

*Town of Garfield*  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
*July 10<sup>th</sup>, 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: Ryan Lindhorst Absent: Craig Mitzimberg

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Phillip and Paula Cuevas are here to voice their concern about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. They had fireworks fall on their deck and close to their propane tank and some of the fireworks were quite large. They don't enjoy being in town for the 4<sup>th</sup> but say they stayed to make sure their property was safe. The fireworks were discharged very late with the last one they heard at 12:30 am. They are wondering if anything can be done to minimize the risk to properties within town and questioned who is responsible if a structure catches fire and burns down.

Jason Bankus added the state regulates the fireworks laws so if someone is breaking the state laws, you would need to call the county to have them respond. Paula said several people were lighting off fireworks before the 4<sup>th</sup>, beyond the cut off time and larger in size than what is legal, including m80s. She asked, can't the town place an all-out ban on the aerals and large fireworks?

Mayor Pfaff said they would not pass a ban on fireworks. Marshal Handley said if the council is considering an ordinance against fireworks, the town would be the only location in the county with such an ordinance. Paula hoped they would put some thought into how to make it safer for homeowners in the future who do not wish to partake in the lighting of fireworks. There was a second formal complaint that was received detailing large fireworks hitting the side of Ladow Court and scaring the residents.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Jason Bankus **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**POLICE REPORT:**

Marshal Handley was present for the meeting via the phone. He said that he received zero calls for complaints on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He said he also noticed it was an exceptional year for fireworks. Mayor Pfaff said the official position for the town will be to take no position. Marshal Handley said other than 4<sup>th</sup> of July items, he has been called

out 2 times in the past couple of weeks. One civil issue and one for a fight on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He said he will be addressing a couple of south hill yards in the coming weeks.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Calls have been made about the junk vehicle remaining on California Street. The paperwork that was required, was given to Abel. They are still trying to figure out how to get it trailered out of there.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

##### **Water**

Everything is operating normally. Still waiting on the final bid for the hydrant installation on Cleveland. Some rain gutter bids were provided for discussion and selection.

##### **Sewer**

Everything is operating normally. Connie said she saw JUB in town and Ryan said Monty met with them regarding flow monitoring locations and discussion on future smoke testing.

##### **Garbage**

Everything is operating normally. Ryan said the garbage truck needs brakes and Mayor Pfaff encouraged Ryan to call Chris McCully to come out and assess the situation but before scheduling with Chris, grease the automatic adjusters in the back.

##### **Street/Park**

Everything is operating normally. Lyman is scheduled for Friday at 10 am to Mag Chloride the roads and the pre-water application has been coordinated with Fire Chief McCully. The trench to install the wiring for the surveillance system was dug. Ryan said he will start working on fluid changes in the fleet.

Mayor Pfaff talked about the bid received from Roach but said it will go slightly higher due to some pieces not being part of the initial bid. The second and third bids are not in, but the town should not elect to keep waiting since the town is getting into fire season and the next closest hydrant is a distance from this location. Jason Bankus **MOVED** to approve the Roach Construction bid for hydrant replacement. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pfaff discussed the three options for rain gutters. John's Continuous Gutter was \$11,227.40 for steel, Cascade was \$5,747.90 for steel material and Rainman was \$9,233.27 for steel materials. Jason Bankus **MOVED** to approve the Cascade Rain Gutters bid with steel materials for \$5,747.90. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pfaff instructed Ryan to contact the leak detection guys and have them look at the main water line going up 3<sup>rd</sup> St by Cleveland. The Zook's have had water penetrating their basement since last year and can't seem to locate where the issue is coming from. Hopefully they can find an issue with the use of ultrasound.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Resolution 2024-07 Street Levy for General Election

This resolution is the back up resolution in case the street levy fails in the primary, then this would allow it to be on the general election ballot in November. It is a levy of \$72,000, which equates to \$2.50 per \$1000 of assessed property values. Andrea



Mills **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2024-07. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**FINANCIAL:** Approval of Checks

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

Payroll: Checks 16212-16217 PLUS EFT AWC, EFTPS, DRS	Total =\$15,402.64
Claims: Checks 16218-16238	Total =\$17,759.86

Total Claims and Payroll: \$33,162.50


**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 7:37 pm.



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Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer