

**Town of Garfield  
TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Preliminary Draft  
Town Hall – September 14, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ray McCown called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Ray McCown, Daymon Marple, David Jones, Neal Leon, Mark Young and Dave Ulrick. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Cody Lord and Public Works Superintendent Reuel Klempel and Public Works Assistant Mark Phillips. Absent:

**GUESTS:** Cathie May, Cher Curtis, Scott Bowman, Darlene Perkins, Betsy Williams, Justin Phillips, Peggy Ray, Jeanne McCown, and Katie Young.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Daymon Marple **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Jerry Neumann present for the police department.

There have been some medical related calls and also they have been attending to the additional traffic on the highway due to school being back in and college games. The department is still working on the South Hill nuisance issues and they are working with the town attorney and the bank to try and track down the title owners. Mark Young asked about the possible burglary that happened in town and Chief Neumann said it was a misunderstanding between the husband and wife and nothing appeared to be burglarized. They have also been investigating some other items brought to their attention by one individual but the things are so far not checking out. There have been a couple reports of screws in tires that they are also looking into.

Mayor McCown mentioned while they were working at the edge of town a hay truck came through going very fast and he would estimate it traveling between 45 and 50 miles an hour and asked if the department would keep an eye out for that. Daymon Marple asked if the Palouse City Council passed the ATV ordinance and Chief Neumann responded they did and he will get the paperwork over to Bishop to have a look at and then make sure to present it at the next council meeting.

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

**Water**

- 3 leaks have been repaired in the last two weeks.
- The hydrant at 8<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln Street is now repaired.
- Repaired the hydrant on 6<sup>th</sup> and Main Street which had a shot nut and the threaded rod is messed up.
- The next repair will be the hydrant on 8<sup>th</sup> and Main. The line there is only about a foot deep so probably having issues due to freezing. They are still trying to locate a valve to shut it off.
- Mayor McCown said they are now down to 3 leaks in town.

**Sewer**

- There is a bearing going out on the sludge pump.
- They are also having some issues with valves not shutting properly at the plant.
- Sewer samples have been coming back very good and they haven't had any issues with the tests.
- Reuel would like to come up with a better mechanism to clean the screens at the plant's wash down station. He would like to make something that kicks on once an hour and cleans the screens for ten seconds. They would like to keep as many solids out of the system as possible.
- Reuel is finding the maps for the town are not very accurate and good records have not been kept for the water lines, sewer lines, hydrants or manholes. Dave Ulrick said he started this project of making an all in one map but was injured and had to retire. Reuel said if Dave started one he would like to have it so that they could finish it up. Dave also stated there is a recent map that shows all the newer 6 and 8 inch lines that were put in with the new valves.

**Garbage**

- Everything is operating fine. September 27<sup>th</sup> is all town clean up and details at are at Town Hall.

**Streets**

- There are a few street issues around town but mostly from repairing the water lines.

**Park**

- Changed out 2 more sprinkler heads.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dave said he would like to bring up purchasing a backhoe. He has located one from the state surplus site with 2,800 hours on it for a \$25,000 bid. Dave said this particular equipment comes with extra buckets and tires. The pictures of the one he is providing is from Craigslist and he suggest the council comes up with some terms and an acceptable bid amount so they can pursue a state surplus piece of equipment before its time expires. Reuel explains that if it is on a state surplus site you don't have to put it out to bid. Mayor McCown said to have Cody check on the specifics of the bid laws for future reference. Daymon wants the council to look over the budget and see if it makes sense to purchase right now. Dave said they can forget about the forklift for now and just continue to borrow the one from Co-Ag but this backhoe is a more important piece of equipment to have.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Daymon said the Planning and Zoning committee had a successful meeting. The proposal of Cascade Computing putting in a next generation broad band utility building just north of 4<sup>th</sup> and Adams Street passed unanimously. David Jones asked what kind of tower is going to be there and Daymon said it will be no more than 30' from grade and not very large in diameter. Daymon said Marcus Munn will be dealing with the Port of Whitman County to bring the fiber optics into this location. The building will be identical to the one in Oakesdale. There will only be minimal traffic to the location as most things can be accomplished online. Mark Young asked how this will be different from the current fiber optics that are already in town. Daymon explains the band width and speed will be potentially bigger and eventually Cascade Computing would like to run fiber directly hard wired to each resident but that could be awhile. Daymon said they will be having the Finding of Fact meeting on Monday and he will bring the results of that meeting to the next council meeting.

1. Resident's 1 Month Water Bill Reimbursement in Exchange for 1 Year of Power to Surveillance Camera at Compost Facility

The town has a camera that watches over the compost facility and it is attached to the barn of one of the town's water user's barn. The past agreement was the town would give him one-month free water service in exchange for the power and placement of the camera on his barn for the year. Mayor McCown said he would like support from the council in continuing on with this agreement. A typical summertime water bill for the customer is \$78.00. Dave Ulrick **MOVED** to authorize one month of free water charges in exchange for one year of electricity to power the camera and the space to attach the camera to view the compost area. David Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 2016—08 Setting Salaries for Public Employees and Officials

Mayor McCown said since they added Reuel Klempel to the staff they needed to approve a resolution that accommodated for his salary schedule. The Public Works Superintendent position is the only position that will be receiving a change in pay rate. Daymon said that he and David came in and reviewed the budget and it appears since we operated without the public works assistant for a couple months that a change in budget for the increased salary was not needed this

year but will need to be revised for next year. Daymon Marple **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 2016-08 setting the salary for employees in 2016. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL:**

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

Check Register #12423-12426 PLUS EFT Dept. of Retirement	Payroll: \$5,386.06
Check Register #12427—12444	Claims: \$17,100.47
	Total: \$22,486.53

Dave said there is a new street light on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Union that is a 100 Watt LED bulb. The town will have a choice between 100 and 150 Watt bulbs so he suggests people go down and take a look at it at night and see if it is bright enough or if they would prefer brighter and then let Cody in Town Hall know. Mayor McCown said there are two lights out on the basketball court and a street light out in the park.

Darlene Perkins said she has wanted to say thank you to the fire department, EMTs and town employees but hasn't gotten around to it. She brought coffee and cinnamon rolls to say thank you to town employees, mayor and council tonight.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Daymon Marple **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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**Ray McCown, Mayor**

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