

**Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FINAL
Town Hall – November 15, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ray McCown call to order 7:00 pm.
Ruel moved, David Ulrich seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ray McCown, Neal Leon, Mark Young, Dave Ulrick and David Jones were present. Daymon Marple arrived a few minutes late. Staff: Public Works - Mark Phillips, Reuel Klempel and Candi Fisher.

Officer Merry is doing well after knee surgery. Will be upgraded to a cane in the next 5 days, he hopes. There will be light refreshments from 3:30 – 5:00. People have donated money to give him a commemorative pistol. It will be at city hall.

GUESTS: Visitors were Jarrod Pfaff, Tracy Paine, and Chief Jerry Neumann. Chris McCully, Jarrod Pfaff, Eddie Clocks, Tracy Paine, Cande Hasenorehl, Rick Wride.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Jerry Neumann stated:

All is well, getting cold, same group of folks are calling. Folks are separated now, so things are quieting down.

Jerry presented the council with the new contract for 2018. It will be tabled until the new mayor and council is seated.

VISITOR COMMENTS: There was treated wheat falling out of the garbage truck that someone dumped in. We appreciate his volunteering to sweep up the treated wheat. Neal stated he was concerned about his dog eating it. He came in twice to complain. No payment will be forthcoming. There was no motion to pay.

Phil wants to put an ADA ramp on the southeast corner of the church. There are a couple of options, but He wanted to know how to proceed. Several council and mayor had some suggestions. ADA rules were questioned and he was told to talk to the building inspector, Dan Gladwill.

Much complaint about your fence, which is on town property. They had to pull out part of the fence to get to the manhole. The street is fenced, but it can't be fenced. Eddie stated that the mayor told him to put the fence there. Mayor McCown stated that he did not say that ever, under any circumstances. 9th street comes down through north to south. The street is 66 foot wide and goes from Main St to the Elberton road. Tracy asked if we were going to pave all of the streets in town, and she feels that there was no street there until Larry Hunt moved in. she states the sewer manholes are 30 feet from the barn. She doesn't want to have to move the fence for an "imaginary" street. She would like to leave the fence, and build around each manhole. Ray McCown also is concerned about the drainage ditch which has been The ditch comes down and there is a culvert across. There is a problem with flooding, which the ditch should carry water out.

The storm drain did dump into the ditch, before the railroad bought the property. Larry Hunt broke the manhole cover and didn't put anything else in there. Eddie stated they improved the draining on their property. Now they can drive on their property. The water to the sewer

Neal asked why they need a fence on city property. Tracy stated that Larry Hunt asked them to move it and was cutting their fence and allowing her horses to run free, so they moved it because Larry wanted it moved.

Tracy offered to move the gates and not the rest of the fence. She stated we shouldn't worry about what is an old street on an old map when it can be used as a pasture. Tracy said the roads really aren't in existence. The fence is temporary. The barn on 9th street was brought up. Neal stated you cannot build a structure or have a fence on city property.

David Ulrich stated it is public property and we cannot have private people building on public property. They are willing to grant access at any time.

Neal stated that if we were given access and the horses got out and got injured, then who is responsible. The town cannot be responsible for animals being contained. Reuel stated that those sewer lines are main sewer lines, and need to have access 24-7 and shouldn't be afraid of the animals injuring town personnel. Reuel stated he doesn't trust the yak on the property and doesn't want to be injured.

Mayor McCown called a halt to the discussion, which continued for a little longer. Mark suggested to continue to the next meeting and they need to go out and check out the situation. Three people cannot get together to look at it.

Flashing speed limits, try to get it to a USDA loan, Steve thought. Looking for possibly three. Possibly pedestrian grants. CenturyWest will help with that.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Reuel gave the report:

Sewer installed on union and 7th. Two houses are connected and not backing up any more.

Concrete blocks and walls built around the screens and the drainage is all finished. Anything that pours over there goes back to the headworks of the 4 lift station.

Replace the heater in well #3.

Rick completed the drain at McCracken's house. One more water leak, 2" line to alley going to the hotel and it has been patched 6 times. We will try to get to it because it is needing to be fixed. Larry Palmer's going up to Jarrod's house needs to be patched. Should be a 6" line going there, according to Jarrod.

The DMR's are in this month. The only violation was that we were over 70,000 average flow last month. The flow is the only issue. It can't exceed 70,000 galls average per month unless we can get a different rating. We have no control over the flow. 80,000 gallons a day average. The rain events are directly related to the spikes. It is almost immediate. Reuel has the data recorded. We put the new meter in the influent and is reading accurately now.

OLD BUSINESS:

Surplus fire truck is on the public website.

Christmas lights – Candi headed up

Moved 363 Neal, David seconded. 2018 Budget. Unanimous. Jarrod stated that they had permission and Bishop stated that if we provided water, then they could pick up the water. There are three locations where we pick up garbage. Only one is verified as being outside the city limits. A cease and desist order was given verbally. They asked that the city not violate their territory. Neal stated we need to stop. Jarrod thought we should check into it.

Bev Divine – Balance owing since 2015 from the previous renter. The account was defaulted on 4/1/15 and switched back to Bev’s account on 411. The amount has to be settled. She feels like she shouldn’t have to pay. The property owner notified. Ms. Divine stated she had not received a bill. McCown, stated we need to shut off the bills quicker. Mark moved, david jones seconded. Waived. Unanimous.

Fire district, we voted

David ulrich, neal leon

NEW BUSINESS:

Candi brought up the new legislation which requires that we pay sick leave to part-time employees as well as full time. (RCW 49.46.2140).

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks:

Daymon Marple **MOVED** to approve and Neal Leon **seconded** the motion. It carried unanimously.

CLAIMS – #13023 - 13029

\$87,118.41

ADJOURNMENT: Neal Leon **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Daymon Marple **seconded** and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer