

**Town of Garfield**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 11, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Jarrod Pfaff, Andrew Flodin, Larry Hunt, and John Kuehner. Staff - Public Works Superintendent Dave Ulrick, Police Chief Jerry Neumann, Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers. Public: Amy Heusser May Day Fun Run. Absent: Tim Southern and Rob Watkins

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Larry Hunt **MOVED** the minutes of February 25, 2009, be approved as written. Andrew Flodin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Dave Ulrick reported:

1. 2 inch water meters – 2-inch water meters were more expensive than anticipated. Prices ranged from a high of \$463 (increasing to \$492) to a low of \$361. Dave confirmed the meter at the Garfield Meat Market needs to be cleaned, not replaced. The 2-inch meter at the school needs to be replaced. The Meat Market meter needs to be cleaned. Dave will order two 2-inch water meters. The Mayor talked about replacing a certain percentage of meters each year.

2. WWTP pump repairs - Likely the cost for repairs will exceed the \$1,000 budget. During high flows everything runs a lot. The pump that was recently repaired is now getting variable power reads and further repair will require an electrician. A valve has gone bad to one of the pumps as well. Dave estimated repairs could get expensive this year. He noted he tries to stay within budget but when the budget can't build up over 2, 3 or 4 years, there isn't enough to cover needed repairs in one year.

3. Sewer Camera and Locate Equipment – The mayor has heard nothing back on the pipe locator. He will contact Rosalia.

4. Well #2 – When the weather is decent enough, Dave will be working on Well #2 for a 3-phase electrical panel. It needs a new base panel and upgrade and the electrical inspector will check it. Strom Electric in Troy has one for \$230. Used ones are as low as \$75. Dave has a used Square D available.

5. I&I Meeting with State - It was confirmed the meeting with the state on the inflow and infiltration problems is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.

6. Well/Water Tank Telemetry System: – Dave is waiting to hear back on the control system. He sent information out last week to be reviewed and asked if there was a way to add an overflow warning sensor to the equipment. Dave has not heard back yet. He speculated that maybe ice formed and caused the problem.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Amy Heusser May Day Fun Run: Amy Heusser with the Parks and Rec District addressed council about a May Day Fun Run being scheduled. She proposed two possible routes – one out on Walter Siding Road and the other out towards the Cemetery. Both routes would start at end at the school. After input from Chief Neumann, it was decided that the Walter Side route would be the best option so as not to have runners crossing the state highway. The tentative start time is 8 am. It was recommended that “runners on road” signs be posted along the route. Amy said anyone with additional questions could contact any of the Park and Rec Board Members. Amy Heusser left the meeting 7:20 pm.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Police Chief Jerry Neumann provided council with the bi-monthly activity time log. Recent activity centered on noise complaints, dog issues and issuance of concealed pistol licenses.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance No. 369N: Mayor Pfaff reviewed the 2009 Budget Amendment proposal noting amendments included an increase of \$10 for the Library Fund, final payment for the 2008 Street Project in 2009, and transfer of water, sewer and garbage payments into the utility reserve fund and utility equipment reserve fund. It was clarified the 2008 sidewalk payment in 2009 was not an increase, the payment was simply not made in 2008 awaiting final paperwork. Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 369N Amending the 2009 Budget for Current Expense, Street Fund, Library Fund, Water Fund, Utility Reserve Fund and Utility Equipment Reserve Fund. John Kuehner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 2009-08: John Kuehner **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 2009-08 authorizing the Mayor to execute the Offset Grant Procurement Certification form between Whitman County, the Town of Garfield, and the Department of Ecology. Andrew Flodin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Economic Stimulus Grants through CDBG: Andrew Flodin **MOVED** to submit a letter of intent to CDBG for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street water main fire flow project. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Boller Mini-Storage, Fence and Sidewalk: Council discussed the pending mini-storage project for the corner of Main Street and SR 27. Mayor Pfaff explained the owner had asked him if he was going to be required to replace the sidewalk along Main Street. The Mayor said he preferred to see a fence. He felt a barrier along the state highway was more important. Larry Hunt explained the owner planned to build mini-storage on the property. Initially he would start with one building, a fence along the state highway and a graveled access along Main Street. After seeing how things went, he would consider building a second mini-storage building. Larry noted the state would not allow access off the highway, but would allow the owner to build a fence directly on the property line and plant trees/shrubs on the outside of the fence with their approval. The owner was talking about a 4 foot high chain link fence with privacy panels. Considering the use of the site, and the concern that folks would park along the highway side, handing things over the fence, council consensus was for a 6 foot high fence. John Kuehner suggested the design and setbacks not preclude the town from later, 10 or 20 years from now, putting in a sidewalk. He didn't want the property lines to be encroached upon. Dave Ulrick suggested if the Main Street side was paved, allow the owner to pave from his property line to Main Street, not have pavement, sidewalk and then the roadway pavement. The Mayor asked that the owner be contacted and asked to submit pictures of the fence he was planning – chain link, wood or vinyl.

**APPROVAL OF CHECKS:**

Andrew Flodin **MOVED** to approve the following bills presented to council for payment. John Kuehner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.  
Check Register #8952-#8972. Claims: \$13,184.93, Payroll:\$5,093.66.TOTAL: \$18,278.59.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. John Kuehner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer