

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 24th, 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 Ulrick, Cande Hasenoehrl, Mark Young, Chief Neumann. Staff: Nancy Whitesell – Clerk/Treasurer, Public Works – Shon Clark,

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Connie Schaut, Terri Linderman, Greg Bear, Greg Partch, Dixie Roach

Terri wanted to know the outcome of the decision as to whom was responsible for the sewer back-up that occurred at her place last week, and if she would be refunded for the bills, she incurred because of it. Shon Clark explained to council that it originated in the main line due to tree roots. Mayor Pfaff stated that since the back-up was due to the main line, that it will be the Town's issue and it will take care of the payments. Dixie Roach stated she had been looking into the house on 3rd and Cleveland. Her concern is that the door has been laying on the ground for over 2 years. She is also concerned that children may enter the house, which is full of skunks and racoons. Dixie also mentioned an additional house on the South end of town, by the well, with the same issue. According to the county they cannot take the property because it's been condemned. Nancy Whitesell stated that she has been working with Dan Gladwill to see if we can locate the papers stating that the property is condemned. He believes he may not have gone through the final process but is unclear on the matter. Nancy also stated that she will begin trying to locate and information that may be in the office to help clarify the status of the property.

Greg Bear and Greg Partch requested that something be done to assist their road be signed with a "no through access" or "dead end" sign. They are having trouble with people constantly driving in and turning around when they realize they can't get through. They would also like for the Town to contact Google Maps and try to get it noted it's not a through street on their site. Mayor Pfaff told them he had directed Nancy and Shon to get both signs ordered on Monday and that they should be arriving soon. Greg Partch also brought up a property on 4th street that needs to be cleaned up. It has a toilet in the front and feels it makes Garfield look bad to people entering town. Mayor Pfaff told Greg that he had spoken to the owner, and the owner said he would have it cleaned up by the end of the month.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: July 10th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the minutes. David Ulrick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Neumann to report all is well. They have been working on junk vehicles, located at Adams and 2nd. He stated that there were 10 to 12 vehicles on site. Chief Neumann served an affidavit of junk on a motor home and told the property owner know that if they are not removed or taken care of that he will be fined. He reported that the motorhome was gone the next day. Officer Anderson received a report about a possible drug transaction on California. He in turned notified the Sheriff as the vehicle had already left Garfield. They were pulled over about 6 miles North of Garfield and were arrested for drug paraphernalia. Chief Neumann stated that he and Officer Anderson are working 4 – 10's now so that they can have some time off.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark to report: Since the sewer back up at the Linderman place, Shon is going to get root killer for the system and will work on a schedule to get the lines treated on a regular basis. Mayor Pfaff reminded everyone of the discussion from December, and the budgeting that the sewer rates increase from the previous years had not been entered correctly, and the Town was coming up \$5.00 short for each service. He told council to think about the \$5.00 increase on sewer, and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Shon stated that the Town's water tank was cleaned, and that they had to replace a water main at D Street and California Street. They will be working on removing a dead tree near the basketball courts. They have been working on some pothole repairs on Main Street. They have not determined dates for the fall clean up but will notify everyone once it's determined.

OLD BUSINESS: Cande Hasenoehrl asked if the solar project has had any updates. Mayor Pfaff explained that the grant applications have been denied twice, but that Apollo is attempting a 3rd time.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks – Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to approve all written checks. Cande Hasenoehrl seconded, and the motion passed.

ADJOURN: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Mark Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:


Nancy Whitesell – Clerk/Treasurer