

**Town of Garfield**  
**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Town Hall – February 22, 2012**

**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, Tim Southern and Mark Young. Staff – Public Works Superintendent Bill Bowman and Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Larry Hunt **MOVED** the minutes of the February 8, 2012, Regular Council meeting be approved. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Daycare Sewer Connection:** Mayor Pfaff discussed the daycare project and the requirement that they have a diaper changing sink. Ken Renstrom had contacted the mayor and said their existing main sewer line is on the East side of the building, but the sink has to go onto West side of the building. It's a shorter route to hook to the sewer main at the alley rather than their existing connection. The options are a new connection with two bills or modifying the existing connection. Council agreed a modification made more sense rather than 2 separate bills. There was some discussion if the contractor could do the work or would the town do the work. It was noted regardless, the town would have to inspect the connection and it could be expensive for someone else to do the project. Council consensus was to have the town do the connection and agreed the existing ordinance charging the \$1,000 hook-up would apply.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Bill Bowman updated council:

**Water Leaks** – water leaks were repaired this week at Tim Southern' and also Tom Hasenoehrl'. A rock had been rubbing on the water line near Tim's property and was responsible for the leak with an estimated loss of 30,000 gallon a day for roughly 48 hours. The crew still needed to repair a water leak near Roger Roper's building in the asphalt on California Street. Jamison Rentals also had a water leak this past weekend that they had fixed. This leak started on the property owner's side of the meter and while being repaired a leak occurred on the town side of the meter.

**WWTP** – Darrell Fleischmann was in town last Friday and during discussions, offered to come down and do the WWTP operator exam class for free for the public works crew. Bill had told him they were planning to take the exam class but it was held on a Monday and Tuesday so they both couldn't go at the same time. Bill recommended using the Community Center for the class. Bill confirmed a total of 4 beavers were recently removed. He said tomorrow he would be meeting with the electrician to address the generator electrical problem and also possibly wire-in the replacement pump. David Ulrich had told Bill in the past, when the generator had problems, it was the regulator. Bill confirmed with the replacement pump, there was still one pump on the shelf.

**Storm Water Regulations** – Sharon Schnebly asked Bill if he was aware of changes to the storm water regulations that could affect smaller communities. Bill had not heard of anything yet. Sharon said she was hearing this was a possibility.

**Traffic Mirror** – the traffic mirror popped off its backing in the windstorm earlier in the day. It was an indoor use model. Larry Hunt said he would like to get it replaced by getting an outdoor model that would stand up to weather. The existing mirror had cardboard for backing.

**Track Hoe** – Bill said the track hoe was awesome. It did have a fuel filter plugged up. When it was bought, Bill was told it had been serviced but actually only the hydraulic filter was changed. Everything else had older hours on it. Bill called them earlier in the day and they agreed to bring filters out tomorrow and likely would install them. Bill noted they could not have done the water leaks today with the backhoe, they would have had to hand shovel the projects.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PDA Restaurant Building:** Daymon Marple updated council that the insurance claim for damage at the building was approved for everything except cleaning the tables and chairs. Repairs include sheet rock, wall paper, ceiling tile, and new lights. The natural snack food manufacturer is still interested in the building and is applying for funding. Both Daymon, as PDA Chair, and the mayor had written letters of

support for the business venture. The manufacturer is considering use of the back part of the building for now with the chance to expand to the front. The business could employ up to 6 people.

**FINANCIAL:**

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

Check Register #10353	Claims \$30,723.00
Check Register #10354-#10359 plus EFTPS	Payroll \$ 6,463.13
Check Register #10360-#10366 plus DOR EFT	Claims \$ 8,479.80
	TOTAL: \$45,665.93

2. Winter Meter Reads: Mayor Pfaff explained the winter meter reads for the year had not been done until recently, covering 4 months of usage. He recommended authorizing the overage portion of the bill to be paid over 4 months. Council consensus was to authorize the winter meter read usage be paid over a 4-month period.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gravel stockpile: Larry Hunt asked if the town was in need of additional gravel for its stockpile. He had been notified that gravel will possibly increase by up to 30% by June because of increasing fuel prices. Fuel prices are likely to rise within 30-45-60 days and it will cost more to crush and haul rock. Larry quoted a current price of \$6.25 per ton not including delivery. Bill Bowman said there was still quite a bit of the gravel pile left and said there is more rock left now than was used last year. He thought the town could go the whole year on the existing stock pile.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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**Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer**