

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 23, 2022 - 7:00 PM
405 W California
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pfaff called the regular town council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Pfaff, Council Members: Neal Leon, Mike Olsen, Connie Schaut and. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer: Cody Lord, Public Works: Shon Clark Absent: Craig Mitzimberg

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Scott Lewis with Apollo, Abel and Theresa Rushing.

Guest Scott Lewis with Apollo is here to update on the Solar Array grant that was submitted. Unfortunately, the grant wasn't approved for the town, but Apollo would like to take the feedback that was provided and revise the application slightly to resubmit on the next grant cycle. It would require the town paying more for the out-of-pocket cost and asking more of the Transalta side of the grant to kick in to bring down the Dept. of Commerce portion of the grant.

The out of pocket suggested amount would rise from \$76,000 to \$96,000 and based on the production and energy savings, the savings would cover the cost of the out of pocket within 8.6 years versus the 7.6 previously quoted. Other mechanisms can be utilized to save some money like sourcing local parts and completing the installation in the summer months. Mayor Pfaff said he didn't have an issue with the increase in out of pocket if it was breaking even within the 10-year time frame. Mike Olsen said this was the first time he was exposed to the numbers, and he would feel more comfortable moving forward if he had some comparisons. Scott said they would provide some contacts of other projects they have been awarded and completed, for instance Palouse and Fairfield. Otherwise, there was no opposition from council to continue to let Apollo move forward in reapplying for the next granting cycle with the stated changes. Scott exited the meetings at 7:07 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting February 9, 2022. Mike Olsen **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley was at training today at WSU and will be there another half day tomorrow. His shift will be a little erratic over the next couple of weeks while handling some town matters. More cat complaints have come in for the property near town hall

and it sounds like the tenant will be vacating at the end of the month, so hopefully they take their cats with them. Marshal Handley has ordered 10 new traps to start making a larger impact on the cat issue in town. If anyone is in need of a trap, please refer them to the Marshal's office for distribution. The last couple of weeks have been quiet. Marshal Handley is still dealing with a nuisance property in town.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark

Water

Everything operating as normal.

Sewer

Everything operating as normal.

Garbage

Everything operating as normal. The truck is still waiting for parts to be fully repaired.

Streets/Parks

Shon said they have been working a lot out at the WWTP. They finally have the wasting and dewatering to a spot where it is easier to maintain. There were some failed tests due to faulty equipment and Anatek missed being able to send one sample to Spokane due to icy road conditions. There was a couple of sewer backups with some root problems. Shon will be working to institute a root clearing program. Mayor Pfaff suggested maybe hiring Roto Rotter or Roach to come in every April and give us a full day of labor to run their jetter down the problem lines and asked Shon to get a price for this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff announced that Monty Rojas will be the town's new public works assistant. He will be putting in his two weeks' notice in Farmington and will need to get scheduled quickly to get up to Spokane and complete his CDL training. It will be 80 hours of training and then testing. The cost of the Class B will be about \$2,500. Mike Olsen asked if the town could tie cost of the class to Monty's length of employment with the town. Monty will need to be with the town 3 years for the cost to be absorbed otherwise the town will prorate each month Monty is shy of three years and back charge him the difference.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks

Neal Leon **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Mike Olsen **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Payroll: EFT

Total =\$1,439.71

Payroll: Checks 15123-15127 EFT EFTPS

Total =\$8,627.55

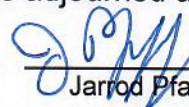
Claims: Checks 15128-15137 EFT DOR

Total =\$7,702.85

Total Claims and Payroll: \$17,770.11

ADJOURN:

Neal Leon **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Mike Olsen **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.



Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:



Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer