

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall – March 14, 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, Tim Southern and Mark Young. Staff – Public Works Superintendent Bill Bowman and Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers. Absent: Sharon Schnebly.

GUESTS: Chuck Petras.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tim Southern **MOVED** the minutes of the February 22, 2012, Regular Council meeting be approved with the following correction, approval of minutes for February 8, 2012 and Check Register #10360-#10366 plus DOR EFT Claims \$ 8,479.80 TOTAL: \$45,665.93. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Jerry Neumann updated council and provided the February 2012 Activity Log. He noted ongoing efforts at the trailer court. There is a household that has become a rescue haven for 5 pit bulls. This issue is being addressed. Chief Neumann addressed the moose problem in town, indicating Officer Dentler had made contact with the game department and they suggested making the moose's existence in town uncomfortable such as making noise like banging pots and pans. The department will actively make noise while on patrol including using the siren and may consider deer bombs to scare the moose. Chief Neumann suggested the community be informed about the suggestion to make noise around the moose. Chief Neumann left the meeting at 7:42 pm

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Bill Bowman updated council:

Water leaks – two leaks were repaired. Larry Hunt noted the water leak near Joe Keller's property is worse now.

WWTP – the generator is fixed at the plant. The regulator was turned way down. It was a simple adjustment and turned back up. All the wiring has also now been weatherproofed.

Traffic mirror – after contacting Granger, they agreed to send a new one for free.

Sand – only one in the last 6 water repairs was not because of a rock rubbing on a pipe. Bill said he was more familiar with using sand to bury water pipes which causes less friction and less leaks. He estimated one scoop of sand and then place gravel on top of that. Council was agreeable to using sand. Bill would coordinate with Larry Hunt who was bringing in an order of sand for the school and for himself. It was agreed the town would need approximately a pup load of sand.

Hauling Recyclables – the recycle center is so full the crew can hardly move a forklift around. Bill asked about taking a load for recycle. The center is full with plastics, cardboard and aluminum. It was noted the town has done it both ways – had recycling hauled and loaded up the town trailer and hauled it direct. Tim Southern offered to help, noting he has a CDL. Larry Hunt suggested calling around to see what recycling prices are now. It was noted the advantage of going to Pacific Steel and Recycling is that they will take everything.

WWTP Pond – the pond needs to be cleaned out. Bill said he would contact Pat McGuire or Darrell Fleischman about this. Bill noted the area around the pond would need to dry out first for access.

JE Love Sewer - Mayor Pfaff asked about the sewer line work for JE Love. Bill said it would be done after the tank was gone. Mayor Pfaff confirmed DOE was very pleased with the cooperative efforts for the recent clean up and that they had found funding for the storm drain work if necessary. DOE will be following up on the storm drain project after things dry out.

Chipper – Mayor Pfaff asked Bill to check with Whitman County see what the rental cost is for their chipper. Larry Hunt noted the cost includes a county employee plus the town has to provide a worker. Bill talked about checking with Barr Tech about a tub grinder. Mayor Pfaff said he was meeting with Barr Tech tomorrow and invited Bill to attend. He had recently talked with them at the AgExpo. Larry Hunt

MOVED to declare the chipper surplus. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Bill asked about contacting the Kabota dealer to see if they would take the chipper in trade for attachments for the Bobcat. He noted they needed a grapple for the Bobcat. It was also confirmed the

Bobcat is not high flow, but Bill thought it was sufficient for town needs. Tim Southern asked Bill what other attachments he needed. Bill indicated a masticating head. He has been unable to find a place to rent one. It was noted this was an expensive attachment. He also mentioned a snow bucket.

Fire Siren Downtown – Larry Hunt asked about repair of the downtown fire siren. Bill confirmed the parts came in but the parts were newer than the equipment. Joe Keller had volunteered to assist Perry with this installation and repair. Larry, speaking on behalf of the fire chief, said this repaired needed to get done.

Park – Larry Hunt asked Bill to make sure a new toilet was ordered for the Park. It was confirmed the park restrooms open in May for May Day.

City equipment – Larry Hunt talked about the town's bobcat, dump truck, and pick-ups running stop signs. He said this can't happen and is a huge liability for the town. Bill agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Offset Grant: Mayor Pfaff discussed the upcoming offset recycle grant. He talked about getting a concrete floor at the recycle center. Bill Bowman noted this is the last panel that is still gravel. It was approximately 24' x 36'. Bill asked about getting a good compressor for pumping oil instead of a concrete floor. The current compressor took a dive last week. He suggested a gasoline powered compressor for recycle for the oil. The existing compressor is a 110 compressor. Mayor Pfaff thought the granting agency would be more apt to go for a concrete floor rather than an air compressor. Council asked if there was a dollar limit. Annie Pillers would check. She noted the match is 75% grant 25% town. The estimate for concrete only, no finish work is \$1,870. A 25 cfm compressor was between \$2,100 and \$2,600. Larry Hunt noted the concrete floor estimate would need to include finish work. Council consensus was to apply for the concrete floor grant.

2. Update Resolution 2012-01 Garbage Rates for clerical error: Annie Pillers updated council that she had made a clerical error to the rates in Resolution 2012-01. Stephen Bishop had indicated she could make the correction and council could re-sign the resolution. She confirmed Resolution 2012-01 did not change the rates; it only adjusted the annual increase applied every 2 years. Council signed the corrected version.

3. Tables for Community Center: Mayor Pfaff discussed the fundraiser the Garfield community association held last year for new tables. They raised \$500 towards this project. He also presented a \$1,364.50 quote for new plastic tables. The \$500 raised for this project would reduce the bill to the town. Council consensus was to purchase the tables as quoted.

4. Engineer for 3rd Street TIB Project: Mayor Pfaff noted the list of consultants on the professional services roster had been reviewed and Keltic Engineering ranked number one. Council consensus was to select Keltic Engineering for the TIB 3rd Street Overlay project.

5. Resolution 2012-03 – 2013 Street Levy: Mayor Pfaff discussed the proposed 2013 Street Levy. He noted for the last 3 or 4 years the levy amount has been \$55,000 and asked council about considering \$57,000. The cost of asphalt is up along with prevailing wage. Tim Southern said he would like to keep it at \$55,000 and would hope someday the town didn't need a street levy. Mayor Pfaff estimated streets lost \$3,000 to \$5,000 in a year. Larry Hunt said he would rather raise the levy \$2,000 now than \$5,000 the next year. Daymon Marple was agreeable if the increase could be explained by the price of oil going up. Diesel was estimated to hit \$5 a gallon by July. It was estimated the \$2.54 per \$1,000 would go to \$2.66 per \$1,000. A house assessed at \$250,000 would pay \$25 more annually. Mark Young said if there was going to be an increase the town would need to make sure the roads were taken care of then. He noted property taxes recently came out with estimates up. He preferred the smaller increments better and that it would only get worse. Mark Young **MOVED** to approved Resolution 2012-03 setting the 2013 Street Levy \$57,000 for the August 7, 2012 Primary Election Ballot. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution 2012-04 – 2012 Whitman County Solid Waste Management Plan: Larry Hunt **MOVED** to approved Resolution 2012-04 adopting the 2012 Whitman County Solid Waste Management Plan. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chuck Petras noted the importance of having the downtown fire siren working was that it will bring one extra person to the station for calls.

FINANCIAL:

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

Check Register #10367-#10373	Payroll \$ 7,298.91
Check Register #10374-#10389 plus DOR EFT	Claims \$13,819.43TOTAL: \$21,118.34

ADJOURNMENT: Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer