

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-Draft
October 10th, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Town Hall
405 W. California

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL: Cande Hasenoehrl, Tom Tevlin, Mark Young, Neal Leon and David Ulrick, Shon Clark Mark Phillips, Nancy Whitesell, Chief Neumann, Officer Anderson

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

John-Mark Mahnkey – Whitman County Commissioner candidate – District 3 introduced himself to the council and guests

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- 1) September 27th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting – Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the minutes and Dave Ulrick seconded and it passed unanimously

POLICE REPORT: Chief Neumann was available to report

The fuel tanker that had been parked on 3rd Street will be removed as it was making people nervous with it parked there.

Chief Neumann has tried to determine who the trailer in Space 1, at the trailer park, belongs to. He was unable to find a visible VIN number. Nancy Whitesell stated that the trailer is not currently receiving Section 8, and that she had a call into Community Action Center to determine if maybe it was on a TBRA program.

The Cadillac that had been parked on 2nd street would be removed no later than Monday October 15th.

Chief Neumann also reported that the department would make better effort to visit the Garfield School on a consistent basis.

Officer Anderson made 1, cited and released, in Garfield for driving with a suspended license.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark available to report:

A water leak at 4th and Cleveland was repaired. Both Shon Clark and Mark Phillips attended training with Reuel for mandatory reporting on sewer plant and water system. Water line to sewer plant is failing. It has only been glued together, with no evidence of purple primer on any of the pipes. Shon stated that with area having a lot of elevation changes, it could cause the glue to expand and shrink which can cause it to fail. Currently there are 2 bids out for both 2-inch and 4-inch pipe. Technically the line only needs to run to the sewer plant. Shon stated that with the continual problems, it could result in a wash out of personal property. To repair the line, the water can be turned off if necessary without interrupting service to customers. There was discussion on where the new pipe should run. It was stated that it could cross Elberton road, however that would result in 2 crossings under the road.

Men's room hand dryer at the park is inoperative due to the breaker being thrown, as it's on the same circuit as the car charging system and wasn't a problem before installation of the station. Contact with contractor and Avista are being made to try and correct this problem.

Bid mark for the solar grant project at the sewer plant was $\frac{3}{4}$ approved this week. It was necessary to pull the electric motor on Well 3 because it was not working. Options to fix the situation was to either spend \$3100 to fix a motor to use, or to spend \$10,000 to get a new VFD. Neal Leon asked about the longevity of the motor if we got it repaired. Mayor Pfaff stated that there were 3 pumps that needed repair this month. It was decided that the Town would spend the \$3100 to fix the motor and use it as a back-up.

OLD BUSINESS:

The County Landfill, as of now, will not be giving a discount for Clean-up day. Mayor Pfaff and Shon Clark figured it would cost the Town \$500-800 more than previous years to still have the day, however eventually it would be hauled one way or the other through a clean-up day or regular garbage days. There have been numerous questions from citizens as to when it would occur. Council agreed that we would hold the clean-up at the additional charge. Council and Public Works agreed that November 14th would be the best option at this point for the clean-up. This will be subject to change should anything occur between now and then.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cleaning of Methodist Church Furnace is cleaned annually, and Mayor Pfaff directed Shon Clark to call Ackerman's to have it serviced.

3-day pay or vacate notices will be posted for all tenants of the trailer park, to begin collecting rent. Failure to comply by tenants, will allow the city to start the eviction process.

Cande Hasenoehrl has been investigating complaints of the house on California and 1st Street. There are several junk cars in the yard at this location. Chief Neumann stated he would look into this. Cande Hasenoehrl stated that it looks as though they were in violation of the 4 out of 5 criteria needed to be considered a junk vehicle. She also stated that the same location has weeds that are growing into the alley way. Tom Tevlin asked if there was an ordinance stating that this is an issue. Cande Hasenoehrl stated that she had looked through the codes and wrote a letter and wants that letter to

be very clear as to what the violations were. Neal Leon brought up the fact if we go after one citizen for weeds, we would have to ticket all citizens to avoid looking partial. Mark Young suggested that Cande send her letter to the Fire Chief and the County Fire Marshall. Neal Leon suggested that maybe there would be volunteers to assist in removing the weeds, as the owner may have a disability that prevents them from being able to clear them. Chief Neumann stated that the PPD would look into this matter, and Council would wait to hear back from Chief Neumann. Cande also brought to attention that a complaint made back a few months ago in one of the meetings, about a dog on E Cleveland Street, did not seem to have been addressed by the police. Chief Neumann asked who the complainant was and when this occurred, as he doesn't recall being notified. Nancy Whitesell stated it was during the June 27th, 2018 meeting, and it was Cande who had brought in the complaint from a citizen of Garfield, so it may have been missed. Currently the dog is running free and Cande feels that it barks aggressively and that it scares people. It was determined that Officer Anderson would investigate the matter. During that same meeting in June, the ramp in front Neal's home was addressed. It was stated that the ramp is still in the same location. Mayor Pfaff stated he's been told Neal is to go talk to Eric Hansen, Town's attorney to have it explained to him as to why he can't have it.

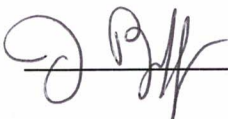
Cande Hasenoehrl asked if the letters to citizens with roosters had been sent, as she has had people complaining they could still hear them. Chief Neumann stated that he had spoken to those that had the roosters and that they were receptive to the ordinance, but that they might not have gotten rid of them.

Discussion on when we would decide holiday meeting dates during November and December; they will be determined during the October 25, 2018 meeting.

FINANCIAL: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** approve the payment of bills, Neal Leon **seconded**, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pfaff stated the fund totals in current expense is \$140,000. The Town must be at \$90,000 for the next year. The street fund is low, but the street levy next year will bring us back to normal. Fund 401 must end at \$90,000 for cash flow of next year. Mayor Pfaff is confident we will end the year decently and that between current expense and 401 we should end the year where we need to be.

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



Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Whitwell

Clerk-Treasurer