

**Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FINAL
Town Hall – September 13, 2017**

SPECIAL HEARING REQUEST: Roger Roper requested a special hearing to review the policy on junk vehicles. He stated that the cars on his lots were tagged by the police. He was helping out a friend and moved the cars to his property. He is working on removing the cars and trucks. He is asking for a little bit of extra time to accomplish this task. He sold the property to Logan and Bree Pfaff and they have been helping to clear the property. He has been given 90 days or until the first of the year to finish the removal.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ray McCown called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ray McCown, Dave Ulrick, Neal Leon, Daymon Marple, Mark Young and David Jones present. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Candi Fisher, Public Works Reuel Klempel and Mark Phillips, Rick Wride and Chief Jerry Neumann.

GUESTS: Visitors were Stephen Nelson of CenturyWest, Sonja Hall, Roger Million, Laurie Meyer, Cheri Curtis, Bree Pfaff, Logan Pfaff, Roger Roper and Trish Clayton.

- 1) Sonia Hall wanted to request designated parking spaces for her business. She stated Mitizimberg's truck and other people from the apartments park in front her business for long periods of time, preventing her customers from stopping and shopping. She would also like to repaint the parking lines in the downtown area and offered to purchase the paint herself. Jerry clarified that it would only be during store hours, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Daymon said we had already set a precedence with the sandwich shop having signs. Daymon **MOVED** to put two signs in for three parking spots, to be able to park for 30 minutes just as the sandwich shop has, and paint the stripes from the bank to second street. Rephrased to say two parking signs for three spots in between. Three spots west from the In-convenience Store. Mark Young **seconded**, carried. We will investigate painting parking lines downtown as well.
- 2) Stephen Nelson from CenturyWest gave a presentation about the needs of the Sewer System, keeping in mind the requests from DOE and the Riverkeepers. He reviewed some of the costs we will run into and the possible funding sources as well as what it may cost the Town. He is writing grant submissions and after approval will send to the Department of Ecology in October, with award in July, for funding. The I & I study will probably start in Winter 2018. He also spoke about the steps needed and that a timeline needs to be implemented to keep us on track. The Council was receptive and Daymon mentioned the loan for the plant will be complete in 2021. The timing seems to be perfect and we will move forward. System plan and facilities plan will need to be adopted before they are submitted. Letter will go to the attorney to for approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 26, 2017. David Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Jerry Neumann was present for the meeting.

Junk Cars –. They towed 4 junk cars from the town.

The autopsy came in on a person who passed away in the town. He will keep us posted.

Citizens are reminded that people need to keep their dogs on a leash **at all times** if they are out of their yard. We had a dog biting incident with injuries.

Police contract – Monday at 5:30 is a meeting at the Police Department in Palouse. Dave Ulrick and Mark Young are on the negotiation committee and will attend.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Reuel Klempel spoke on behalf of the Public Works Department

Water – A leak at the Post Office was fixed. Brass parts replaced the old ones. A new meter service was put in. Mark mentioned to the fire department that some new hydrants have been installed. Testing may be done in the fall. We are still having issues with the telemetry system locking at 39 feet. The wells are working properly and cycling back and forth. We still need a timer to call us out when the well level gets low.

Sewer – Working on numerous projects at WWTP. The property on the southside of the fence is all wet, and there is a big puddle out there. There may possibly be a leak.

Streets – Grinding will start tomorrow morning on Jefferson. Port of Whitman requested that they be allowed to put fiber optic line along the bridge to the McGregor building. The Council would like to see a drawing to approve.

Neal Leon suggested that if we need to do any digging at all, it needs to be done now before the rainy season sets in.

Garbage – October third has been set as the Town Clean-up.

OLD BUSINESS: We sold the dump truck on the State Surplus website for \$1,800.00 to a fellow in Walla Walla.

NEW BUSINESS: The fire department contract was reviewed. It was tabled for further discussion later. No decision was made at this time.

Eddie Klocks has a fence that is on the city property. Someone will go stake it off and tell him it needs to be moved back to the property line. Neal **MOVED** to have fence moved back to property line and Mark Young **seconded**. Passed.

Neal brought up selling the Mini -X on the government surplus site. Mark would like to keep them both. They both are being used at this time.

Mark – Surplus the old city-owned fire pumper truck on government surplus. Dave Ulrick moved and David Jones seconded. Candi will check with insurance carrier to see if we need a truck that pumps a certain amount of water. The motion was tabled until the next meeting. Motion and second withdrawn.

Assessments for the park – Rick Wride wrote a plan for the park to be discussed by the budget committee in the future.

Neal Leon stated that someone asked about the old siren and why it doesn't work. They would like to see it working again.

FINANCIAL:

Budget meeting will be held on 9/20/2017 at 10:00 with the finance committee.

Approval of Checks: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to approve the following bills presented to council for payment. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Check Register # 12850-12855 & EFT
Check Register #12856-12898

Payroll: \$9,807.50
Claims: \$39,023.35

Check Register #12899-12902 & EFT

Claims/Payroll: \$76,695.60
Total **\$164,549.80**

ADJOURNMENT: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Neal Leon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ray McCown, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Candi Fisher, Clerk/Treasurer