

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2023 - 7:00 PM
405 W California

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pfaff called the Public Hearing portion of the town council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Abel Rushing

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing Final Budget Hearing and the Regular Council Meeting December 14, 2022. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

No reports or updates were given from the police department.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Water

Everything operating as normal.

Sewer

The sewer plant is currently taking in a lot of water. Connie questioned if the flow meters have been moved and Shon said one is out and the other three will be relocated tomorrow. The numbers off these flow meter reads are just being analyzed and Shon will have more details soon.

Garbage

Everything operating as normal.

Streets/Park

Lots of snow removal.

Shon has located a 2010 GMC Canyon, 4-wheel drive with less than 100,000 miles for \$18,237. Mayor Pfaff said this is \$237 over the allotted purchase price from the last council meeting and wonders if council is still alright with this amount. Connie asked what will be done with the old truck and it is determined that it will likely be surplus. Shon will also attempt to have the dealership take the old f-150 in on trade to bring the purchase price down. Council was in support of the additional \$237 for the purchase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shon reached out to a couple of camera companies to come and camera some of the sewer lines. The rate that has been submitted so far is between \$2,000 to \$2,800 a day. Century West also used cameras in the system but never did it during a heavy rain event when it would be most useful. The goal would be to schedule the cameras to arrive when the snow melt is just starting but having too much water in the system also makes it hard to analyze once the pipes are full. The thought is they would camera close to the plant to start and then move out into the system. Right now, the system is running about 400,000 gallons a day. The more expensive of the two companies can also rent their jetter for \$235 an hour. This can be handy in case there are roots in the system to remove the blockage.

Mayor Pfaff said that the town is still waiting to hear back from WSU for the purchase price details of their garbage truck and when they will be ready to move forward with the surplus and purchase. The truck will need to be outfitted to be able to use the Curatto Can on the front of it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Roni Mundell gave some details about the fire department meeting from earlier in the evening. They are starting to talk about the need for a new station again. Possibly WSU can come and assist with an analysis of the current space and whether it would be better to remodel or just move into a new place. Some ideas have been passed around for the department's future recruitment. Roni asked what kind of petitioning can be done to get support from the district for fire department funding? Mayor Pfaff detailed the cost of the proposed fire building and how much of that could be covered by grants from CDBG if approved. There would be a portion of the project that would still need to be covered by the town and district. Income surveys in the past presented a problem with the rural county properties driving up the income and kicking the town out for eligibility.

Roni said potentially the town needs to look at other plan b and c options to accommodate the needs of the department. Currently the space is maxed and not appropriate for the size of the trucks. Possibly the community center could be moved to another space and the building retrofitted for more room for the department. The library moving is also a challenge since all of the contracted Whitman County Library fiber is run into the current library space. Likely if changes to the fire department building are to take place, a levy would be needed to help subsidize the costs. A call will be put into Jodi Opheim to see if there are other opportunities that haven't been explored.

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks

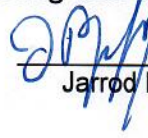
Craig Mitzimberg **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Payroll: Checks 15505-15509 PLUS EFTPS, DRS	Total =\$9,432.52
Claims: EFT Dept of Revenue	Total =\$2,094.90
Claims: Checks 15510-15516	Total =\$14,383.15
Payroll: Checks 15517-15524 PLUS EFT AWC, EFTPS, DRS	Total =\$16,489.82
Claims: Checks 15525-15528	Total =\$802.00
Claims: Checks 15529-15540	Total =\$15,011.85

Total Claims and Payroll: \$58,214.24

ADJOURN:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.



Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:



Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer