

**Town of Garfield  
TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FINAL  
Town Hall – November 8, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ray McCown call to order 7:00 pm.

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

**GUESTS:** Visitors were Jarrod Pfaff, Sharon Schnebley, Chris McCully, Cande Hasenoehrl, Rick Wride, Stephen Nelson of CenturyWest and Laurie Meyer of Garfield.

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Joe Merry was present for the meeting,

- 1) The trailer park winter clean-up will be accomplished some time in February.
- 2) Cleanup is ongoing on California street. Joe Merry will take care of everything before he retires. His official retirement is January 1, 2018. He will have been with the Palouse/Garfield police force for 14 years. The Mayor and Council thanked him for his dedicated years of service. There will be a retirement party in his honor in Palouse. Date and time to be announced.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

- 1) Stephen Nelson gave handouts and spoke about the attendance at the IACC Conference this fall. He talked about the positive comments he received that the Town of Garfield was represented by Candi and Reuel and that it was the first time anyone had showed an interest. Candi thanked the council for the privilege of going to the conference and said it was extremely beneficial in our pursuit of grants for our I and I issues. There is another meeting with the CDBG in March in Spokane to look for match money and construction funding. In June we will apply for CDBG funds to cover the match on the DOE grant we have applied for.
- 2) There were no other visitor comments.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mark Phillips gave the report:

- 1) Finished the project they were working on at WWTP. Reuel cut the drain pipe, poured concrete and redirected the overflow from the screens.
- 2) At the driveway for the WWTP Public Works added a storm drain to take care of the overflow problem when it rains.
- 3) Mark finished the McCully water leak issue, with Rick's help, and got it covered for the winter.
- 4) 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> streets still need more gravel.
- 5) The park and its bathrooms are closed and winterized.
- 6) The WWTP boiler passed inspection as far as the leakage. It was pressure checked and all inspections passed.
- 7) Flags will be erected for Veteran's Day. We are having a hard time finding new flags at the expected price point to replace the old ones, some of which are faded and tattered.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Parking strips and signs – the signs have arrived and need to be put up by the In-Convenience Store. Candi checked with Mayor Echanove at Palouse to see if they would assist us in painting the parking stripes. They were too busy to help. Plan B is to make our own template (Dave Ulrick stated he would build it) and get some workers on work release to paint them in the spring.
  
- 2) Surplus Equipment – Candi spoke with MRSC and AWC Risk Management Agency (our insurance carrier) to be sure that there is no requirement for a town to own a fire truck for safety purposes. There is none. Daymon Marple **MOVED** and Mark Young seconded to have Candi put the old fire truck on the government surplus auction site. The motion carried unanimously.
  
- 3) The property owned by Pacific Northwest Farmer’s Co-op, formerly owned by Co-Ag, is of concern. Candi spoke with Dan Gladwill to ask if there was a deadline on when the demolition is to be cleaned up. There is no deadline on the permit, however Dan spoke to PNW and they stated they were going to come in and push the debris into piles and make sure it was completely fenced for now. The Council expressed the opinion that it needs to be cleaned up as soon as possible A deadline was discussed but tabled for now.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) The Public Hearing dates were set for the 2018 Budget.
- 2) Purchase of the Methodist Church. Discussion followed. The Mayor stated he had second thoughts about receiving the Methodist Church as a gift, or purchasing it. There was some discussion as to the day care and the costs that may be incurred in the future. It was decided that the Town should not take on the responsibility of the church. Mark Young **MOVED** to decline the offer to buy the Methodist Church. David Jones seconded. It passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL:**

Approval of check: Dave Jones **MOVED** to approve and Neal Leon seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

CLAIMS – #13000 – 13022	\$20,903.66
PAYROLL - #12996 – 23999 & EFT	<u>\$9,496.59</u>
	<b>\$30,400.25</b>

**ADJOURNMENT:** Neal Leon **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. David Ulrick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer