

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 28, 2023 - 7:00 PM
405 W California St.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Linda Kildew, Daymon Marple, and Roger Pennell with the Whitman County Cemetery District #2.

Linda Kildew is here to provide an update on the cemetery's water leak. The line was dug out and Jerry Love and a worker fixed the leak. They would like to request a week before the line is buried in that section so they can activate the line and make sure there are no other leaks before the line is buried again. Linda questioned the power meter for the gun club and who pays for that bill. It was confirmed that the town doesn't cover the cost of that meter. Linda is concerned the Cemetery District is also covering the cost of electricity through the meter to the gun club.

Mayor Pfaff doesn't believe anyone minds that the pump is in the pump house. Linda confirms they will continue to shut the water off during the winter months.

Roger Pennell met with Jerry this afternoon and they are confident the leak is fixed. He will have his engineer draw blueprints so if there is ever a leak in the future, there is documentation of exactly where the line is buried and will be easier to work on. The only thing left to do is charge the line and let it sit a week and see if the hole fills in with water, they will then know if they have another leak to work on. Roger expressed that like the pool and park, the cemetery is an important piece of the community that needs to look nice, and he hopes that all organizations within the community can work together.

Tom expressed that everyone at the table understands and appreciates this and is willing to work towards a good solution, however, if they were to go back a week, the conversation that was being presented to the town was threatening and included conversations of lawsuits. The town was attempting to notify and help you understand the issue and that same respect was not coming back. Roger said he understands there were some difficult conversations happening and is confident in the future the conversations, even if they are hard, can be had and good conclusions come from them. Roger said he will have Jerry pass along to Shon when the hole can be back filled, and the project completed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 14, 2023. Tom Tevlin **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley is not present for this meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Water

Everything is operating as normal. The water line to the sewer plant has been completed.

Sewer

Everything is operating as normal.

Garbage

Everything is operating as normal.

Streets/Park

Safety bollards are going in at the park. 4 posts took about 10 bags of concrete. Tomorrow the bollards should be completed and the posts for the billboard will be in place. The streets have been swept where the chip seal was completed. Mayor Pfaff asked Shon to call the company with the mag chloride road oil bid to get the roads oiled before harvest kicks off.

OLD BUSINESS:

JUB has provided a preliminary I&I Plan and after talking with DOE, the deadline for completing this is December of 2024. Cody is working with DOE to see if they will help cover the additional cost of the I&I Facilities Plan through additional grant funding. After a plan is put forward for the remaining costs, then council should review and sign the plan if they agree to the terms.

Roni Mundell said she would like to touch base on the suggestion of the town assisting the Cemetery District with road plowing and rock spreading in the winter. She is curious whom a homeowner calls if they need snow removal completed. They don't call the town, they call a private business for services. She thinks the Cemetery District should also be planning ahead in the wintertime and reaching out to private businesses to get these services taken care of. Tom reaffirmed that times have changed and anytime the town's equipment is working, it should be on town projects due to liability issues. Neal said only in an absolute emergency, should the town be contacted to assist with such matters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council is reviewing other town's policies for their RV park to set the ground rules for Garfield's Park. Below are the items that were settled on:

- There should be one price throughout the park, with no upcharge for premium nights and that rate should be \$45.00 a night.
- There should be a two-week maximum length of stay.
- There should be 50% of the park reservable and 50% first come first serve.
- If a person is in town working on a construction project or here for harvest, they can come to town council to ask for an increase in their maximum length of stay.

- There is a maximum of two pets allowed.
- RV overnighters can also have 1 tent spot included with the knowledge that the sprinklers come on early in the morning.
- Portable propane fire pits only. No wood burning or charcoal burning fires.
- Propane BBQs are acceptable but are not to be placed on picnic tables. Any damage done by portable BBQs will be charged back to the customer.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 8 am.
- Cancellations completed 48 hours prior to the reservation date will receive a full refund.
- 1 RV and 1 towed vehicle per space.
- No on street parking and no mechanical work on vehicles while staying at the RV park.
- Spaces must be cleaned upon exit and no debris left behind. A garbage receptacle will be placed in the park for garbage disposal.
- No parking on the lawn.
- Water psi regulators are encouraged due to high pressure in the town's water line. The town is not responsible for water psi or amperage spiking issues.

Shon will inquire about getting an aerial picture of the RV Park. Mayor Pfaff said the numbering for the spaces should start at the entrance and go clockwise. Tom asked if there was a way customers could do reservations online and Mayor Pfaff said these details are currently being worked on.

Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Payroll: Checks 15730-15736 EFT DRS, EFTPS

Total =\$10,454.47

Claims: Check 15737-15744 EFT DOR

Total =\$23,648.54

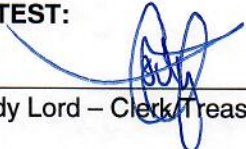
Total Claims and Payroll: \$34,103.01

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 8:02 pm.


 Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:


 Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer