

**Town of Garfield  
TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 28, 2022 - 7:00 PM  
405 W California**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pfaff called the regular town council meeting to order at 6:57 pm.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:** Abel Rushing, Cody Allen (Whitman County Library Director) and Sarah Anderson, (Garfield Librarian)  
Cody Allen and Sarah Anderson are here with the Whitman County Library to discuss having a mural painted on the side of the library building. A sample of the mural was provided to council and it was determined that the mural should stop where the community center door begins. Mayor Pfaff said that names could not be painted on the building for donations, that another funding option needed to be explored. Sarah will work on the fundraising for the supplies and Sonja Hall will donate her time to paint the mural.

Shon Clark said he would like to see the mural painted on a surface that could be anchored to the brick, like painted plywood. Painting on untreated brick may be challenging and not weather well. This may cost a bit more, but the surface would likely allow the image to last longer. Possibly another option is that the brick could first be sealed and then painted over. Cody Allen said the library would be willing to work with whatever is decided as the best option. Council was in support of either sealing the surface or using the false wall for installation over the brick.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Craig Mitzimberg **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting September 14, 2022. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**POLICE REPORT:**

Marshal Handley has been busy over the past couple of weeks dealing with a child abuse case. There were some conflicting details about the incident, but Marshal Handley has just dropped the case off to the prosecutor. Each year there are some speeding complaints of people going to Bishop Orchards for harvest, so a radar trailer is installed in that area to remind traffic to slow down. The department will be adopting the Washington State authorized Use of Force Policy that will be in effect December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Pfaff said he is fine with the department using the same policy that Sheriff Myers uses.



Mayor Pfaff said there was a surveillance bid submitted and disclosed the amount of the bid which the council agreed was too excessive to execute. The town is still waiting for Wifiber to submit their formal bid for equipment and installation.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark**

**Water**

Everything operating as normal.

**Sewer**

Everything operating as normal. Shon said there was an inspection completed by EPA and DOE at the waster water facility. He didn't expect there would be any surprises from the inspection but there will be some things that will need to be addressed. The new flow meters have been received and they are placed in the manholes already and ready for the next high flow event. They are currently getting familiar with the software.

**Garbage**

Everything operating as normal.

**Streets/Park**

The RV Park has been leveled and looks nice. Next will be sprinklers installed and hydro-seeding. Neal said the rock for the RV Park will likely be very expensive. Neal asked about the paving schedule and when Shon will be getting the asphalt. Shon has been in contact with Motley for prices and the project will be starting the coming Wednesday.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Harvest Festival will be taking place on October 8<sup>th</sup> and the Community Association will need the town to get insurance for the event. At the Mayday Event the town covered the event with a \$3 million dollar policy. Mayor Pfaff said for the same policy, excluding a beer garden rider, would cost \$412. The mayor read out the other coverage options and costs and asked what the council would like to do. Council was in agreement the \$3 million policy was suitable and the town could cover the cost of the insurance for the event.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Greg Dobb and Kim Prisock from the Department of Ecology were down to discuss the status of the sewer I&I project. They talked about the importance of how this is an iterative process and if the I&I numbers hadn't been reduced considerably with the pipe lining, then the town should move onto phase 2 of the project. Steve Nelson with Century Engineering was also in attendance and talked about the important of the town executing the Facilities Plan for the plant in tandem with the continued I&I project. DOE said there is lots of funding out there at this time to deal with issues like this but after this 5-year funding cycle, funds will likely dry up, so the town needs to work towards getting the I&I resolved and a plan in place to deal with the aging system. Craig hopes the town acquiring their own flow meters will help to aid in finding a solution for the I&I issues.

Craig said it doesn't sound like there is a lot of choice, that likely the town will need to be moving forward with the Facilities Plan to keep all the agencies happy and working towards a beneficial solution. Mayor Pfaff asked if council was in support of him moving forward with the facilities plan with Century West and the council indicated they were. This will be a \$100,000 plan with 50% covered by grants and 50% covered by loans the



town will be required to pay. The town will move forward with Century West in developing a Facilities Plan for the waste water treatment plant.

**FINANCIAL:** Approval of checks

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

Payroll: Checks 15401-15404 EFT for DRS, EFTPS  
Claims: Checks 15405-15411 Plus EFT DOR

Total =\$9,360.61  
Total =\$139,984.56

Total Claims and Payroll: \$149,345.17

**ADJOURN:**

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Craig Mitzimberg **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.



Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer