

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 22, 2023 - 7:00 PM
405 W California St.

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

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Regular Meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: No guests in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Neal Leon **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting March 8, 2023. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley and Shon Clark are both attending a fire in Colfax. A written report was submitted to council for the Marshal's office.

Neal Leon wanted to discuss the DUI patrol that is taking place on Highway 26. He wonders what the Town of Garfield police is doing on Highway 26 and wonders why the town should be paying for the department to be working out there. Mayor Pfaff said that Marshal Handley is participating in a program that is grant funded and is paid for the hours that he patrols away from the town. In 2022, enough funds were reimbursed to help assist with the department's cost of fuel. Neal is concerned that if Marshal Handley was out of town on one of these DUI patrols and something happens in town, he wouldn't be able to get back in a timely manner. Neal thinks this is a long way out of town for the town cop.

Tom Tevlin explains that the county police and sometimes state patrol pass through town to provide support and likely if Marshal Handley was out of town, he could call them for backup during his absence, much like would happen when he is out of town for personal matters or on vacation. He said there are times Marshal Handley provided support to the county and likewise they would provide support to Garfield if needed. Neal said he understands this but doesn't think that patrolling on Highway 26 should be considered mutual aid. Roni Mundell asked if Marshal Handley is out on Highway 26 and getting paid, which helps support the fuel budget for that town, wouldn't this be considered a benefit to the town? Roni said at this time she doesn't have enough details to make a determination whether this is good for the town.

Connie Schaut questioned the situation of a citizen complaining about the noise coming from the Garfield Gun Club. She asked if this person was a resident of Garfield and how long the person had lived here and why this is now becoming an issue when the gun club has been in operation since the first day this person moved to town. Mayor Pfaff said he was personally called many times and many voicemails were left from this individual making complaints. At this time, nothing will be changing with the Garfield Gun Club, and they will continue their events as scheduled.

Mayor Pfaff said that Shon has discovered there is a valve on the basketball side of the park but there are no sprinklers attached to this valve. Shon will be able to provide more details at the next council meeting. The flow meters are now working correctly, there was a sleep mode that needed to be activated once the meters were installed and this would allow the meters to continue to read for up to 28 days. The meters were put in for observation the prior Friday and will likely be taken out tomorrow to gather the data.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Water

Everything is operating as normal.

Sewer

The sewer plant is operating as normal.

Garbage

Everything is operating as normal.

Streets/Park

OLD BUSINESS:

Cody will be sending in the Engineering Request for Qualification (RFQ) details to the Gazette for publication. The notice will run for two weeks and then council will have time to review the submissions before the final meeting in April. At that time, they can elect to interview the top candidates or select an Engineering firm to represent the town in its various projects.

Connie Schaut asked about the surveillance cameras and when they could be expected to be installed. Mayor Pfaff said the installation was just completed and most cameras are up and working at this time.

Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Payroll: Checks 15613-15617 Plus DRS and EFTPS
Claims: Check 15591, 15618-15627 EFT Dept of Rev.

Total =\$9,688.31
Total =\$15,958.47

Total Claims and Payroll: \$25,646.78

ADJOURN:

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



Jarrod Pfaff - Mayor

ATTEST:



Cody Lord - Clerk/Treasurer