

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 12, 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. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer: Cody Lord, Public Works: Shon Clark Absent:

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Abel and Theresa Rushing

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting September 28, 2022. Tom Tevlin **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley present.

Marshal Handley said there were a total of 5 calls in the last 2 weeks and nothing much to report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark

Water

Everything operating as normal.

Sewer

Everything operating as normal. Century West will be in town to map out the sewer system. Connie Schaut asked if the flow meters arrived, and Shon said they were received and being used and analyzed. One of the meters doesn't seem to be charging correctly so Shon will check with Corrective Equipment on how they would like to handle that. The meters showed some interesting results from the last rain event. The meters in the alley by Grumpy's and around 2nd and Union collected some interesting information that will have to be further evaluated. Mayor Pfaff said there is a definite change in flow with a rain event happening.

Garbage

Everything operating as normal. All-town cleanup is done, and everything went smooth. There were a couple of volunteers that assisted with the cleanup.

Streets/Park

Street patching has been completed for this year. The trailer park is ready for the next stage of work. They will be working to paint lines to determine where curbs and grass should be.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sarah and Sonja have submitted their thoughts on painting the brick surface at the library. Mayor Pfaff said he is in favor of letting Sonja paint directly on the brick so they don't have to mess with mounting anything. Mayor Pfaff asked council if they want Shon to install a false wall or to just go ahead and paint directly on the brick. Tom Tevlin said he thinks it is fine to paint the brick. All other council members were also in support. Mayor Pfaff said to inform Sarah that they could move forward with painting the mural.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff said that Century West will be down to look at the next phase of the I&I issues and he has asked Steve not to focus on the side sewers at this time. They will also be working on the Facilities Plan to determine the best plant and form of treatment for the town moving forward. This plan is a 50% grant and 50% loan, with the total cost of \$100,000. Tom said the town really needs to determine where this I&I is coming from, and he is excited to see what the flow meters show. Mayor Pfaff said the school roof is still an unknown at this time as to where that flow goes.

2023 Preliminary Budget Preparation

Mayor Pfaff said at the next council meeting they will host the preliminary budget, however the final budget won't be approved until December so that a tighter budget can be presented. One thing to note is the cost of fuel is up significantly and it has impacted the garbage fund. The county will be increasing their tipping fees 6%. Health insurance for the town's employees will be raising by 7%. The employees have come up with a list of potential benefits they would like to see in the coming budget. Some of the items presented were memberships to LifeFlight, 5 more vacation days a year or possibly the addition of a \$100 towards a medical Veba each month, which is a medical savings account that can only be used for medical expenses. Mayor Pfaff said he will budget for a 3% raise and one or a combination of these items and he is open to any other suggestions that the council thinks would be appropriate.

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks

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

Payroll: Checks 15412-15419 EFT for AWC, EFTPS	Total =\$13,186.59
Claims: Checks 15420-15439 Plus EFT HUB INT.	Total =\$21,766.43

Total Claims and Payroll: \$34,953.02

Tom thought the Saturday Harvest Festival went well and he saw a lot of faces there he hadn't seen in a long time. Shon said they are having a meeting on Sunday to discuss how the event went and what could be done differently for next year.

ADJOURN:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Tom Tevlin **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.


Jayrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:


Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer