed. Tim says if building materials could fit into the garbage cans then they should be allowed. Mark believes it is a good idea to keep the all town cleanup going since it helps promote keeping the town clean.

Mayor McCown said the guys took a load of newspapers to Spokane for recycling. They will need to get going on the storm sewers before winter arrives. There are 3 noticeable places where water is entering the sewer system. Getting these addressed will help the I and I problem at the plant. Mayor McCown explains where these manholes are and where these waters are entering into our system incorrectly. Mayor McCown said the guys will have to dig down and find out where the water is going. Tim asks if they can put on the lids that the town got to help shed the water intake. Mayor McCown believes it is leaking through the walls.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Western Systems, Garbage Truck Service Charge. Stephen has negotiated with them and it is believed that the bill is as low as it will possibly go. They took roughly a \$1,000 off so it is about \$6,000 over the original negotiated price. Tim said the downfall with this circumstance is that there was no contract only an agreed to estimated cost. Mayor McCown said they have been in business for years and are a reputable company to work with. Council agrees to pay the bills as it stands.
2. Ecology Update (Logs Sheets, David Tysz Contract Details to Meet Deadline, Pretreatment Ordinance Nov 1st deadlines will be met and Dec. 1st deadline Drawings and calculations). It is determined that the drawings don't need to be CAD drawings but just hand drawings and calculations with Keltic Engineering's stamp of approval on it.
3. Restaurant PDA, Transfer of Building Title to the Town. Daymon explains the PDA met last Tuesday and approved transferring the restaurant property to Town of Garfield through Resolution

2014-7. Daymon reads the details of the Resolution. Tim clarifies if the town takes care of it and they locate a tenant then the PDA will reimburse the town for the expenses. Daymon confirms yes. Cody has checked with the town’s insurance company and we can insure it likely without any additional cost to the town. Mayor McCown said that the Secretary of the PDA needs to sign the Quit Claim Deed. Tim Southern **MOVED** to accept Resolution 2014-7 allowing the PDA to transfer the title of the restaurant to the Town of Garfield. David Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance 444-N Amending Ordinance 442-N the 2014 Budget, revising the Water Fund, Utilities Reserve Fund, the Utilities Equipment Reserve Fund and the Utility Deposits Fund. Mayor McCown tells the council the town needs to transfer a little money. Tim says fortunately we do not have to pull from the CD yet, it is just coming from the reserve accounts. The Downside we are using more money than the sewer fund is bringing in. Tim explains this is one thing to think about with the 2015 budget upon us. Every other year the town moves the rates up 3 percent bi-annually. Sewer will go up a \$1.30 or so. Tim would advise raising the sewer rate another dollar on top of that to keep up with rising costs and so that the town is not depleting our reserves. Mayor McCown said we will have some expenses next year with the pond and the chlorine chamber changes. He also explains that the pumps keeping going out and these pumps cost the town a lot of money. We have bought new ones in the past and also had some rebuilt. Daymon Marple **MOVED** to approve ordinance 444-N amending the 2014 budget. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance 445-N Pretreatment Ordinance. Mark explains to the council that the first thing the Dept of Ecology agent did was drive through town to see what kind of commercial users we had in town. They were mostly concerned about the butcher shop, the elderly care facility and the school. Mayor McCown said the butcher shop has put in some kind of sump pump to collect the blood that hits the floor and sends it to a rendering plant in Spokane. The pretreatment ordinance lays out the ground rules for the plant with commercial and residential users. The Public Works Superintendent will be the person in charge of making sure all users are compliant. Daymon Marple **MOVED** to accept Ordinance 445-N the Pretreatment Ordinance for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Tim Southern seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL:

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

Check Register # 11598-11600 Plus EFTPS	Payroll: \$6,124.32
Check Register # 11595-11597	Claims: \$6,347.86
Check Register #11601-11606	Claims: \$14,841.70 Total: \$27,313.88

ADJOURNMENT: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ray McCown, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Cody Lord, Clerk/Treasurer

