

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 14th, 2019 - 7:00 PM
Town Hall
405 W California

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Pfaff, David Ulrich, Cande Hasenoehrl, Neal Leon, Tom Tevlin Mark Young, Chief Neumann. Staff: Nancy Whitesell – Clerk/Treasurer, Public Works – Shon Clark, Mark Phillips

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Kelsy Clark, Connie, Schaut, Denis Tracy
Denis Tracy – Explained he is going to each community to talk about what the Prosecutor’s office. He explained “Who they are, and What they do”. He also had printed off copies of his presentation.

Kelsey Clark requested that Council allow her to make payments for her utility deposit. She is willing to pay \$40 a month for 6 months. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to allow the deposit to be paid in monthly payments of \$40, and that if she misses a payment, the full balance would be owed immediately. Mark Young seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The previous owner of her property had left without paying his final bill from the same location. Council agreed to write off the remaining balance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: July 24th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the minutes. Neal Leon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Saturday August 3rd, an altercation at Grumpy’s bar occurred and ended up involving an assault. On August 6th, the Palouse Police Department, with assistance from the Sheriff, took the man in for making threatening remarks towards a family member and Chief Neumann and Officer Anderson. In an earlier case, involving drugs, another resident of Garfield was given a plea deal and charges dropped. He will spend 3-6 months in an in-patient facility. Another resident of Garfield was arrested on August 13th. He was booked on charges of gas theft and other admitted thefts and burglaries. Junk vehicles located on 2nd Street are getting moved out. There was a motorhome and 2-3 other cars.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark to report: A water main was replaced @ D St and California St. Water tank was cleaned. A dead tree will be removed out of the park near the basketball courts. They have repaired some potholes on Main St, near 8th St and California St near 1st & 4th Streets. No dates have been determined for the fall clean up, however the Town will be notified as soon as we do.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Pfaff readdressed sewer rates after it was discovered that in 2017 after Council voted to increase them \$15.00, the increase was misapplied, and only \$10.00 was added to the bills. Therefore, after discussion both for and against the increase to correct the error, Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to increase the sewer bill \$5.00 effective October 1st, 2019. Mark Young seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Pfaff stated that he will be meeting with Steven Nelson with Century West on Friday to discuss avenues going forward with the sewer. The time to discuss next year's street levy was missed, and therefore was submitted with the same amounts from the levy for 2019. Mark Young **MOVED** to accept Resolution 2019-07 setting a one-year excess property tax levy which will be used to finance street maintenance, repairs and improvements. David Ulrick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

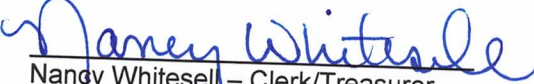
NEW BUSINESS: Cande Hasenoehrl brought up her concern that the Clerk was cleaning the Community Center's bathroom. She feels that if the Town can hire someone to take care of the park's restrooms, then the Town can hire someone to keep the center clean. Cande feels that the clerk has other responsibilities that are more important. It was stated that it has always been the Clerk's position to take care of the bathroom at the office and the community center. Mayor Pfaff stated he would look into someone cleaning the Community Center.

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks – Mark Young **MOVED** to approve all written checks. Tom Tevlin seconded, and the motion passed. The time to discuss next year's street levy was missed, and therefore was submitted with the same amounts from the levy for 2018. Mark Young **MOVED** to accept Resolution 2019-07 setting a one-year excess property tax levy which will be used to finance street maintenance, repairs and improvements. David Ulrick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Neal Leon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:


Nancy Whitesell – Clerk/Treasurer