

**TOWN OF GARFIELD  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
May 17, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Phil Weagraff called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Tammy Howard, Kevin Pickron, Tami Southern, Phil Weagraff, and Planning Commission Secretary Annie Pillers. Absent: Andrew Flodin, Paul Hendrickson, and Damon Vassar.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tammy Howard **MOVED** the minutes of March 15, 2010, be approved as written. Kevin Pickron seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**SURVEY:**

Phil Weagraff thanked the commission members for handing out the surveys during May Day.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Page 20 – Public Buildings was reviewed and discussed.

It was suggested under Public Buildings be changed to Public Facilities and that the post office be included as a public building. It was further suggested that new sections be added for the Public Development Authority (PDA) and for the Cemetery District. This follows the existing comp plan that has a section for the Hospital District. It was suggested under the Hospital District a Pharmacy be added as a goal and that under the PDA they would want to include the restaurant.

**ROADS:** Phil Weagraff noted council was asking about road standards if an area is subdivided, such as paved road or not, etc. The commission briefly reviewed the council meeting minutes. Phil said he wondered about the streets in town that were already graveled. Kevin Pickron said if the area was subdivided then there needed to be road access and the town needs to pay. Tammy Howard thought the roads should be paved upon usage, not a subdivision. There was concern about the access road to the new proposed subdivision and the traffic going back and forth. It was noted Walter Siding was a county road. Phil indicated the new development was annexed into the town, but not Walter Siding Road. Phil Weagraff asked Tami Southern if the street gets oiled. Tami indicated yes, noting it lasts a month or two, but by harvest it doesn't help it. Kevin Pickron suggested the town put funds aside as the area increases and grows. He asked if the subdivision would have covenant fees. Tami Southern thought it was ironic that there would be a requirement to pay for roads within the development but not pay leading up to the development. Tammy Howard asked what could be done to keep them happy. Kevin Pickron would like to see the road paved between the Southern house to and all the way through the subdivision. He asked if a paved road would make the subdivision more attractive. Tami Southern talked about the cost to maintain gravel roads.

Phil indicated he would like to wait on the street discussion. Tammy Howard agreed. Kevin Pickron also agreed, noting the commission would need to decide the trigger and who pays when subdivided.

**WIND TURBINES:** The commission wanted to further explore the idea of wind turbines thinking they would be okay, but noting the concern that if one did fall, it did not fall onto someone else's property. Annie would get a copy of Whitman County's recently adopted wind turbine ordinance and send it to the commission. Kevin Pickron talked about one for the town, perhaps to run the street lights. He noted the town would not want to pin itself in and would hate to lose a grant. He felt the town would want to be green. He also talked about the cemetery as a possible site and source of income for internet service.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 28, 2010, 7:00 PM, Phil Weagraff's home.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Weagraff adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHIL WEAGRAFF, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ANNIE PILLERS, Clerk/Treasurer