

**Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES PD
Town Hall – December 20, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ray McCown called the regular meeting of the council to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ray McCown, Neal Leon, Mark Young, Dave Ulrick, and David Jones were present. Staff: Public Works -Reuel Klempel and Clerk-Treasurer Candi Fisher.

GUESTS: Visitors included Tracy Paine, Eddie Clocks, Jarrod Pfaff, Cande Hasenorehl, Laurie Meyer, Roger Million, Chris McCully.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Jones **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Neal Leon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Terry Snead was available to report.

There were two call outs since the last meeting.

He asked the council what to do about the vehicles on California as Chief Neumann would like to know. The Council gave the owners until the first of the year to get the vehicles removed and everything cleaned up. The matter was tabled. Mayor McCown asked that the truck in front of the cabinet shop be moved to behind the shop.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Tracy Paine fence – Dave and Mark went out to look at the property. Mark stated he didn't have a problem with where the fence is now, but the problem is the chicken coop, how did it get built on city property? Eddie Clocks stated it was farmland and you didn't need a permit to build on farmland according to the building inspector. Neal stated that you cannot build on the utility right-of-way. It is still a city street even though it isn't graveled or paved. Mark stated that the barn/coop is an illegal structure. He reiterated that it is city property and a property owner does not have a right to build on it. Eddie states only one corner barely clips it. We will ask the building inspector to come and look at it again. Mark stated that if it is on city property it will have to be removed.

The matter was tabled until the next meeting. The clerk-treasurer was asked to set up a meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Reuel gave the report: The digester is functioning and put back together. 300,000 gals from snow and rain melt-off went through the system. No wasting was done.

Roger Million asked about the status of sewer plant – we have excess flow still. Regulations state that if you go over 70,000 gals it is a violation. There are loading limits on the permit. i.e. how much solids come into the plant. Calculated onto what is coming in and if the flow is really high, then it throws off what our permit states. We also have to meet 80% removal. Reuel said the lowest was a 70, but they take an average, which was 80.1%. It is the flow that is killing us. Ammonias are normally okay. The flows are directly related to the rainfall. There is some ground water still getting in, but it is still rainfall that is the problem.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council briefly reviewed the letter from our town Attorney Eric Hansen stating that providing garbage service outside the town limits or allowing people from outside the town limits to bring garbage into town is potentially a litigious matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Holiday decorations are needed. We will discuss this at a later date.

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks:

Mark Young **MOVED** to approve and David Ulrick **seconded** the motion. It carried unanimously.

CLAIMS	#13062 – 13065	\$1,425.63
PAYROLL	#13066 – 13068 & EFTPS	\$6,637.52

ADJOURNMENT: Neal Leon **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mark Young **seconded** and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer