

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES *DRAFT*
Town Hall – January 10, 2018

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

ROLL CALL: Mayor Jarrod Pfaff, Neal Leon, Dave Ulrick, Tom Tevlin, and Cande Hasenoerhl were present. Mark Young was absent. Staff: Public Works - Reuel Klempel and Mark Phillips and Clerk-Treasurer Candi Fisher.

GUESTS: Visitors included Sonja Hall, Laurie Meyer, Roger Million, Don Brown, Galen Gorence, Jerry Neumann and Brian Flowers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dave Ulrick **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Cande Hasenorehl seconded and motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Jerry Neumann was available to report.

Chief Neumann introduced new hire Brian Flowers, and explained he is currently under a conditional offer of employment as he is working toward completing state mandated requirements, background check, etc. He comes to us from Biloxi Mississippi. He is very versatile in law enforcement and has done many things throughout the police force.

Mayor Pfaff and the council welcomed Officer Brian Flowers.

Junk vehicles on California St.: There was a due date of December 31, 2017. According to Chief Neumann there are 7 junk vehicles on the Town right-of-way at this time, at least 5 of which are towable. The general consensus of the council was to grant an extension for 2-3 weeks. Mayor Pfaff will have a chat with the owner and see what his plans are for completion of the project. We will check back in on the 24th, which is the next council meeting. Dave Ulrick is concerned about unlicensed vehicles on public right-of-way. The matter will be addressed. It was tabled for now.

Police force has been busy with calls and we have all been enjoying the mild winter.

Police contract – As Mayor Pfaff stated, the negotiations had been completed in the previous term and he had no objections as to what was decided. The new 2018-2021 Interlocal Police contract with the City of Palouse was voted upon. Dave Ulrick moved to approve the contract which states that the money will stay the same in 2018 and then increase in 3% increments in 2019 – 2021. Cande Hasenorehl moved to approve David Ulrick seconded – unanimous approval.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Laurie Meyer asked who owns the trestle that was supposed to be removed some time ago. After some discussion, it was decided that the Union Pacific Railroad. The runoff is causing standing water near the barn area on Million's property.

Galen Gorence came forward and asked when the storm drains are going to get cleaned out. The one by his property is completely filled with water and debris and overflowing onto his property, flooding it. He had hoped that it would be finished earlier, but was told it was on the list of things to do, however, the sewer and WWTP are a priority at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Reuel Klempel reported that he got the date moved to the 23rd of January for the WWTP inspection with Diane Washington from the Department of Ecology. He has been working on the paperwork, making sure it is up to date and also cleaning and painting where needed.

He asked approval from the town council to purchase a new pump for \$5,788.00 plus tax and shipping. The new pump would be favorable because it pumps the scum pit much faster than the one we have now and takes minimal fittings to install, so it doesn't have to be replumbed. The old one pumps 2.2 gpm as opposed to the new one pumping 50 gpm. It will save a lot of time of pumping down the scum pit. Neal asked if we absolutely need to have it at this time and Reuel stated we do need to order it now because there is a 2-month lead on it. It has been approved in the budget for 2018. Neal Leon **MOVED**, Cande Hasenoerhl seconded to approve. It was unanimous.

Mark Phillips stated he is scheduled for water distribution test Level 1 next Tuesday. Last week he popped a couple of manholes and there is a lot of water that seems to be coming from everywhere.

Reuel added that 227,000 gallons was the highest level we hit during the rainstorm this last week. It was not as high as we have seen it before.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tracy Paine fence – Roger Million asked about the barn and wondered how long it had been there. Mayor Pfaff thought 2012-2013. Roger just wondered just what started the concern over the fence. Cande stated it was discussed in a council meeting Nov. 13, 2013 and a building was red tagged on that property by the building inspector at that time. Mayor Pfaff stated what started it all was the concern about getting in to work on the manholes past the fence.

Garbage service outside town limits – Mayor Pfaff and Aaron Lawhead from Empire Disposal discussed the issue over the phone. Both agreed they are willing to continue to honor the gentlemen's agreement the Town had with Empire Disposal from 4 years ago since the residence in question is also receiving water service from the Town. The agreement only applies to this residence. The mayor recommended that we continue to provide service to the Southern residence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff discussed the wages that he and the council are offered by ordinance for attending council meetings. He said it would save approximately \$7,000 per year if everyone declined. Waivers were provided for the mayor and council to accept or decline. Mayor Pfaff, Tom Tevlin, and Cande Hasenoerhl declined their wages. Dave Ulrick accepted his to be paid quarterly and Mark Young was absent. Neal Leon has yet to decide.

Extra help is needed occasionally, and Mayor Pfaff asked David Ulrick if he would be willing. David stated he would volunteer his time to help Mark or Reuel and has stated that before. He let us know that at the end of the month, he will have eye surgery, and will be laid up for that.

Apollo Solutions – A group from Apollo Solutions visited yesterday and Cande H. and David U. attended the meeting as well as the mayor, clerk-treasurer, and Mark Phillips. One recommendation was \$200,000 worth of energy upgrades to increase energy efficiency. Our biggest energy source is the sewer plant. Two separate projects were proposed, which include: 1) energy efficiency and 2) solar array project. Apollo is looking at a couple of sites for solar array panels – on city property. The cost is \$800,000.00; however, it is supposed to pay for itself through energy savings, rate incentives, and power generation. Mayor Pfaff spoke to Mayor Echanove and Palouse absolutely loves the work Apollo did for them and would put in more solar panels if

they were funded like the first ones. Mayor Pfaff recommends giving Apollo approval for the solar array project. They will guarantee the funding and if it doesn't make what they expect then it comes out of their pocket. Dave thought we should wait and think about it and decide at the next meeting. There are some time considerations because of grant constraints.

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks:

Cande Hasenorehl **MOVED** to approve the claims and payroll, Tom Tevlin **seconded** the motion. It carried unanimously.

CLAIMS	\$42,261.75
PAYROLL & EFTs	<u>\$15,509.99</u>
	\$57,771.74

ADJOURNMENT: Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. David Ulrick **seconded** and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer