

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
Emergency Meeting Garfield Methodist Church Damage
February 2, 2024 – 7:00 PM
405 W California St.

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

EMERGENCY MEETING:

Mayor Pfaff stated this meeting was to designate the damage done to the town owned Methodist Church an emergency and to review the contractor bids that were expedited to get the repairs underway. There will be no further business to discuss with the church other than the demo/drying out bids and the electrical bids.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:

Jeff & Debbie Gilbertson, Terialynn Manzano, Josh Hightree, Greg Partch, Darlene Perkins, David and Melody Jones, Theresa Simpson, and Robert Foley.

Bids were received for abatement of the water and moisture caused by the fire suppressant system rupture during the freezing temps due to the heat being turned off and system not drained. 3 bids have been received to decrease the moisture in the space and dry it out. Only one of the bids included demo of the space and removal of lath and plaster in areas where the moisture might create issues in the future.

- Servpro bid was \$20,887.64 and did not include anti-microbial treatment or demo work.
- Palouse Disaster Restoration was \$17,312.40, which does not include demo as they don't have the crew available to do this type of work.
- ServiceMaster was \$28,646.87, which includes the anti-microbial treatment and demo. Some of the demo work has been completed so the final bill will reflect the items that are not needed.

The carpet has been removed due to the high moisture content and a decision needs to be made on how to move forward to avoid any possibility of mold occurring. Roni Mundell asked what the main issue is if they continue to wait to make a decision and the largest factor is mold and mildew starting to appear. The professional opinion is to get the walls opened up and air moving around. Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the Service MASTER bid and start the process as quickly as possible. Jason Bankus **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pfaff said in addition to the water damage and clean up, Labor and Industries inspected the electrical and said they would not allow the power back on in the building in the current condition and with the current electrical box that is in place. Two electrical bids have been received. Harrison M&M came back with a verbal bid not to exceed

\$5,000. Joe from Harrison suspects L&I will require grounding rods to be in place upon the new box being installed. If not, their bid would be \$4,500. EDA from Moscow put in a bid of \$4,000 to install a new box, reconnect the two GFI circuits and place a couple receptables in each of the large rooms. Connie Schaut asked about EDA's reputation, not knowing who they were, and Mayor Pfaff said they had a good reputation. Jason Bankus **MOVED** to approve EDA's panel replacement bid for the Methodist Church to get some power back online. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

The community asked some questions about the church and were assured that follow-up public meetings will take place when the town moves towards making a decision on what to do with the space. The mayor detailed exactly what caused the damage at the church and assured everyone that the town is working as quickly as possible to get the space back to a dry condition.

ADJOURN:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Jason Bankus **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer