

*Town of Garfield*  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
*October 23rd, 2024 – 7:00 PM*  
*405 W California St.*

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

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Representative Joe Schmick and other town guests were in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Jason Bankus **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, October 9th, 2024. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Representative Joe Schmick advised us to reach out to the Town of Rockford regarding a rate schedule for public records requests. He would like to see all the little towns implement a rate schedule to help offset the cost of public records request. There was discussion regarding public records requests.

**2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING:** Mayor Pfaff opened the 2025 Preliminary Budget Hearing at 7:03 P.M. Mayor Pfaff let the council know that he would like to change the Water Utility Tax amount from \$7,400 to \$7,900 and leave all other items the same. Jason asked if there would be discussion about the Marshal's wage. Roni asked about other salary changes. Nothing was decided regarding salaries. Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve changing the Water Utility Tax amount from \$7,400 to \$7,900. Jason Bankus **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.** Mayor Pfaff closed the hearing at 7:04 P.M.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Marshal Handley was not present at the meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Monty Rojas was present at the meeting.

Monty scheduled Walt's CDL schooling with Drive509 in Spokane Valley. The class begins on January 6 and will last for two weeks and 2 days. Monty updated the council that he and Walt are rotating weekends.

### **Water and Sewer**

Monty called Roach construction regarding clogged storm drains. They need to measure the storm drains to determine what size of vehicle is needed to complete the clean out. The yearly water samples have been taken and turned in. They have completed a lot of locates. Roni Mundell asked if Monty would have time to study for his licensure. Mayor Pfaff said yes, once Walt is more up to date on the day-to-day operations.

### **Garbage**

A recycling shed has been placed at the pool. The compost and metal recycling bins are full and are awaiting pick-up.

### **Street/Park**

Everything is operating as normal.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Pfaff presented the Resolution 2024-09 setting the salaries for the Public Works Department. Resolution 2024-09 is replacing Resolution 2024-08 due to a typo for the Marshal's hourly rate and the range of salary for Public Works 1 and 2. Roni Mundell **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2024-09 setting the salary range for the Public Works Department. **Andrea Mills seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Notified that the TIB grant was approved for \$1.7 million to get Otta Seal for the gravel, dirt, and paved roads. Two dirt roads that are currently gravel will not be Otta Sealed. They will start in the spring, most likely April. The roads will need to be prepped.

Jason Bankus **MOVED** to approve Walt Fealy to be given a town credit card and a fuel card. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

A resident has submitted two complaints regarding noise and issues, Mayor Pfaff will touch base with Marshal Handley regarding what is happening with these complaints and check in regarding the excessive barking dogs and the dogs running around town.

### **FINANCIAL: Approval of Checks**

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

Payroll: Checks 16357-16361 Plus EFTPS, EFT AWC, DRS	Total =\$6,822.49
Claims: Checks 16354-16356, and 16362-16370 Plus EFT DRS	Total =\$55,833.34

Total Claims and Payroll: \$62,655.83

**ADJOURN:**

Jason Bankus **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Roni Mundell seconded **the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



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Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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DonNeil Ellsworth – Clerk/Treasurer