

**Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 13, 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 7:03 pm.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Theresa and Abel Rushing

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting March 23, 2022. Mike Olsen **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley submitted a written report. Mr. Johnson received an \$800 ticket today and a \$300 one a couple of weeks ago. Marshal Handley has been working with the Sheriff's office a lot in the past couple of weeks. There have been several theft incidences from surrounding Spokane and Lewiston people looking to take advantage of rural communities and the Sheriff's office is looking to resolve these quickly. There is an ongoing cat problem that is still being worked on.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark

Water

Everything operating as normal. The water meter project is about completed. All meters but 4 or 5 are done. This project was a little bigger than anticipated due to some bad prior installations and some meter connections being very deep.

Sewer

Everything operating as normal. The I&I lining project is underway and everything is going smoothly so far.

Garbage

Everything operating as normal.

Streets/Park

Mayor Pfaff asked when we will go live with the new water meter reads and Cody said it will be ready to go on the upcoming billing cycle. The public works department will now be able to drive by the meters and get radio reads without having to leave the vehicle. This will save on labor and the town will also be able to collect consumption in the wintertime. Due to the unfortunate death in town, there is a need to find a new person

to mow the town properties. Some names were discussed and Mayor Pfaff said it should go online and see what interest is there. The responsibilities will be mowing park, town hall and entrances to town and maintaining the park restrooms.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff talked with John Widman at State Bank and they have agreed to loan the town \$60,500 at 5.25% interest and a 5 year pay back. Mayor Pfaff would prefer to pay for the remainder of the RV Park remodel using the bank's money and keeping the town's money on hand. Craig Mitzimberg **MOVED** to secure the \$60,500 loan for the remaining expenditures of remodeling the RV Park. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**. Council discussed the success of other surrounding community RV Parks and thinks this will be a great addition for Garfield.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff said the Community Association has let their insurance lapse to cover MayDay and there is a community group of people that would like to put the event on. The town could get event insurance to cover the parade and a beer garden. Shon talked about all the events that will take place this year. Currently there are about 12 vendors for the event. The beer garden will be by the restaurant. Mayor Pfaff read the estimated cost for insurances and said there are multiple options. There is a policy for 1 million dollars for \$775 and another option at 2 million dollars coverage for \$950. Marshal Handley said he would suggest the larger policy for the nominal increase in cost. Council discussed their thoughts on insurance policy for the event. Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to approve \$950 for a 2/3-million-dollar insurance policy to cover the MayDay parade and beer garden with live music. Craig Mitzimberg **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor Pfaff said that the Grumpy's Tavern beer and wine license was up for renewal and wondered if there was any objection to allowing it to auto-renew? No concerns were expressed.

Council needs to determine if they would like to run the street levy on the primary election ballot and what the amount the levy should be. The previous levy amounts for the last 5 years were \$63,000 to most recently \$65,000. Home values are increasing in town so taxes will be up in general but so are costs across the board. Mayor Pfaff suggested taking the levy up to \$66,500 so it is not a huge jump but it will help to cover increasing street expenses. Craig asked if the community will get to vote on this and Mayor Pfaff said yes, this is a community voted tax that will be voted for on the primary election. Mike Olsen **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 2022-01, primary ballot street levy for \$66,500. Tom Tevlin **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**.

Marshal Handley said he would need council approval for a live band to perform on MayDay, May 21st from 5-9 pm. Shon said if the music is over and people are still in attendance, they may elect to play DJ music. Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to allow amplified music on May 21st for the MayDay event. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**.

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks

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

Payroll: EFT Dept. of Retire	Total =\$166.50
Payroll: Checks 15176-15184 Plus EFTPS, AWC, DOR	Total =\$16,588.77
Claims: Checks 15185-15201	Total =\$43,064.52
Total Claims and Payroll: \$59,819.79	

ADJOURN:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Tom Tevlin **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:


Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer