

**Town of Garfield**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 23, 2022 - 7:00 PM**  
**405 W California**  
**Public Phone in Option: 1-224-900-6919 PIN: 432 618 121#**

**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, and Connie Schaut. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer: Cody Lord, Public Works: Shon Clark  
Absent: Tom Tevlin

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:** Abel and Theresa Rushing

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Mike Olsen **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting March 9, 2022. Craig Mitzimberg **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**POLICE REPORT:**

Marshal Handley said he submitted a written report and didn't have anything additional to add to it at this time. Connie Schaut asked about the civil issues and Marshal Handley said one was a DV issue and then a civil standby. The council may need to look at how these are handled in the future. Some agencies charge a fee to handle certain civil issues.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Shon Clark

**Water**

Everything operating as normal. Water meters are being installed and currently all but 23 have been completed. Some meters require a little more installation time since they are buried or complicated installations. Some of the 2" meters were not installed, so Shon and Monty will be working on those and will be completing them soon. Also, assisted Palouse with a major water leak. Neal Leon said he thinks there may be a water leak at the south end of town. Shon will keep an eye on it, but at this time it appears the standing water is going away.

**Sewer**

Everything operating as normal.

**Garbage**

Everything operating as normal.

**Streets/Park**

Spokane street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> needs some repairs. The grindings are too large on this road and may need to be removed and the road turned back into a gravel road that the town can maintain.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Pfaff said the fence bids are in and it is now time to select a contractor to do the work. Mayor Pfaff said all bids are for a 6-foot-tall fence. Craig Mitzimberg asked who will be staining the boards once the fence is up and Mayor Pfaff said that would be completed by the public works department. 2 of the bids were from local companies. Mayor Pfaff said he would like to see a six-foot fence with the 5/4 cedar non-kiln dried pickets. It would be 4x4 treated posts with 3-rail 2x4 cross sections. Craig said he was in support of the 5/4, \$15,600 bid. Mike Olsen was also in support of this bid. Craig Mitzimberg **MOVED** to go with Keith Rawls \$15,600 bid. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pfaff said that he estimates it will cost between \$50 and \$60,000 to complete the RV park. He would like to suggest contacting State Bank Northwest about a loan, since the interest rates are low, and it will allow the town to keep more cash on hand. He asked council if they would be in support of him meeting with John Widmer at the bank about financing options. Mike said he was fine with this but would like to know the results of the meeting and further discussion about the securing of funds at a later date. The rest of council was in support.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Craig asked about the park restrooms and when they would be opening. Shon said they usually open them for the season about the same time they start reading meters in the spring. They just need to make sure the heavy freezing is not still an issue. Shon said he will have them serviced and opened here soon. Mike said when walking his dog, he also notices quite a few vehicles using the car charging station, which is great to see.

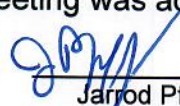
**FINANCIAL:** Approval of checks

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

Payroll: Checks 15160-15165 Plus EFTPS	Total =\$9,303.65
Claims: Checks 15159, 15166-15175 Plus DOR	Total =\$44,021.98
Total Claims and Payroll: \$53,325.63	

**ADJOURN:**

Mike Olsen **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Craig Mitzimberg **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

  
Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer