

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall – April 10, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jarrod Pfaff, Larry Hunt, Daymon Marple, and Mark Young. Staff – Public Works Superintendent Perry Brown, Building Inspector Dan Gladwill, Police Chief Jerry Neumann, and Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers. Absent: Sharon Schnebly and Tim Southern. Guests: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Larry Hunt **MOVED** the minutes of the regular council meeting of March 27, 2013, be approved as written. Mark Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Dan Gladwill discussed the building issues at the property he recently inspected along with Officer Merry, noting he was able to go onto the property because of the new construction of the addition down by the barn. There is a gentleman living down there. To qualify as a residence it needs to have continuous footings, a foundation. If it's treated like a new house it needs water and sewer service. This structure does not qualify as an existing non-conforming place. Zoning and floodplain considerations must be met too. Council talked about the existing trailer and the variance that it was to be temporary at the time but no further action was ever taken by the town. Stephen Bishop would be contacted about the variance matter. The inspector's options are help get it up to code or red flag the project. Larry Hunt agreed they need building permits to build. He said the trailer is an existing residence and was allowed to continue and would hate to move someone out now. He said perhaps they needed guidance for safety. Dan Gladwill indicated with no water or sewer service and with the floodplain considerations; the new structure is not an existing non-conforming residence and cannot be allowed to continue. He talked about the hazard to everyone else down there along the floodplain and the possibility of the things getting dammed up in a flood or something breaking loose and causing damage. Mayor Pfaff complimented Dan and Officer Merry for how well they worked with the property owners. Stephen Bishop would be contacted and the issue would come back to council at the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Jerry Neumann reported the building inspector and Officer Merry doing the junk vehicle and building inspection. The department has tagged and catalogued all the junk vehicles, boats and trailers. The owners plan to move things out. Chief Neumann noted there is some residual garbage left at the property on the corner and it may be in limbo with the past owner possibly taking over the property. The vehicles were gone or stored on time.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Public Works Superintendent Perry Brown reported:

1. **Street Maintenance:** They have been swept once with some touch up to occur.
2. **Town Clean Up:** All done as of today. Monday was the normal garbage day. Tuesday they had 2 truckloads and ½ truckload today plus 1 truckload of wood. Having the dumpsters available was very helpful.
3. **WWTP:** The pump was taken to Strom's but it was not good. The shaft had snapped inside the motor. Their estimate was \$5,200. Perry said he could order one for cheaper than that. Instead he found parts from other pumps and put them into 1 pump that has been completely rebuilt. The town now has a spare. He was not sure of the cost from Strom but estimated it would be less than \$1,200 since there was no rewinding. Perry took them the bearing kit.
4. **Sewer Maintenance:** The sewer snake was ordered. The catalogue advertising this model was mistakenly sent out but because of the response in orders, the company has put this model back into production. It will take 2 weeks before the order arrives. Perry will follow up this next week on getting bids for the repair work at the Quonset hut.
5. **Park:** the picnic tables were ordered and should arrive in 7 to 10 days.
6. **Water:** A new register was ordered for the Cemetery meter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PDA Appointments: No further word yet on Mr. Love.

2. Meet Shop Two Liquor License Application: Council consensus was to support and approve the off-premises liquor license application submitted by the Meat Shop Too.

3. Restaurant: the proprietors have meet with the Small Business Administration and are proceeding with their loan.

FINANCIAL:

1. Approval of Checks: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to approve the following bills presented to council for approval. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Check Register #10865-10869

Payroll: \$7,785.46

Check Register #10870

Claims: \$3,461.06

Check Register #10871 Plus DOR EFT

Claims: \$16,030.21 Total: \$27,276.73

ADJOURNMENT: Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Daymon Marple seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST:



Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer