

**Town of Garfield**  
**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Town Hall –April 11, 2012**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Jarrod Pfaff, Daymon Marple, Sharon Schnebly, Tim Southern and Mark Young. Staff – Public Works Superintendent Bill Bowman, Police Chief Jerry Neumann, Fire Chief Chris McCully, and Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers. Absent: Larry Hunt. **GUESTS:** Cher Curtis, Eric Hasenoehrl-Keltic Engineering, Cathie May, and Chuck Petras.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **TIB 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Overlay Project:** Eric Hasenoehrl reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street TIB Overlay Project. The engineering agreement is for \$7,260.00. Difficulties on the project will include some sidewalk stuff such as the ADA ramps and the alleyway behind restaurant. There is some alligating in the street. The project will include grinding (about 1" depth) and repaving. Last time there were variable depths so there was more grinding. The grindings can be put on a gravel road and then that road is eligible for pavement preservation funds. The total project is \$57,000 with \$45,000 estimated for construction, \$7,260 design and approximately \$5,000 left as needed. Eric noted there would also be concrete available that could be used for a street base, bank, etc., but not in an active drainage way. Mark Young asked if this work was being done on private property with the same details, what would be the price difference. Eric noted private roads have less standards. As a state job the work is prevailing wage, but if federal, it would be Davis Bacon wages which are higher. In Keltic's wage checks asphalt workers make more than state prevailing wage. This is not true for construction jobs. Tim Southern **MOVED** to approve the consultant agreement with Keltic Engineering for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street TIB Overlay project and authorize the mayor to sign the document. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Stenciling storm drains.** Eric noted the storm drains were being stenciled and that was good. Bill Bowman talked about an inflow and infiltration problem in he discovered earlier in the day. There are 4 or 5 sewer laterals off one area; maximum should be 3, maybe 4.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Sharon Schnebly **MOVED** the minutes of the March 28, 2012, Regular Council meeting be approved as written. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Street Repairs:** Cher Curtis asked about street repairs near the United Method Church. The current TIB project does not cover this area but Bill had been documenting potholes and had that area on the list for asphalt patching. It was noted this area is getting worse. Mayor Pfaff said the public works crew would be using up to 30 tons of asphalt for pothole repair and then they would be done.

**POLICE REPORT:** Police Chief Jerry Neumann updated council on recent activity. He said they were busy last month in Garfield and busy leading into this month. He complimented Officer Merry and Officer Dentler for obtaining a search warrant at the trailer court. They found stolen property, drugs, and checks from a vehicle prowler. Chief Neumann also noted a problem at the Gun club. He asked if anyone comes across a large quantity of shot gun shells to please let the police department know. Mark Young asked if Washington State has any noise abatement laws or statutes for repeated calls of service to a particular location, and then get fined. Chief Neumann said there was for abuse of alarms. He said if a property owner is aware of a criminal enterprise and it continues they can seize through the courts. Mark noted in California, cities could enact laws by which police respond once, then put on advisement and if continued problems, it's noise abatement issue (parties). Chief Neumann was not sure if that was constitutional. Chief Neumann said he would like to see some screening of new residents at the trailer court. Mark Young said perhaps the town could look into the possibilities. Chief Neumann said he could present it to Stephen Bishop and see if it passes muster. Sharon Schnebly confirmed Pullman has a nuisance ordinance which includes parties. Mark Young said this would be for criminal activity with repeated calls there.

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

1. WWTP – Joe rewired the panels because they were not functioning off the telemetry. Both pumps on the bio filter are working. Water is re-circulated through the bio filter to get pretreated. This should cut down on sewage before it goes through. The pressure washer died. It was purchased July of 1995 with a 7 year life span. It's costs less to replace. They are \$3,500 retail, but the sales rep offered \$2,250 if he can keep the old one and part it out. The town could purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> one for the same price. He noted the town has to have one at the plant. It costs \$800 to fix the existing one and the coil in the heater is on its last legs. It was noted this is a steam cleaner and steam clean is needed to get the grease off the screens. A heat coil is \$800. The whole chassis is rusted out.

2. Daycare Sewer – the new sewer line at the daycare is done.

3. Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) – the crew has been using the camera in the sewer pipes and chased down a section with a problem. In the past there was a root in the pipe. There are 5 private laterals off this one pipe. The private laterals tie into the town pipe. The distance is 145 feet. It's an old clay pipe plagued with bad joints and is approximately 10-1/2 feet deep. There is ground water going into the pipe. The pipe goes through someone's yard with laterals through it. It stubs out 3 feet from the manhole and the rest is clay. The manhole is right on the edge of the street. The rest is all in the yard. Mayor Pfaff said dealing with this in the past, there's no mechanism to fix it. Bill suggested a trenchless pipe repair. It's a good round pipe with one spot with bad infiltration. He talked about installing a fiberglass lining. It was noted "pipe bursting" was \$150 a foot. Eric Hasenoehrl mentioned a firm in Boise that lines the pipe by pulling another pipe through it. The cost is closer to \$42 a foot. Eric also noted state regulations require an 8" pipe once two or more laterals are on a pipe. Mayor Pfaff would follow up with Stephen Bishop on what homeowners are responsible for and what they could be required to do. Chief Neumann left the meeting at 7:34 pm. Bill talked about the residences in the area: the triplex, two story duplex, Quonset hut style building. It was agreed research needed to be done to find out what is connected first, before any type of repair. A repair could include capping what shouldn't be there. Bill said the pipe is across private property so the town would need to legally know what they could do. He suggested having the homeowners put a dye into their system so he could follow the water. Bill estimated the I&I as high as 100,000 gallons a day. He said the manholes are running constantly. It was agreed Bill should assess the problem and get the costs to fix it.

4. Water leaks - the Tom Tevlin leak is fixed and it is dry around it now. Cathie May asked about the leak on California Street. It is getting pretty big. Bill has it on the list to be repaired. Every time there is good weather, something else comes up.

5. Park Restroom – the park restrooms are opened. Bill discovered a main valve in the bathroom had burst. There is a cavity of air around the ball valve. Next year the crew will open and close it when they blow it out and also disconnect the poly line so there's an opening on both ends.

6. Park – Daymon Marple asked about the swamp at the park. Perry said it had been shot a long time ago and it was below grade of the storm drain. There was a storm drain on the east side. Bill thought drain tile would have a positive effect. Daymon was very clear that he wanted it done. Bill agreed to try and figure out the best strategy. Mayor Pfaff said to check on the park tile to see what he could come up with. The crew would need to locate the sprinklers.

7. Traffic mirror – Sharon Schnebly asked about the traffic mirror. Bill confirmed he needed a piece of plywood big enough. Bill had talked with the supplier, but they didn't really know about the mirror. He said with the plywood on the back, it will put us ahead.

8. City pool – Mark Young asked if the pool would be open and ready on time this year. It was noted the pool is operated by a separate entity, the park and recreation district.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Housing Development Water Line Extension: Mayor Pfaff updated council that Paul Hendrickson wants to start his housing development up but on the smaller side instead. He was asking if the town would install an 8" water main up D Street. Right now there is a 4" line on D Street all the way to California to where Dean Roger has his dumpster. It would be roughly 350 feet of 8" pipe at approximately \$8 a foot. Bill could get a price on pipe, fittings, fire hydrant, etc. Materials were estimated at \$6,050. Mayor Pfaff said he would be okay with this water main installation if there were homes up there. He did not want to start the project unless the road was punched in and the developer up there. Daymon Marple suggested the developer pay for everything and then the town reimburse after it's in. He did not want the town to put anything in until there were home built there. Sharon Schnebly said she would not agree putting a line in

unless they were doing something up there. Mark Young agreed it doesn't have to happen until the developer does something there. He suggested the town write a letter of intent that the town would start when he starts. He can have that letter in hand. It was agreed Stephen Bishop should be contacted about such letter of intent. Eric Hasenoehrl said a contractor's price for 350 feet would be \$14,000 with \$2,500 for fire hydrants. It was confirmed the town's water system plan included this development. Council requested, after checking with Stephen Bishop, the letter of intent be drafted for the next council meeting.

**FINANCIAL:**

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

Check Register #10406-#10412

Payroll \$ 7,954.56

Check Register #10413-#10432 plus DOR EFT Claims \$14,380.63 TOTAL: \$22,335.19

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Chris McCully reported as follows:

1. Hydrant Flush – the department will be flushing hydrants on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. A notice will be put on the website and sent out on the citizen email list.

2. Fire Trucks - the rural district is trying to decide what to do with the trucks. The commissioners signed a letter tonight with DNR. They are putting their name in for state surplus for a used F350 or F550. DNR stipulates that the rig be in service within a year. DNR does not have any smaller apparatus, 5 ton and up. They also require if the rig is wrecked, stolen or burnt, that they be notified within 48 hours and if it's sold to tell them. The district does not want to own all the trucks. He said they wanted to have a committee meet on this. He said the town and rural needed to discuss this rather than him relaying information. The mayor and Daymon Marple mentioned the idea of forming a joint fire board. Daymon Marple noted the town currently operates the building and the trucks could be taken out. Council confirmed the town committee was Daymon Marple and Tim Southern. There are two attack engines in the district. The idea would be to get rid of the city engine as it's the oldest. Either the city or district could replace it. If legal, the district would like to get down to 3 trucks and sell to the town, the other engine. The district would then own two trucks. The district could buy a quick attack. What they are unsure of is if the engine was purchased on a grant. Chief McCully said he would rather have trucks that can respond to a fire rather than a building. The truck the district is proposing the town buy is the 1993 vehicle. The old engine is a 1974 and this would go out of service. Mayor Pfaff asked about the 25 year old requirement. Tim Southern said he could find no WAC specific on this issue, but rather it was likely an NFPA standard. Mayor Pfaff asked about pump capacity in relation to the exiting town engine. The old standards were 12-1/2 a minute. Mayor Pfaff said if the town was going to buy another one, the town would want to go out and look at other options.

3. Joint Fire Board – council briefly discussed the idea of forming a joint fire board with Rural Commissioner Chuck Petras and what the possibilities might be for this occurring.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Daymon Marple **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor

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