

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall – July 24, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jarrod Pfaff, Larry Hunt, Daymon Marple, Sharon Schnebly Tim Southern, and Mark Young. Staff – Public Works Superintendent Perry Brown 7:03, Police Officer Joe Merry and Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers.

Guests: Marcus Munn and Dean Rogers (left 7:25). Bill and Beth Lawson arrived 7:28 PM.

Cascades Computing: Marcus Munn with Cascades Computing addressed council and talked about his services. He thanked council for reviewing and approving the agreement with the library for internet services. They are up and running through the Port and NoaNet project and the library and its customers are happy with the service. Cascades Computing services are also available to town residents through his wireless antenna system at Johnson Seed and the south end of town. The fiber allows for as much bandwidth as any customer would need. Mr. Munn can install direct fiber connection but that is very expensive. He can cover the vast majority of town by wireless. Mr. Munn confirmed he also offers VOIP service on his network as a reseller through Ooma. The cost is for his equipment plus the county's 911 taxes and fees. 3 mg minimum is recommended with phone system. Mr. Munn offered a free Wi-Fi hot spot in town if a business was to move-in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tim Southern **MOVED** the minutes of the regular council meeting of July 10, 2013 and special council meeting of July 16, 2013, be approved as written. Mark Young seconded the motion and the carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Officer Joe Merry updated council, confirming there were a few minor incidents with juveniles in town, but nothing big. The department has done some extra patrolling in the park, the pool area, and the downtown area. Everything has been minor. Mayor Pfaff noted the problem with hay trucks speeding through town early in the mornings about 5 am and he requested extra patrol at that time. Officer Merry said there were 6 junk vehicle sites in town with 4 cleaned up or a sight-obscuring fence installed since March. One property has until the first week of August then it will go to hearing and enforcement. Officer Merry also confirmed the trailer park is cleaned up and if there were any other junk vehicles the process would be expedited with no negotiations. He noted there are 5 more in town to do.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Public Works Superintendent Perry Brown reported:

Scheduling - Robby has been on vacation for the last week and a half. Once Robby is back they will be measuring pot holes, installing hydrants and repairing the Hedlund water line.

Street Maintenance – The streets were graded. The crew rented Palouse's grader for \$75 an hour, filled it up with fuel upon return and fixed a tire problem. The street oiling was done. Council mentioned the oil did not stick to the fluffy areas. Perry said if cars had not driven on those areas at the same time the oil was being sprayed they would have lasted. He noted the garbage truck causes the most damage.

Park – the lawn mower was fixed and he will be mowing all day tomorrow.

Pipe – Ferguson delivered sewer pipe, meters, and the 4 hydrants,

I&I – ACE Elliott will be getting a bid submitted. Perry needs to fax him a couple of things.

Well – Perry recommended ordering a transducer for the well to have on the shelf. It costs about \$700.

The representative said it can take two weeks to get a transducer and the well can't operate without telemetry for two weeks. Right now the well is running 15 to 16 hours a day. Perry confirmed well 1 was decommissioned and well 2 is for fire flow only. He also noted last Thursday he found a loose wire and since then the system seems to be running right.

Recycling – Larry Hunt indicated when he saw David Nails on Monday he said he wanted his box back. Perry said now that he has the trailer back from EdKa he can run the Mini-Ex out there and stuff it full. It was noted in just 3 weeks the compost pile has doubled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. TIB GRANT APPLICATIONS: Mayor Pfaff reviewed the proposed TIB grant application projects: 3rd

Street Overlay – Main to California; Chip Seal – Adams 7th to 10th; First Douglas to No. City Limits; and Sidewalk – 3rd St (Union to Lincoln) and Union st (1st to 3rd). It was noted there is no match on any of these grants. Council consensus was to apply for these TIB grants.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2014 REVENUES SOURCES: Mayor Pfaff opened the public hearing at 7:19 PM. He confirmed the current 2013 General Levy is for \$60,760. The proposed 2014 general levy is estimated at \$2.84/\$1,000 for collection of \$61,492.84. This is an increase of \$607.60 or one percent increase from the current levy, plus an increase of \$125.24 equaling a 0.2% increase for banked capacity. For the current 2013 special street levy, the collection is \$57,000. This same levy amount is proposed for 2014 and will be presented to the voters on the August 6, 2013 ballot with an estimated \$2.65 per \$1,000 valuation.

Mayor Pfaff asked for any questions or public comment. No public comment was received. Mayor Pfaff closed the 2014 Revenue Sources Public Hearing and 7:21 pm and opened the regular council meeting.

FINANCIAL:

1. Approval of Checks: Mark Young **MOVED** to approve the following bills presented to council for approval. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

April 10, 2013 – clarifying the ending check number for the April 10, 2013 minutes:

Check Register #10871-~~#10892~~ plus DOR EFT Claims: \$16,030.21

Current

Check Register #11000-11003 plus EFTPS	Payroll: \$ 6,668.42	
Check Register #11004	Claims: \$13,926.00	
Check Register #11005-11010 plus DOR EFT	Claims: \$ 6,367.42	Total: \$26,961.84

2. 2Q2013 Financial Statements, Adjustment Register, Voided/Spoiled Check Register and Treasurer’s Report: Tim Southern **MOVED** to approve the 2nd Quarter 2013 Adjustment Register, Voided/Spoiled Check Register, Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statements. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – Vehicle Abatement: Mayor Pfaff opened the public hearing on the Bill Lawson vehicle abatement at 7:30 PM. Mr. Lawson asked for an extension until August 10, 2013. This would allow time for licensing and insurance. Officer Merry was agreeable to this request, noting that Mr. Lawson has taken care of 2 out of the 3 issues and was also instrumental in cleaning up other properties in town. He said if the requirements are not completed on 10th then some type of enforcement action would be required. There were no other comments

Mayor Pfaff closed the vehicle abatement public hearing at and opened the regular council meeting at 7:32 pm.

Larry Hunt **MOVED** to support the time extension proposal of August 10, 2013, as requested by Bill Lawson and recommended by Officer Joe Merry. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer