

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 9, 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, Craig Mitzimberg, Mike Olsen, Connie Schaut and Tom Tevlin. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer: Cody Lord, Public Works: Shon Clark Absent:

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Abel and Theresa Rushing

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mike Olsen **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting February 23, 2022. Tom Tevlin **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley was present for the meeting and said that a junk vehicle was towed today. He also had a talk with the residents who have been the source of several property complaints in town. Marshal Handley made it very clear that the next conversation will be a letter spelling out the deficiencies. Mike Olsen questioned what type of complaints the property owner was getting, Marshal Handley said lots of garbage laying around on the yard and porch and random junk on the property. Last July the police departments were hit hard with the new Washington State policing laws. These laws are now starting to be corrected and changing the rules for use of force and pursuit guidelines.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark

Water

Everything operating as normal.

Sewer

Everything operating as normal.

Garbage

Everything operating as normal.

Streets/Park

Shon Clark said Monty has been hired and started working on the 7th. They will be working to build a more detailed equipment maintenance schedule. They will also be looking to start a hydrant flushing and maintenance schedule to help the town with the insurance fire rating. Mayor Pfaff questioned how much the rating will be affected by

starting this schedule and that answer is unknown at this time. Currently the valves and hydrants need to be tested once a year.

The sewer plant is continuing to see lots of I&I and Shon has been in contact with Diana Washington about this. There were some violations on this month's DMR report and this was because of the flow and broken equipment that has already been purchased to replace the broken items. The I&I sewer project is underway, and repairs were being made to the main lines on Adams and Wesley. The water meter replacement project will be starting next Monday. Shon and Monty will be placing flags out to mark the meters. Notices were sent out to residents describing the project, timeline and that the installers would knock on resident's doors to let them know they would be without water for 15 minutes in most cases. Tom Tevlin questioned the water run off on 6th street and where the storm water runs to. There used to be an open ditch on the west side of the road but now it runs into the storm drain on the east side of 6th street.

Mayor Pfaff said Monty will be getting registered for his Class B CDL license. The council will also need to indicate if they are alright with Cody calling to get Monty a fuel card from Coleman Oil. A pin number will be provided to Monty to track his fuel purchases on all town owned equipment. Mike Olsen approved Cody to get Monty a fuel card for town fuel purchases from Coleman Oil. Neal Leon **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**. Neal asked if the class Monty will be attending for his CDL is in Spokane or Lewiston and the mayor said it would be Spokane.

OLD BUSINESS:

Some fence bids have arrived, and they are waiting on one more bid to come in before deciding at the next meeting who to use. The materials they would like sourced for the pickets are the 5/4 kiln or non-kiln dried. Mike asked if the plan was to leave the wood natural and Shon said there would be no stain or labor to stain the boards reflected in the bid price, this is something that they would be taking care of themselves.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff said there is one final spot on the fire committee that needs to be appointed from the town side. He would like to suggest that Craig take this position going forward. This would mean Tom, Connie and Craig would be on the fire committee and Neal and Mike will remain on the finance committee. Council was in support of this recommendation.

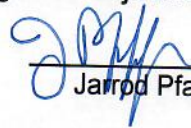
FINANCIAL: Approval of checks

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Tom Tevlin **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**.

Payroll: Checks 15138-15144 EFT EFTPS, AWC, DRS	Total =\$13,889.42
Claims: Checks 15145-15158	Total =\$17,968.22
Total Claims and Payroll: \$31,857.64	

ADJOURN:

Mike Olsen **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.



Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:



Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer