

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jarrod Pfaff, Andrew Flodin, Larry Hunt, and Daymon Marple. Staff – Public Works Superintendent David Ulrick; Police Officer Joe Merry, Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers. Absent: Tim Southern and Rob Watkins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Andrew Flodin **MOVED** the minutes of July 28, 2010, be approved as written. Daymon Marple seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Officer Joe Merry briefly updated council. They have been focusing on traffic enforcement with harvest underway. They continue to resolve junk vehicle issues and have everything cleared out at 5th and Adams, minus 1 vehicle. The inspection was about 2 weeks ago. Officer Merry was asked about a red car on California Street with its tires flat. He said it was Roger Roper's and he had talked to him on Sunday. He had aired the tires up but they have gone down again. Andrew Flodin asked about the Ford pick up parked along the park. It is full of junk and belongs across the street. He said it hasn't been moved in a long time and he would like to see the parking space back in use. Officer Merry agreed to follow up on this, noting the option would be for the person to move it onto private property. Council was presented with a sample Park Usage Policy that was presented to Palouse the night before for their consideration. Daymon Marple talked about the ongoing problem of refuse all over the porch and the smell at a house in town. Officer Merry indicated the police department could follow up on this. The nuisance ordinance currently covers bags of garbage, fecal mater, smell, rats, etc. Daymon further noted that he would be updating the nuisance ordinance to include high weeds and grass. Officer Merry left the meeting at 7:07 PM

PUBLIC WORKS: David Ulrick updated council on the following:

1. Backhoe Tire flat – Les Schwab's found a crack in a spot weld. It's running fine now. Schwab didn't bring a wrench to take it off and the town's wrenches didn't work. After Dave did the spot weld with his portable welder they came back and put the tire back on.
2. Roto Hammers – Prices ranged from \$150 to \$1,000. Mayor Pfaff asked Dave what he needed? Dave thought one of the models ranging from \$250 to \$300 would work, having not looked at one or used one. He got one for \$10 at a yard sale and it works fine. The mayor said the town would buy a new one. Bits are \$10. Andrew Flodin noted the batteries go fast. It was agreed to not even consider a battery operated unit. Larry Hunt said he thinks the Robert Bosch unit for \$179 would be good. It was agreed Bosch is a good brand and \$180 is a good price. Larry Hunt **MOVED** to purchase the Robert Bosch (#11255VSR) \$179 unit or equivalent. Andrew Flodin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Compost Site - Dave spent about 3 hours knocking the compost site down. It is presentable now. He noted the town would need to redo the site if it's used for sludge. Mayor Pfaff asked Dave to send him the sludge application regulations as he had two farmers who would consider application on their fields.
4. Chevy PU – Dave thinks the fuel pump on the Chevy pick up went out again yesterday. The pump has been changed twice since the town got the truck in 1996. The Mayor talked about buying two pumps. Dave then explained the pump is in the tank and he said to only buy one. Larry Hunt talked about a fuel pump that Perry replaced on this Chevy and that he cut a hole in the bed to get right to it. He has the measurements for how to do it. Dave will get a new pump.
5. Doctor Release – Dave gave council a copy of the medical release from his doctor that says he's not to do much until Monday. The Mayor said it was good to bring it to council. Dave relayed his injury occurred on May 24, 2010, and he saw his doctor on May 25th. The Mayor talked about the town needing to get new garbage cans that can be tipped automatically. He said the garbage truck can be retrofit with a bar on the back and a cable. Dave noted they do make a truck that has that a lift on back plus the dumpster lift. He said the cable is for pulling the dumpsters. The new style garbage cans were estimated at \$100 - \$150 a piece. The Mayor recommended the town start buying some now – 10 a year, 100 a year. He said Dave and Perry have been worn out. Dave confirmed he has had several surgeries on his knees and now has a bulging disc. Larry Hunt asked how the town would distribute the new cans and what happens

when lost, stolen, or torn up? The Mayor said he could see it both ways. If its gross negligence, like they back over it, then they would replace it. He said Empire Disposal provides the can as part of the monthly fee. In Coeur d'Alene you get the first can free when you buy a home. After that you are on your own. Larry Hunt talked about once there were the switch over it be mandatory, not let people have their own cans. The Mayor agreed. Andrew Flodin said generally the new style of cans are larger. Larry said with the bigger size, people would be limited to one can. The Mayor agreed that this would eliminate extra cans. Council talked with Dave about hiring help on Mondays to do garbage. Dave said he doesn't know when the problem is going to happen to the knee. Council suggested hiring extra help at \$70 and Dave could be freed up. Larry Hunt suggested looking at grant options for purchase of the newer style cans.

6. Signs posts - the new signs posts are in.

7. Biosolids – Bar Tech is \$45 a ton to haul off the sludge. The Mayor asked Dave to get Bar Tech's price to take the chips from the compost pile, knowing the town will have to get rid of them next year. Dave asked about using the chips for hog fuel. The Mayor's plan would be to get Bar Tech to take Garfield, Oakesdale and Palouse's chips. Dave suggested talking with the county too.

8. Asphalt Patches – Dave said he would do the asphalt patches next Tuesday. He will email the list of patches to the Mayor and then let him know how much he orders. The Mayor wants to see how much it takes. Larry Hunt noted a ton of asphalt will cover 8 square yards, 2 inches deep. Dave confirmed the platewacker had a new motor in it. The Mayor asked about taking the time to put gravel in the holes. Dave said his back has been the biggest hold up and that he's been seeing his doctor and therapist since May. The Mayor suggested hiring Mike for Tuesday. Dave said his restrictions would be off after Monday. Dave said he could sit on the back hoe and Perry could do the work. Andrew Flodin suggested bringing Mike on and have Mike do it. Dave noted usually Mike needs to now ahead of time. Annie confirmed the rate is \$9.50 per hour for public works relief help. The Mayor said it would be okay if the patches were done after Tuesday.

9. Tree Trimming in Park – Larry Hunt talked about the need to trim some very large trees with dead branches. They are tall (40 feet) and are a liability. He offered to contact Bill's Tree Trimming and get two quotes – 1. The cost to trim the dead stuff off, chip and take to the compost pile. 2. The cost to trim but have the town do the removal. He suggested this be done before winter. Dave confirmed the shrubs near the shelter and the park have been removed and the area will be planted to grass. Larry suggested the area have 3 inches of new soil applied before seeded.

10. Budget time – with budget time coming, Dave was asked to make a list of tools and even big stuff that needed to be replaced. Larry Hunt asked about an attachment for the fork lift that tilts for recycling. He asked if the council could find one or come up with money, would it help? Dave said he built a lift for the back of the garbage truck they use now for dumping the bins of newspapers, magazines, tin cans, etc. and don't need the attachment.

11. Hydraulic leak on Garbage truck - the Mayor asked about getting the hydraulic leak fixed on the garbage truck. Dave said he would try to get it off tomorrow. The Mayor said the leak occurs when the vehicle is stopped. Dave thought this might mean it's the hydraulic lines, not the tank. He will check tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. PDA Roof Repair: Daymon Marple confirmed he had met with the insurance adjuster and the contractor (from Spanaway) to look at the needed roof repair. The plan is to take off the whole back of the roof, put down new plywood, a layer of hard foam insulation and then metal above. The front part of the roof is pretty good. The PDA's cost will be the \$1,000 deductible. The contractor expects to be back in about 2 weeks. Daymon tried to use a contractor that was closer but he never got back to him after calling him the last 2 weeks. His voice mail was full and he did not return Daymon's call.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Transportation Improvement Board Grant Applications: Council discussed the upcoming Transportation Improvement Grant (TIB) cycle. Annie Pillers noted, when funding is available, TIB only accepts applications every 2 years. Projects on the 6-Year Street Plan included renovation of California Street 1st to 4th. This grant requires a 5% match and would be \$8,350 if the cost estimate of \$167,000 from the street plan is used. The pavement preservation grant does not have a match and the proposal included overlay for 2nd, 3rd and 4th Street. Annie noted that 3rd and 4th Street's pavement ratings are high

enough they might not qualify. However, they may qualify for chip and seal. The sidewalk grant funds could be used if the council wanted to consider sidewalk replacement for 3rd Street. Larry Hunt **MOVED** to apply for the Transportation Improvement Board Grants for reconstruction on California Street, overlay on 2nd Street, chip and seal on 3rd Street and 4th Street and sidewalks on 3rd Street. Andrew Flodin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The Mayor requested that Keltic provide a cost estimate for 3rd Street. Annie noted the grant applications require an engineer's signed cost estimate.

2. David Ulrick Resignation: David Ulrick presented council with his resignation effective August 31, 2010, for medical reasons. The Mayor noted he was expecting Dave to retire next August. He asked Dave about his medical. Dave said he will be on Medicare next August. The Mayor said cash flow is fine. He asked about sitting down and seeing if they could swing getting someone till December to do garbage. He suggested the town pick up Dave's COBRA medical until August 31st of next year. He asked Dave if he could go until December if he was not doing garbage. Dave said with the heavy lifting going on around here he cannot go until December. Mayor Pfaff suggested the town cover Dave's COBRA from August this year till next August 31st next year. He said the town could swing this financially with its cash flow and then that gets Dave to age 65. Larry Hunt **MOVED** to pay David Ulrick's COBRA medical premium through August 2011. Andrew Flodin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Larry Hunt personally thanked Dave for what he's done for the town. Mayor Pfaff noted Dave had outlasted all of us. He said he really appreciated him. Dave confirmed he would still be available for phone calls. He noted one of the biggest problems is the pumps at the wastewater treatment plant. He needs to get that done before he is gone. He ordered 2 complete kits for the pumps. He said if there was a problem call Strom and have him take it out. It will go back in and be ready to go. Andrew Flodin **MOVED** to pay one-half of David Ulrick's spouse's COBRA Medical premium until she is eligible for Medicare. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS/VOIDED CHECKS: Voided Check #9577, written in error to Palouse Hills Lawn and Shrub Service for hauling of newspaper recyclables. This check was voided and a new one reissued in between council meetings. Andrew Flodin **MOVED** to approve the following bills presented to council for payment and the Voided Check Register Daymon Marple seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Voided Check #9577 Claims \$1,146.00
Check Register #9580 Claims: \$440.63 (replaces #9577)
Check Register #9581-9586 Payroll: \$5,408.91
Check Register #9587-9603 Claims: \$10,179.03 TOTAL: \$16,028.57

ADJOURNMENT: Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Andrew Flodin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer