

**Town of Garfield**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 24<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: Monty Rojas  
Absent: Craig Mitzimberg

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Andrea Mills **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**POLICE REPORT:**

Marshal Handley attended the meeting by phone and said there was 1 call for service in the last week. He has been dealing with junk vehicles and yards and will be issuing a ticket to the residents on Walter Siding Road since their dogs have gotten out again. They will be getting a \$1,200 ticket since it is his fourth offense. Mayor Pfaff will also be installing stakes at the road's edge to show the edge of the town's road. The same party keeps digging up the roadbed and this will be in place to inform them where the road boundary is. Marshal Handley said if they go over the line again, they will have to address whether it is a criminal offense or a misdemeanor.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

**Water**

KME was out to look at well #3 due the trip status that keeps happening and Phil noticed the motor was pulling too many amps, causing the breaker to trip. Phil believes that it may be time to replace the motor. Mayor Pfaff said there should be a backup motor on the shop floor. Phil will send a bid to replace the bearings in the current well #3 pump, stating that he can feel the vibrations starting to happen in the motor.

**Sewer**

Everything is operating normally. Dewatering and wasting have been taking place and the biosolids are being hauled to Bartech. Also, Monty has cleaned the UV clarifier and aeration cell. The flocculant material has built up and plugged the weirs and caused too much fecal to be in the UV system, creating a violation at the plant. Monty is training Ryan to identify these issues and gain the concept of keeping the system clean.

**Garbage**

Everything is operating normally.

**Street/Park**

The amount of watering time with the park sprinklers has been increased and a bid to replace the watering system in the park has been provided.

Monty said he has been training Ryan on the garbage truck/route, recycling, compost, and running the town equipment.

The sprinkler system in the park was put in back in 1980's by the Lion's Club and is starting to have some issues. One line is dead and the box for this line is untraceable making it impossible to work on. A bid has been provided by Aqua Lawn to replace the automatic watering system in the park. Their bid came in at about \$10,000. Mayor Pfaff asked Monty to get two more bids to have the system replaced and then they can discuss if that is something they wish to move forward with. The RV Park lawn needs to be fertilized and Larry Hunt will be called to complete this.

Roni Mundell asked Monty if David Tysz was a good resource for finding practice test materials to start advancing towards his water and sewer licenses. Monty said that Andy O'Neil has provided him with some websites with good study information used for testing and he has also provided a power point to use as practice. David has been working with Monty to get him familiar with concepts at the plant. He explains how to operate it and what things to be looking for. Roni asked Monty if he knew when he would begin testing again and Monty said he will make it a priority, but currently he is having a hard time finding time to train someone and then apply time to studying for the next exam. Mayor Pfaff said that David should be the one responsible for onsite training.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Roni would like to get something on the table and discuss it further after some homework is done. She wonders if putting in a perimeter of 100 to 200 feet to restrict fireworks around Ladow Court might be a way to keep residents there happier during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. The Community of Garfield Association is also interested in taking up the matter to see if there is a better option for lighting fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> and keeping the community safe and possibly providing some kind of educational component to it. Roni would like Jason to assist her with looking at perimeter around the building.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Pfaff said the Schaut's Marketplace beer and wine license is up for renewal and wonders if there is any issue at the council level with that renewing? No objections were heard.

There is someone that is interested in renting an RV space for longer than a two-week period but is not opposed to renting the space weekly if they were allowed. Mayor Pfaff said if it were him making the decision, he would not do it. Jason Bankus said he would like to see the revenue off the renter and thinks that if a person becomes a problem, they deal with it during the next week renewal cycle. Jason believes that week to week rental with council approval should be allowed. Roni wondered if there would be an increase in liability if the renter was to rent longer than a week and Jason said since they are not renting him the domicile, there shouldn't be any increased liability. Connie asked where he would be parking his truck while he was staying in the RV. Andrea



asked if the renter wanted a special rate and Cody said he was quoted the contractor rate and was alright with that. Mayor Pfaff said he could stay the granted two weeks at this time and they can reassess as needed.

Roni would like to form a personnel committee so that they can deal with employment issues as they might arise. Roni Mundell, Andrea Mills and Connie Schaut agreed to be on the committee. Roni Mundell **MOVED** to create the personal committee to deal with employee issues. Andrea Mills **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 16239-16242 PLUS EFTPS  
Claims: Checks 16243-16250 EFT DOR

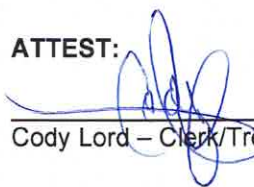
Total =\$7,462.07  
Total =\$13,108.00

Total Claims and Payroll: \$20,570.07

**ADJOURN:**

Jason Bankus **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer

  
Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor