

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall – January 11, 2012

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

OATH OF OFFICE: The following officials took their oath of office:

Sharon Schnebly Position No. 1; Mark Young Council Position No. 2; Tim Southern Position No. 3; Larry Hunt Position No. 4.

ROLL CALL: Jarrod Pfaff, Daymon Marple, Larry Hunt, Sharon Schnebly, Tim Southern, and Mark Young. Staff – Public Works Superintendent Bill Bowman, Police Chief Jerry Neumann, Officer Joe Merry and Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers.

GUESTS: Chuck Petras and David Ulrick.

Chuck Petras introduced himself as the newly elected Fire Commissioner for the District.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Larry Hunt **MOVED** the minutes of the December 14, 2011, Regular Council meeting be approved. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Neumann provided the December 2011 Activity Log. The Christmas and New Years Holidays were quiet. It was confirmed the number of chickens was on the decline at the location previously discussed and the town was awaiting a letter from the attorney that would be sent.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Bill Bowman updated council:

1. WWTP – The settling pond was problematic but it is now solved. It had a rat's nest and possibly roots in the pipe going out to the stream. It became obvious when the water levels came up. It got cleared out yesterday. The digester/boiler pipe is a lot less of a problem after speaking to engineer that designed the plant. The check valve is on the top at the highest point so sludge can't come out. It's a flow through design. Bill confirmed the new flapper valves have solved a lot of problems. Tim Southern asked about another clean out. Bill said yes, he was waiting for better conditions of the ground. He will be putting a safe organic root killer in the pipe tomorrow. Larry Hunt asked about the beaver dams in the creek. Bill noted they have been chewing the trees down. It was noted there were several contacts for beaver removal. David Ulrick would call a Palouse contact tomorrow.

2. General Maintenance – the Christmas lights will come down tomorrow. New LED lights are being put on the vehicles. The lights on the back of the trash truck were replaced with new blinking lights that make the crew much safer. The crew is working on one vehicle at a time.

3. 10th Street – it was confirmed 10th street was doing just great, even when wet.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Department of Retirement System Service Credit Payment Agreement Authorization: Mayor Pfaff explained the council had previously authorized the pay back into the Department of Retirement System with the employee electing to buy previous service credits and the town electing to buy previous service credits. This was the actual service credit payment agreement paperwork for the town and the council needs to approve the contracts and authorize the mayor to sign. Larry Hunt **MOVED** to approve the Department of Retirement System Service Credit Payment Agreement Contracts and the mayor be authorized to sign the contract agreements. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Gun Club: Mayor Pfaff reported on the meeting he had with Eric Slocum and Stephen Bishop. Stephen Bishop was recommending the Gun Club run the whole thing and locks the gate, putting a sign up with a name and number for people to call to pay gun club dues. Then everybody using it is legal at the gun club. The Gun Club was meeting tonight to discuss the matter. There was discussion of how this would work, who would check to see who has paid and who is target shooting. David Ulrick said he checks on who is shooting out there. It was suggested the police department could check who was

shooting out there, but it was also noted this could be problematic trying to go out every time someone shot. It was suggested doing so just for the first few weeks or months after implemented or on a complaint basis just to make sure no one is trespassing. It was agreed it wouldn't take very many members (pistol/rifle shooters) to cover the insurance cost. Mayor Pfaff confirmed the town is covered against its negligence and more or less covered it the gun club members carry insurance. It was agreed then it would be better if everyone out there was a member. Stephen Bishop had said the best option is that the gun club carries insurance and they run the gun club. Mayor Pfaff confirmed the town would still need access. David Ulrick noted the property was donated to the town for use by the community for a recreation area. David was asked, for liability, if someone becomes a member, is there a requirement they know how to use a firearm. He confirmed there is no requirement right now by they are talking about the bylaws and what those sorts of things are going to be. Becoming an NRA range was suggested but it was noted this requires a range master and someone there when someone is shooting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff reminded council these ordinances were from the council's decision to reduce water by \$1.00, add the \$1.00 to sewer, with the bill remaining the same, plus a change in the reserve amounts.

1. Ordinance No. 415N: - Setting 2012 Sewer Rate and Amending Existing Inflation Factor Mayor Pfaff noted this ordinance also corrected the 2% compounding per year, not a flat 2% each year. Sharon Schnebly **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 415N setting the 2012 sewer rates and amending the existing inflation factor. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance No. 416N – Setting 2012 Water Rate and Amending Existing Inflation Factor: Tim Southern **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 416N setting the 2012 water rates and amending the existing inflation factor. Daymon Marple seconded the motion and the motion carried.

3. Ordinance No. 417N – Setting Revenues for Utility Reserve Funds: Tim Southern **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 417N setting revenues for the utility reserve funds. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4. Resolution 2012-01 Amending Existing Garbage Rate Inflation Factor: It was confirmed this resolution corrected the 3% inflation rate; 3% increase in one year with the next year's 3% increase based upon the prior's rate including the 3% increase. Daymon Marple **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 2012-01 amending the existing garbage rate inflation factor. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL:

1. APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Larry Hunt **MOVED** approval of the following bills presented to council for payment. Daymon Marple seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

<u>2011</u>	Check Register #10278-#10286 Plus EFTPS Payroll \$7,882.11	
	Check Register #10287-#10295 Claims \$8,160.71	Voided/Spoiled Check: #10289
	Check Register #10303-#10312 Claims \$7,526.62	TOTAL 2011: \$23,569.44
<u>2012</u>	Check Register #10296-#10302 Payroll \$7,377.31	

2. DUMPSTER USAGE: Annie Pillers explained a recent situation where a dumpster was used after the customer had requested it be picked up and the customer was not responsible. The owner was asking to have this charged reversed. Tim Southern **MOVED** to approve reverse the dumpster bill. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer