

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall – June 27, 2012

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

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

GUESTS: Garth Meyer-Gazette.

POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Jerry Neumann said the department was busy with call outs. It was noted for the record there is more of a zero tolerance on public type nuisances with stricter control. Officer Joe Merry confirmed a vehicle had tagged and the person that is buying the place was called up with a date to get it done. He was told if not done by that time, there's no more talk and a ticket will be issued. Monday is the date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Annie Pillers noted a correction; Larry Hunt was absent and should not be listed under Roll Call. Tim Southern **MOVED** the minutes of the June 13, 2012, Regular Council meeting be approved as corrected. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Bill Bowman updated council:

1. **Surplus Equipment - White Tractor** – the white tractor has been overhauled and Bill suggested surplus it. He explained it is only used to mow the steep roadside banks, particularly near the school. Bill said getting a lawn mower attachment for the mini-excavator would be more useful. He did not know the price of such attachment. The existing reach mower only fits on the White Tractor. Bill recently put a gear box on it. David Ulrick had explained the tractor had a 1,000 rpm PTO but had been adjusted to 540 rpm. The unit came with two shafts. The 1000 rpm shaft had been put away. Changing the gear level on the PTO drive it becomes 1000 rpm. It was suggested getting a price on the mower attachment. Tim Southern asked how much the backhoe is used now since the town has the two bob cats. Bill said only once because the skid steer had a flat tire. Mayor Pfaff recommended holding off on surplus the White Tractor until the town had prices on the pipe work for the inflow/infiltration problem.
2. **Street Oiling Completed** – the street oiling was completed and really turned out well. It looks nice and seems thicker than last year.
3. **Inflow/Infiltration Bids** – The quote from Cascade came in much higher than originally anticipated. Bill will be following up with the contractors to confirm it's a prevailing wage and check the county small works roster.
4. **WWTP Chlorinator** – right now the chlorinator is not adjusting with the flows and the crew has to do it manually. A good price is \$5,300 with regulator. Switching to a liquid chlorine system is \$100's of dollars. The Department of Ecology prefers liquid chlorine for safety factors. To switch over would require using a chlorinator head like is used for the water system now. It's a little more spendy as it would run off the telemetry so it would just accordingly at the plant. Right now the crew has to monitor the system and tweak it. If they overshoot with chlorine then sulfur dioxide is needed to neutralize it. It was agreed the liquid chlorine system should be explored.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2012-07 – Adopting 2013-2018 Six-Year Street Plan:** Sharon Schnebly **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 2012-07 adopting the 2013-2018 Six Year Street Plan. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
2. **Resolution 2012-08 – Setting the Public Works Relief Salary:** Tim Southern **MOVED** Resolution 2012-08 setting the Public Works Relief Salary range of \$9.50 to \$11.50. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **Resolution 2012-09 – Street Levy Ballot Measure for November 2012 General Election:** Mayor Pfaff explained this resolution was a back up plan to run the street levy in November if it failed on the

August ballot. This is the same levy amount as on the August ballot, \$57,000. Daymon Marple **MOVED** Resolution 2012-09 – street levy ballot measure for November 2012 General Election. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Dog Issue: Emily Smelser addressed council about ongoing problems with dogs when people are walking. She said it's becoming a bigger and bigger issue around town. Officer Dentler has responded before. She said they have even had to capture the dogs before and then call the police. She said it's even more of a problem when walking her 9 month old, noting its one thing to have a dog problem when you are alone and much different when you have little kids with you. She suggested the council talk with other walks around town that are also having this problem. She is now carrying pepper spray. She also noted the problem with very young children running around on their own at the park. Mayor Pfaff informed Emily the council just recently talked with the police department about getting stricter with ordinances the town does have. Emily said the department needs to be willing to come out when there are loose dogs. Mayor Pfaff agreed to follow up with the police department about the timeliness of response. Sharon Schnebly noted if the department is busy with a call in Palouse they may not be able to respond as quickly. Emily understood this and said a quick response was always needed but they did need a response. Both Sharon Schnebly and Daymon Marple offered to meet with Emily to see which dogs were the problem and suggested Emily contact them if she does not get a response. Emily also noted the other problem is 3 and 5 year olds alone and unsupervised in the park. Council agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chronic Nuisance Ordinance: Mark Young briefly addressed the recently passed chronic nuisance ordinance and discussed the penalty portion of the ordinance. One section states the person charged is subject to a penalty up to \$500 a day. Then in subsection C, the owner is subject to a \$500 penalty. Sharon Schnebly clarified one is for the person who is living there and the other is for who actually owns the property. Mark Young confirmed \$500 max for the property owner and \$500 a day for the violator.

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 #10508-#10514 plus EFTPS	Payroll \$ 8,390.89	
Check Register #10515-#10518 plus DOR EFT	Claims \$10,600.73	TOTAL: \$18,991.62

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

Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer