

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 15th, 2023 – 7:00 PM
405 W California St.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Eric Mills, Jason Bankus, Kelsey Clark, Kenilee Clark, Wayde Morris, and TJ Mitzimberg.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Craig Mitzimberg **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting November 8th, 2023. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley is present and reported 3 calls since the last meeting. Mr. Brown was issued his first ticket for junk vehicles for \$260. The RV was moved, and some other progress is being made. Marshal Handley will wait another week to see what is taken care of and follow up at that time.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon was out on vacation.

Water

Everything is operating as normal.

Sewer

Everything is operating as normal.

Garbage

Everything is operating as normal.

Streets/Park

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff said that he emailed to everyone the copy of the most recent preliminary 2024 budget. The insurance numbers still need to be finalized and insurance is going up another estimated \$13,000 this year. The cost of insuring police departments is rising across the state. A call will be put in with another competing insurance company to see what they might be able to offer.

Notable changes to the 2024 budget are health insurance is increasing per employee. Medical will increase about \$41 per month per employee, and vision will be added at a \$12 a month per employee cost. Council approved a 3% COLA so that will equate to

about a \$1,500 to \$2,000 increase in payroll per employee. State remittance from various taxes that they pass back to municipalities has risen significantly this year. Mayor Pfaff talked about the funds and their current positions and says the final insurance revisions will be conducted but the rise in costs is starting to impact the budget. Roni Mundell confirmed that if the fire department is wanting something other than what is budgeted, they just need to let the town know? The department is looking to get a specialized uniform washer installed at the facility. Research into options and costs will be conducted soon.

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

Claims: Check 15925-15929

Total =\$3,293.16

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ADJOURN:

Andrea Mills **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.



Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:



Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer