

**Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 2022 - 7:00 PM
405 W California**

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, Roni Mundell, Connie Schaut, and Tom Tevlin on conference line. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer: Cody Lord, Public Works: Monty Rojas Absent:

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Abel Rushing.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting October 26, 2022. Craig Mitzimberg **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley was not present for the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Monty Rojas

Water

There was a chlorine injection failure on the one of the wells. It has been repaired and working fine again. The chlorination report is done.

Sewer

Everything operating as normal. DMR was completed.

Garbage

Everything operating as normal.

Streets/Park

The windstorm blew over a tree in the park that was taken care of on Saturday. Also, the compost facility was loaded up with downed branches, so the pile was pushed together to make more room at the compost facility. The park and restaurant restrooms have been winterized. The roads were plowed early in the morning.

OLB BUSINESS:

Wifiber has submitted the lowest bid for surveillance in town. The bid is for 10 cameras however, the town only needs about 5 to 6 cameras. Likely their bid would come down to just over \$13,000 whereas the other bid provided was around \$23,000. Craig said it comes down to how badly the town wants the problems at the recycle barn and compost to cease. Roni Mundell offered that it is also good for the town to have these cameras for liability issues. Neal Leon said he thinks 5 cameras are alright but wonders if one is really needed at the compost facility. Roni said if the cameras are as good as

they say they are, then likely they will be worth it and will help to capture license plates of people who are doing illegal dumping. Tom Tevlin said it just becomes a matter of policing after the cameras are installed and hanging proper signage. Craig Mitzimberg **MOVED** to approve the Wifiber bid to reflect the pricing change with 5-6 cameras. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Jody Opheim has been coming up with some grants ideas for turning the Methodist Church into a community center. She has asked the town to get bids on the roof and repointing of the bricks. The church roof bids have come in and they range from approximately \$46,000 to \$72,000. Mayor Pfaff said this will give council an idea of what it will cost to get the church back into good working condition and usable as a community space. No bids for the repointing have come in yet, Shon will be working to collect these.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff said the town has a chance to purchase a garbage truck from WSU surplus. He was hoping the town could wait until 2024 to replace the current truck but this is a good truck at a good price. The truck would be between 75 to 79 thousand. It would be a front load with many of the same details as the current truck. WSU has already ordered their new one but doesn't have a final purchase price because the surplus department will have to get involved with the sale. State Bank Northwest has agreed to lend money for the truck. More details will be discussed as the purchase date approaches..

Connie Schaut said it seems like a good opportunity for the price they are suggesting. Craig, Neal, Tom, and Ronnie also shared in thinking this would be a good purchase for the town. Tom asked if WSU maintains the truck and Mayor Pfaff said the engine and drivetrain service was completed by the motor pool and other repair items were taken to SWS in Spokane which is the same place the town takes the current garbage truck. Tom said it would be nice to get access to the service records. Mayor Pfaff said at the next meeting there will be specs written up and a resolution drafted stating the special market conditions, so they are prepared to snag the truck once it comes onto the surplus inventory.

Mayor Pfaff said the town is also in need of replacing the ½ ton pickup. The front end on the truck is shot and it has high mileage. The truck was a surplus from Avista many years ago. He asks what the amount is that council would like to spend to start looking for a replacement. Neal said he believes anything from 12 to 18 thousand would be suitable for a good truck. The ½ ton truck is used around town for the parks, streets, water, and sewer departments and to run to Moscow or Pullman for supply runs. Tom said he thinks between 15 and 20 thousand would be reasonable. Roni asked if there was some flexibility in looking for a good deal with this purchase? Council was in support of spending up to \$18,000 for the ½ ton truck. Mayor Pfaff said a resolution will be available at the next council meeting with these details.

Tom will not be making the Fire Department meetings on a regular basis, so Mayor Pfaff said it is time to appoint someone new to this town representative spot on the fire council. Roni said she would be willing to go and learn more about it. Mayor Pfaff said

if there are no objections, then Roni will be appointed as a town representative to sit on the fire board meetings the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm.

Mayor Pfaff said the garbage fuel budget has been reviewed and the council will likely need to keep fuel prices in mind when deciding on the 2023 operating budget. There is a chance that fuel could continue to climb due to a shortage, so this will need to be reflected in the rates that are collected in the garbage fees.

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks

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

Payroll: Qtr 3 Payroll EFTs L&I, ESD, PFML	Total =\$2,697.87
Payroll: Checks 15449-15454 Plus EFTs AWC, EFTPS, DRS	Total =\$16,171.34
Claims: Checks 15455-15469	Total =\$16,758.67

Total Claims and Payroll: \$35,627.88

ADJOURN:

Neal Leon **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:


Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer