

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall – October 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

GUESTS: Cher Curtis and Cathie May.

1. Animal Control – Cher Curtis noted the number of dogs running loose continues to be a problem. Daymon Marple suggested Laurie with Zelda's Pet Grooming be contacted about the free animal clinic she holds monthly and see if something could be done for Garfield. There was discussion of limiting the number of dogs that could be kept. Cher talked about the problems people have calling in about barking dogs. Often they don't know the exact address of the dog. Chief Neumann said they can work with that and then they could drive around the area. Both he and Officer Dentler encouraged people to call when is happening, noting the ordinance is complaint oriented.

2. Compost Pile – Cher Curtis asked if there was a plan for the compost pile before spring. Bill Bowman and the mayor have been checking prices on options including a chipper head for the skid steer and renting a tub grinder. Oakesdale is looking at an option with Barr Tech and there might be an opportunity for 2 for 1 there. A quote of nearly \$5,000 was received from a compost dealer. It's \$650 a day to rent a grinder with a skid steer for the day. Cher Curtis suggested contacting Bert Souders who may have a name of someone who could help.

3. Park – Cathie May asked if anything was done on toilet in the lady's restroom. Bill said not yet and he was planning to wait until spring since the bathrooms would be closing down soon once Bishop's Orchard closed. A stainless steel toilet was \$1,600.

4. Water Leaks – Cathie May asked if the repair of the water leak on the highway was scheduled. Bill noted a couple more water leaks recently discovered including one near Larry Palmer's.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tim Southern **MOVED** the minutes of the September 28, 2011 Public Hearing and Regular Council meeting be approved. Andrew Flodin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Jerry Neumann provided council with the September 2011 Activity Log. He noted fraud reports are still coming through. He recommended people go to annualcreditreport.com with includes all 3 of the big credit reporting agencies. Once a year a person can get a credit report from all 3 agencies or every 3 months they can get one report free. Tim Southern asked if the fraud was narrowed down to 2 kinds of stores. Chief Neumann said they believed it was a clearinghouse in Texas that was hacked, known sites and trusted companies. Chief Neumann confirmed the police department would be out on Halloween handing out free glow bracelets to the kids. Cher Curtis suggested council consider imposing a limit on the number of dogs a household can keep. Chief Neumann supported this suggestion and said it has worked well in Palouse. Officer Dentler would follow up on a public nuisance issue with recurring garbage accumulation.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Bill Bowman reported:

Community Center – the crew was busy fixing the toilet leak and flooding at the community center. It caused a smell and some mold. The insurance adjuster was out and recommended replacing the drywall 2 feet up. Once the insurance check is received contractors can be contacted for bids.

WWTP Repairs – the flappers were ordered and once the parts get it, it's a matter of prioritizing the schedule. Mayor Pfaff said this needed to be done before next spring. Bill is waiting on information from Barr Tech for the sludge and checking if the town needs to redo the permit.

2nd Street Overlay – The final inspection was done with Keltic and Poe Asphalt. Upon Keltic's request, Poe came out the same day as the inspection and ground down the approach to the wheelchair ramp as it had

a little too much of a transition. The street looks great and water doesn't pool anymore. Daymon Marple asked about the roadway and sidewalk in one area after being contacted about a concerned property owner regarding the sidewalk curb to the street. Bill confirmed there was more of a lip now than before between the sidewalk and roadway.

Extra Street Grindings - Council talked about what to do with the extra grindings. Mayor Pfaff wanted them to get used this fall before there was a chance they would harden this winter. Options included the top of 3rd Street, Adams Street, near the school, and Spokane Street. It was noted the area near the school was school property. Bill said he grades Spokane Street the most. Council was agreeable to putting the grindings on Spokane Street first since it was graded the most. Bill said it wouldn't turn out as nice as 10th Street without the oil. Mayor Pfaff said the same oil should be applied as was applied on 10th Street.

Snow Plowing – Tim Southern asked if the grader would be used instead of the truck for snow plowing. Bill said the truck was so much more maneuverable. The grader is slow, hard to maneuver, and the brakes are iffy. It might be very good for pushing ice that sticks to the pavement. He also thought the skid steer could be used for snow removal.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Garfield PDA – Restaurant Building Update: Daymon Marple brought council up to speed about inquiries into the restaurant. 5 people asked about the business and had an interest. They were asked to provide a business plan, sample menu, and how they would finance the first 3 months of supplies and food. They expressed interest but never gone past that with a proposal. One party was very interested and came up 3 times but then had a death in the family and has not made further contact.

2. 2011 TIB Projects: Mayor Pfaff reviewed Change Order No. 1 for the 2nd Street overlay project with council. No crack sealing or soft spot removal was required and there was an extra 33 tons of asphalt. With the reductions and the addition it was nearly a push, with a \$1,303.50 increase in the contract. Council expressed their pleasure with the project and how well the road surface was draining after the last rains. Andrew Flodin **MOVED** to accept Change Order No. 1 for the 2nd Street Overlay project and authorize the Mayor to sign the document and approve the bill from Whitman County Public Works for the chip seal on 3rd and 4th Street. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

1. **APPROVAL OF CHECKS/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ 3Q 2011 ADJUSTMENT REGISTER:** Daymon Marple **MOVED** the 3Q2011 Adjustment Register/Memo, the 3Q2011 Treasurer's Report, and the 3Q2011 Financials and Narrative and the following bills presented to council for payment. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Check Register #10151-#10157 Payroll: \$7,042.81

Check Register #10158-#10177 plus DOR EFT Claims: \$19,072.89 TOTAL: \$26,115.70

ADJOURNMENT: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer