

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 13, 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, Cande Hasenoehrl, David Ulrick, Mark Young, Tom Tevlin. Chief Neumann, Officer Anderson.

Staff: Shon Clark – Public Works Supervisor, Mark Phillips – Public Works, Nancy Whitesell – Clerk/Treasurer

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Lesa Neumann

Debra Elvrom – Wants to say thank you to the road crew, Shon and Mark for the great job they're doing clearing the streets. Elvrom also requested the council waive her late fee because she was not aware the rates went up because she did auto bill pay. After some discussion, the late fee will stand.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Feb 27, 2019 Regular Council Meeting – Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the last meeting. David Ulrick seconded, and the motion passed. Mark Young abstained.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Neumann to report: Officer Snead is leaving the 3rd week of April. Palouse PD has received an application which would be a lateral transfer. An offer is standing pending review and background check. The lateral transfer will save money for training, and he also has Access, DUI and Sector certifications. Officer Anderson stated a challenge will be teaching him the difference between big law enforcement and small-town enforcement but feels he will transition will be fine. Garfield has been quiet over the last two weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Plowing streets and garbage collection has been going well. Flow meters are in and installed in a few manholes, but they still need adjustments and calibration. This should happen on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion on online bill pay took place and council, Mayor Pfaff and Nancy Whitesell all agreed Govpay.net will be the system that the Town will move forward with. This is the same online bill pay that Palouse uses.

Talk on placing orphan buildings on vacant lots was tabled until Mark Young can read over the information. Neal Leon stated that the Town needs to think about doing something with the restaurant. He suggested advertising it all over Washington State, including the Seattle area. All agree it needs to stay a restaurant and Mayor Pfaff and Nancy Whitesell with look into getting it listed along with the costs involved.

Mark young stated that considering the wheelchair ramp situation that the Town should look into a liaison to keep the Town in compliance with ADA requirements. His hope is that the Town, or any of the citizens will not have to go through that situation again. One suggestion was a volunteer citizen. Some discussion occurred but was left as the Council needing to do more research on the subject.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Pfaff stated that the Town needs to charge more for the monthly residential dumpster rates. The current rate is \$48.75 which is only a \$10.00 difference from having two toter cans. The concern is that we are purchasing these expensive dumpsters and not getting our ROI on them. A new 2yd dumpster is now over \$400 each. Mayor Pfaff asked that the rate increase to \$65.00 per month. Mayor Pfaff indicated that this increase would also affect his personal account and is fine with that. Cande **MOVED** to raise the charges to \$65.00 a month, and citizens must keep a route dumpster rate no less than one year. Mark Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Notices will be sent out to those customers that will be affected by this change; the change will occur on the April 2019 utility bills.

David Ulrick asked what was going to happen to the old waste oil heater in the shop. Mayor Pfaff stated it did not work, and the reason the Town replaced it was because no one had parts to fix it. The heater is not worth enough to have a sealed bid and it was agreed that it should be scrapped.

FINANCIAL: Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to approve the paying of the bills. David Ulrick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks & Rec have questioned the billing throughout the winter. Nancy Whitesell stated that when she received the call from them in October, she reflected on the previous year to determine how they had been billed between Nov and May. The billing showed that full rate was charged all winter long of 2017-2018, and that full payments were made each month. Billing should have been suspended in October 2018. After determining that a credit was due, Mayor Pfaff suggested that it should come as a credit to the account rather than writing a refund check. David Ulrick **MOVED** to credit the account \$1823.91. Tom Tevlin seconded, and the motion passed. Cande Hasenoehrl abstained.

ADJOURN: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** adjourn the meeting at 7:35. Neal Leon seconded, and the motion passed.

Mayor Pfaff

ATTEST:

Nancy Whitesell – Clerk/Treasurer