

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2008

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

ROLL CALL: Jarrod Pfaff, Larry Hunt, John Kuehner, Tim Southern, and Rob Watkins. Absent: Clark Johnson.

Also present: Public Works Assist. Perry Brown; Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers; and Michael Rose.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rob Watkins **MOVED** the minutes of February 27, 2008, be approved as written. John Kuehner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Pfaff confirmed council is currently taking applications for the Town Marshal position. Larry Hunt reported Bob Lewis offered to be the Town Marshal if he could have a red light on his 4-wheeler. Larry promised Bob he would relay this to council.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Perry Brown reported:

1. Street Sweeping - The sweeper has been working very well and with the recent rain. With continued rain expected, street sweeping is a priority.
2. Blue Water Tank Inspection – The crew was recently contacted by the diving company that previously inspected the blue water tank. The company faxed over a quote for inspection this year. If Garfield's inspection is combined with Spangle's inspection, it could yield a cost savings. The price was estimated at \$1,830 if the town of Spangle also had their tank cleaned. Council talked with Perry about the frequency of required inspections – 5 or 10 years. Consensus was to decline this offer unless the town was at the required inspection interval.
3. DOE Water Monitoring Plan – Perry noted Dave had just completed and mailed the water monitoring plan to the DOE.
4. Recycling – Pacific Recycling has been giving a good price on recycling to the town. Council discussed using the town crew versus using a private contractor to haul the recyclables. Consensus was to stay with hauling by the town crew for now. New lights have been installed on the recycle trailer.
5. Spring/Summer Hours – The crew will start alternating 4/10s and 5/8s shifts next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance No. 346N – designating sewer line and sewer facilities control and supervision by the town: The council reviewed the revised proposed ordinance to clarify the responsibility for repairs and maintenance on sewers lines within town. Larry Hunt **MOVED** adoption of Ordinance No. 346N designating sewer line and sewer facilities control and supervision by the town. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Larry Hunt suggested this item be included in the next town newsletter.

B. Electric Reader Board: Larry Hunt gave a follow up report on the electric reader board signs, indicating he had received 2 rough estimates so far, although he has talked with about 5 outfits. The quotes were in the 1,000s of dollars. Larry would be contacting the school to see if they had an interest in the project. The idea of using solar power was suggested.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2008-11 – Establishing a one-time amnesty program for delinquent water accounts: Council reviewed the idea of a one-time late payment program in response to actively pursuing delinquent water accounts. Tim Southern **MOVED** adoption of Resolution 2008-11 establishing a one-time amnesty program for delinquent water accounts. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Appointment of clerk-treasurer as Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment Secretary and as Census Liaison: Mayor Pfaff recommended the clerk-treasurer be appointed to the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. Annie explained the appointment as the census liaison was simply replacing the prior clerk for the current federal census address review being conducted. Larry Hunt **MOVED** Annie Pillers be appointed as the secretary for the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment; and be appointed as the town's census liaison for the federal census underway. John Kuehner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Authorizing Mayor Pro Tem as signer on town bank accounts: Rob Watkins **MOVED** Mayor Pro Tem Larry Hunt be added as a signer on the town bank accounts. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Zoning Code Changes: Larry Hunt **MOVED** that the Planning Commission be convened to review the zoning code for the following changes.

1. Allow residential use in commercial zone.
2. Minimum lot size of 100 x 100.
3. Allow crop farming in ag zones.

Rob Watkins seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Larry Hunt **MOVED** the council go into Executive Session for personnel matters until approximately 8:15 pm. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pfaff asked that Annie Pillers remain present for the executive session. Perry Brown and Michael Rose left the meeting

The council resumed open session at 8:08 pm. There was no one from the public present.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS/TREASURER'S REPORT: Council reviewed the 12/31/07, 1/31/08 and 2/29/08 treasurer reports. It was confirmed the PDA house sale proceeds transfer from current expenses was completed in January, reflecting a decreased ending fund balance.

Larry Hunt **MOVED** to approve the following bills presented to council for payment. John Kuehner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Warrant Register: #8353-#8382	Claims: \$2,903.45	Payroll: \$12,729.07	TOTAL: \$15,632.52
AP Vendor Report:	Claims: \$10,354.31	Payroll: \$0	TOTAL: \$10,354.31

ADJOURNMENT: Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor

Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer