

**Town of Garfield**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 10, 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:**

- Valarie Grindle with the Community of Garfield Association  
Val is here to let the council know May Day will have a Friday night band and Saturday morning and afternoon events. The Community of Garfield Association would like to use the restaurant space for staging if possible. There will be no silent auction this year. Connie Schaut asked if someone will be manning the restaurant if it is going to be open to the public and Val said that she was happy to volunteer to do that. They will also need assistance with blocking off some streets for the band and for the vendors on Saturday. The council was in support of both requests.

- Robbie and Annie Riedinger with Garfield Meat Shop  
A handout was provided to the council to detail a round pin that the Riedingers' would like to put in the west parking lot of their property. It will be about a 23x20 concrete pad with two sweeps to collect and push animals into the indoor knock box. By adding this round pin, it allows them to no longer need trailers to park and unload on Main St. and will also be more discreet so people passing by won't see the animals being harvested. There would be no storage of animals on the lot or in trailers overnight. The two pins will allow them to handle two different species at the same time. The council was in support of the Meat Shop moving forward with the design as planned and said because it wasn't outside the permissible uses, there was no need to motion on the granting of the request.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, March 27th, 2024. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**POLICE REPORT:**

Marshal Handley was not present for the meeting but submitted an email report to the council.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The Garfield school doesn't have any fire alarms in the boiler tunnel. This would be a school issue and they would need to work with Chuck and Chris to rectify the issue.

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

### **Water**

The telemetry issues have been resolved and now has an appropriate solar array to power the batteries, including cloudy days. Phil with KME still needs to come out and remove well #4 from the old system so that when the power goes out, it will no longer call for chlorine. Fixed the water leak on Manring St. and repaired the road with gravel until it can be graded and repaired.

### **Sewer**

The plant is looking good, John has been doing a good job out there and getting the hang of everything. Clarifiers are down to a combined 6 feet, and this is the level where David Tysz would like to see them operated at. It appears the meters that were in and recording I&I were in too long and the data was compromised. They are charging and preparing to go back into other JUB identified manholes.

### **Garbage**

Pacific Steele will be providing a metal recycling container as soon as they can get one up here. Compost has been compacted and loaded into the county provided container.

### **Street/Park**

The county has been contacted about grading the dirt roads and they will send someone out on overtime hours to grade on an upcoming Friday or Saturday. Ed-Ka road has also been filled with gravel. Also repaired the large pothole on 3<sup>rd</sup> ST going up to the school.

The mini ex was down for a bit. Took out the fuel filters and they were getting plugged. Rock has been ordered and there are two loads of each size coming.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Pfaff said that Gem State Appraisal can do a commercial appraisal, but it will cost about \$4,000. Roni Mundell asked if they could table the topic to take a moment to consider the costs and how they would like to move forward. Mayor Pfaff explained they will need to have the appraisal before deciding if they are going to sell that space, so inevitably they will need to get it done sooner or later. Council supported hiring Gem State to complete the commercial appraisal. Corey started on the roof and said there were multiple spots of water entry. He is repairing them, and the roof should be good for a couple of years while the council decides what they are going to do with the space.

Connie asked if there has been any search for a replacement garbage truck and Mayor Pfaff said not at this time, he has been primarily out in the field with spring work.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Pfaff said it is that time of year when they need to start thinking about the street levy and what amount they would like to ask for. The last levy collection amount was \$68,500 and Mayor Pfaff would like to see that levy raised to \$72,000 or \$73,000. Fuel, oil, road patch and rock are all increasing in price. Mayor Pfaff advised thinking about it over the next couple of weeks and they will take up the discussion at the next council meeting.

Washington State has sent a notice of renewal for Grumpy's Tavern beer and wine license. Mayor Pfaff asked if there were any objections, no objections were heard, and the council was in support of the license being renewed.

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

Payroll: Checks 16102-16107 PLUS EFT AWC, DRS & EFTPS	Total =\$14,427.52
Claims: Checks 16108-16126	Total =\$22,719.88

Total Claims and Payroll: \$37,147.40

**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 7:26 pm.

  
Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer