

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall – January 25, 2012 – Preliminary Draft

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

ROLL CALL: Jarrod Pfaff, Daymon Marple, Larry Hunt, Sharon Schnebly, and Mark Young. Staff – Public Works Superintendent Bill Bowman, Police Officer Joe Merry and Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers. Absent: Tim Southern.

GUESTS: Cher Curtis, Cathie May and David Ulrick.

Silver Creek Maintenance: David Ulrick reported the contact he had for beaver removal was not licensed in the state of Washington. Sharon Schnebly offered to contact the contract person used by WSU to see if he would be available.

Gun Club: David Ulrick reported on the meeting the Gun Club held last Sunday with Stephen Bishop. The plan is to make a sign indicating “Members Only.” Daymon Marple said people would join for the \$30 and asked if there would be a sign indicating where someone could sign up on the weekend. Sharon Schnebly asked what Stephen Bishop said about the land being given to the town to be used by the town. David confirmed Stephen said as long as the gun club leases the ground, it’s not a problem. He noted someone could pitch a tent over night, but no go carts as it would tear up the grass. There was a question about who donated the land. Daymon Marple noted it was the first county fairgrounds at one time. Annie Pillers noted some insurance papers referred to Dix Park.

Rabies Compliance: Cher Curtis said she was wondering about the cat thing now with the new rabies law and asked if any letters were sent out to people up on the hill. Mayor Pfaff said the town was waiting for word from Police Chief Jerry Neumann about what he was doing about it. Sharon Schnebly confirmed the law is in effect now and it’s a catch-22 as the state makes it a misdemeanor, but there are specific criteria to be followed. The police department has to be doing something else or there is no legal reason to be there. Police Officer Joe Merry noted it’s a secondary offense and the department needs original probable cause.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Larry Hunt **MOVED** the minutes of the January 11, 2012, Regular Council meeting be approved. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Police Officer Joe Merry provided a copy of the Garfield Activity Log for the first part of January and updated council on department activities. The department has been busy working normal traffic related incidents, getting vehicles off the roadway and accident reports in both towns. Officer Merry left the meeting at 7:12.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Bill Bowman updated council:

1. Environmental issue - Bill complimented JE Love for how well they handled the recent environmental issue, handling it class one. They had a diesel tank leak with a little bit getting into the creek and some into an old broken sewer lateral that was isolated into two areas at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The old sewer lateral was broken a number of years ago by a contractor. The WWTP was cleaned out and the Department of Ecology said it was no problem at the plant.
2. Park Surveillance Signs – It was confirmed the signs were installed at the park and the surveillance equipment in operation. Annie Pillers asked about retention. Sharon Schnebly would follow up on this.
3. Snow Removal – Bill noted he was able to get snow up way quicker with the skid steer. He will try to get the rest of California Street this week. They do snow removal in between other work. The skid steer’s cycle time is faster with 7 scoops to fill the truck versus 6 scoops before. It takes less space with less fear of hitting something. The tire chains are being replaced as they have broken twice.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Equipment Purchase – Mayor Pfaff reported Bill had been looking for used mini excavators and found

one but after checking with Stephen Bishop regarding the resolution passed last year the town would need to go out to bid. It was a question of an auction, private dealer or private party. Last year the total amount allotted for equipment was \$75,000 with \$27,130 spent. This one was roughly \$30,723 with taxes. Sharon Schnebly **MOVED** to go out to bid for a purchase of a used mini-excavator. Daymon Marple seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Council agreed bids should be returned by February 8th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2012 Planning Commission Appointment: Larry Hunt **MOVED** the reappointment of Phil Weagraff to the Planning Commission for the term ending the 2nd Monday in January of 2018. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Mayor ProTem Appointment: Council discussed the appointment of Mayor ProTem. Mayor Pfaff noted it needed to be someone who was accessible in town. Larry Hunt was willing to continue in this role or offered to let someone else take the position. Mark Young **MOVED** the reappointment of Larry Hunt as Mayor ProTem. Daymon Marple seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL:

1. APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Sharon Schnebly **MOVED** approval of the following bills presented to council for payment. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2011 Check Register #10321 EFT DOR Claims \$4,421.56

2012 Check Register #10313 Payroll \$877.02

Check Register #10314 Claims \$30

Check Register #10315-#10320 Plus EFTPS Payroll \$6,482.16

Check Register #10322-#10332 Claims \$31,468.84

TOTAL 2012: \$38,858.02

ADJOURNMENT: Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Daymon Marple seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer