

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall – August 24, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jarrod Pfaff, Andrew Flodin, Larry Hunt, Daymon Marple, Sharon Schnebly, and. Staff – Public Works Superintendent Bill Bowman, Police Chief Jerry Neumann and Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers. Absent: Tim Southern.

Guests: Cher Curtis and Cathie May.

Park – Cathie May complimented Bill about the good job at the park. She has not had to pick up as much trash. Cathie asked about the men's restroom door handle/lock and perhaps just getting a cylinder. Bill indicated he can't find that brand, but will be looking for a complete new door handle tomorrow. Cathie suggested a lock that doesn't lock from the inside by only the outside and then a slide bar or hook to lock it from the inside when in use. The problem now is that the lock stays locked all the time. Cathie also noted the fans may be stuck on in the restroom. Bill will check. Cathie discussed the water on the floor in the women's restroom and reported the toilet bowl is cracked. It was suggested replacing the porcelain fixtures with stainless steel. Council consensus was, although more expensive, to switch to stainless steel as they will not have to be replaced. Cathie May invited council to check out the park once in awhile. Cathie reported that the sprinklers near the playground may not be working. It has not been wet there in the mornings. Bill will mention this to Perry. Maybe the sprinkler heads are not working.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Annie Pillers noted the August 10, 2011 minutes should list checks through 10096 with no change in dollar value, only the check numbering sequence. Sharon Schnebly **MOVED** the minutes of the July 10, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be approved as corrected. Andrew Flodin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Jerry Neumann reported it has been quiet with standard police activity. He confirmed juvenile activity has been quiet too. It was noted there has been some recent activity at the cemetery. Chief Neumann noted the cemetery was in the county's jurisdiction, but if they asked for help, the department could provide assistance. Andrew Flodin asked about junk vehicle enforcement. Chief Neumann said some of the vehicles classify and others don't, primarily due to the business and storage. They are working on screening. Chief Neumann confirmed they do ask that the vehicles be started up and make sure they run. Cathie May left the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Bill indicated he's been running to keep up with Perry on vacation. He's been staying too busy for anything specific tonight.

1. WWTP – Mayor Pfaff asked about the status of the WWTP and should the aerator look like it does. Bill said he tried to clean it out but was told that's what it looks like when it's running right.
2. Water Leaks - Bill confirmed he was aware of the water leak near Bob Lewis. He was waiting for Perry to come back so they could fix the leaks.
3. Street Signs – Mayor Pfaff asked if putting up the street signs was still on the list. Bill indicated yes. He has 50 sign posts and said that should keep them busy for a long time. Larry Hunt noted the 3 foot stakes he's seen placed along the highway by the state. It was unclear as to what they might be for.
4. Chip Seal – It was agreed the chip seal work done by the county looks good. Bill will still sweep it a couple more times. Some of the big trucks turning onto it have dug it up a little bit.
5. Equipment Purchases – It's been a little more difficult to find high low and 2 speed. Bill and Perry will be looking at some skid steers tomorrow in the Spokane area. Both John Deere and Kubota have options.
6. Chipper/Composting – Larry Hunt said after doing some recent work at the compost site, the chipper the town has does not work. It is too slow and plugs up. He noted Oakesdale will not use it any more and Palouse may soon decide the same. Bill talked about trying to get a used masticating head. He tried to rent one recently but they keep cancelling on him. He noted the tribe has a used masticating head. He will see what the possibility is of getting that unit.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Floodplain Ordinance No. 405N: Annie Pillers confirmed Ted Olson with the Department of Ecology had visited with the town and provided necessary updates to the existing floodplain ordinance. Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 405N updating the floodplain regulations for the town. Andrew Flodin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Keeping of Livestock/Fowl Ordinance No. 406N: Mayor Pfaff presented a proposed ordinance on restricting roosters in town after receiving a number of complaints about roosters. The current ordinance says where fowl can be kept, but no reference to roosters. Larry Hunt referred to Section 8.06.020 that addresses livestock and a minimum # per square footage with written permission of occupants within 200 feet. He recommended this same idea for roosters, getting a signature from the neighbors. Larry Hunt said he was trying to balance the needs of neighbors who are disturbed by roosters with the fact that Garfield is a rural farm community. Sharon Schnebly suggested putting in roosters with the barking dog ordinance. If there is a complaint they get cited and fined accordingly. This allows roosters in town, but also addresses the issue if a neighbor is disturbed. Council was agreeable to this proposal and recommended developing an ordinance patterned off the barking dog ordinance that addresses fowl and livestock. A draft ordinance would be prepared for review at the next council meeting.

3. SCPP 2013 Transportation Improvement Board Grant:

Bill reported driving the proposed 1st Street chip seal project and noted it was pretty badly cracked up. He wondered if it might need to have an overlay instead, noting it might need to be dug out or grinded almost the entire length. Mayor Pfaff asked about big chunks. Bill said there are cracks by no gapping holes. The project was approximately 850 feet. Bill estimated 3,000 sf to dig out. He could rent a planer on skid steer and do it in 2 passes. Larry Hunt recommended asking Gary Dunford to come out and look at the project. Bill agreed to contact Gary for his input. The grant limits are \$125,000 for overlay and \$50,000 for chip seal. Mayor Pfaff said he did not want to overlay 1st Street right now. He said maybe the town crew could patch this year and put in for overlay in 2013. Bill said he would talk with Poe Asphalt too for their opinion. Larry Hunt **MOVED** the town apply and the mayor be authorized to sign the 2013 SCPP Transportation Improvement Board grant applications for overlay and chip seal. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. AWC Risk Management Loss Control Grant:

Annie Pillers provided council with information on an updated security system for the park. She had met with Joe Merry and Bill Bowman about placement and function and Erin Hendrickson provided technical input. The proposed system would include 4 high resolution day/night cameras and internet access for the police department and public works. Current costs estimates were about \$1,200 plus approximately \$250 for an internet antenna. Daymon Marple suggested contract McGregor's as they are a dealer for a wireless system. Larry Hunt **MOVED** the town apply for and the mayor be authorized to sign the AWC RMSA Loss Control Grant application. Daymon Marple seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL

1. **APPROVAL OF CHECKS**: Daymon Marple **MOVED** the following bills presented to council for payment. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Check Register #10097-#10101 Plus EFTPS EFT Payroll: \$6,301.00

Check Register #10102-#10109 Claims: \$8,669.35 TOTAL: \$14,970.35.

ADJOURNMENT: Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Daymon Marple seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer