

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 13th, 2024 – 7:00 PM
405 W California St.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Damon Vassar and Shon Clark

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, February 28, 2024. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley was absent for the meeting but provided the council with a written report.

FIRE REPORT:

Town Hall ordered some fire hydrant out of service bags to be used by the department in the future when a hydrant issue is identified.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Water

Phil with KME has been contacted about the parts needed to have the well and the chlorine injector talking with each other, so chlorine is only called for when it is needed in the future. The water report was submitted on time.

Sewer

There has been some time spent on the clarifier and dewatering station. Roach construction has come out with their jetter and cleaned out the manhole in the 900 block of 1st street. The manhole has some concrete blockage in the center of it that needs to be chipped out or the slope of the manhole needs to be corrected for better flow. The DMR will be submitted by the 15th deadline.

Garbage

SWS has been contacted about the compactor issues on the truck again. Recycling and compost bins have been ordered from the county.

Street/Park

Vehicle servicing is taking place. The RV Park and park have been cleaned up from winter debris. The shop has also been cleaned and organized. Several potholes have

been filled with gravel until the county grader can be hired to come in and blade the roads.

Mayor Pfaff said a bid for the hydrant replacement on 3rd and Cleveland is roughly \$6,000 and includes the hydrant and valve. Jason Bankus questioned if it was less expensive to do several at one time. Mayor Pfaff said the town has 2 – 6-foot hydrants in inventory, however this hydrant is a special order 3-footer. Jason wonders what the coverage will be on South Hill once that one is replaced, saying the one at the end of 3rd street was able to be opened but they had to be very careful when closing it back down. The town now has out of service bags to be used when a hydrant is not operating correctly so it is easy to determine if it is functioning or not. Jason Bankus **MOVED** to approve the purchase of the 3-foot fire hydrant, connections, and valves. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff said the bulk of the emergency work on the church is now completed and the space is now dry. He would like the council to acknowledge that the emergency has now passed. Andrea Mills **MOVED** to designate the church flooding event as a non-emergency at this time. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pfaff said the Service Master bill has been received and it is about \$25,000. The original estimate was \$28,000 but some of the demo work was taken on by helpers in town. Jason asked if they sprayed the anti-microbial spray and Mayor Pfaff said it was applied. The town received two bids to repair the damaged sheet rock which are each about \$25,000 and there are also two electrical bids to redo similar installation of the old electrical, which is no longer usable. Those bids were between \$8,600 and \$13,000. If the space is to be repaired to the condition it was prior to the flooding event, they will be looking at about \$60,000 in total repairs. Mayor Pfaff suggested ordering an appraisal with the way the structure sits versus if it was put back together to help determine how they would like to move forward. Jason Bankus **MOVED** to order an appraisal. Ronnie Mundell **seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pfaff said that he, Connie, and Craig went through the job applications and will be scheduling interviews in the coming week. None of the applicants have the desired water or sewer qualifications. Ideally, they would be able to hire by the last half of April and working by the first half of May. Mayor Pfaff said he would prefer to keep John on as part time help through the end of May to get caught up with things. The council was in support.

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

Payroll: Checks 16067-16072 EFT AWC, EFTPS, DRS	Total =\$14,178.83
Payroll: EFTPS	Total =\$1,197.92
Claims: Checks 16073-16092	Total = \$40,150.39

Total Claims and Payroll: \$55,527.14

Mayor Pfaff said they would be entering into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (b). The Executive session will start at 7:15 and scheduled to end at 7:45 with the council meeting concluding immediately afterwards. Connie Schaut **MOVED** to enter Executive Session at 7:15. Jason Bankus **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to exit Executive Session at 7:44 pm. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

ADJOURN:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.



Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:



Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer