

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 25th, 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: Lynn Yarnell, Farmington Mayor Blanche Rhea, Lacer Workman, Erik Mills, and Ethan Fiore.

Lacer Workman present to represent the Community of Garfield Association. They will be putting on the Harvest Fest in the Park from 5-10 pm. Lacer shared some of the plans for the evening and future events.

Ethan said he would like to move one of the park garbage totes closer to the kid's playground in hopes that they would make better use of it. He said he would return the toter to the north side of the park for collection each Monday.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, September 11th, 2024. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley is not present for the meeting tonight.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Water

Still having issues with the well next door and the clay valve. They will be working to isolate the pressure in the pipe and then they will be getting supplies for repairs. Well # 3 is still having chlorine injector issues due to the pump. There was a rebuild kit supplied and the other pump has been on order several months from Garrat Callahan and has just arrived. Mayor Pfaff instructed Monty to order another for the inventory. Monty will also be ordering the wand for utility locates.

Sewer

Everything is operating as normal. The power went out and the generator didn't fire at the plant. Monty will contact KME and have him get a list of needed parts and figure out how to get it annually serviced.

Garbage

The garbage truck is in Colfax, the right rear axel popped again and is being repaired.

Street/Park

Everything is operating as normal.

OLD BUSINESS:

A road grader was purchased for \$21,000 from Ron Bach and was delivered on Monday.

The unauthorized dig at the end of town has been re-graded with a 2% grade. 2 feet of dirt is currently over the pipe and more dirt will likely be needed to avoid freezing in the future. The culvert under Walter Siding / D Street is rotted and will have to be replaced. A bid has been received and Jesse Parkins will be providing one more since it is over the \$7,500 bid threshold.

NEW BUSINESS:

The liquor control for Washington State has provided a renewal for Koulee Kush Cannabis and Mayor Pfaff asked if there were any concerns with allowing the renewal to take place. No concerns were heard.

Mayor Pfaff said he will be appointing new members to the planning commission, stating that there will be a need for the committee to take up business soon. Mayor Pfaff said he would talk with Larry Hunt and Jeff Lust and will come up with a third potential.

Mayor Pfaff said the Whitman County Landfill has notified the town about the 2% increase in tipping fees for garbage. This will be the year where the town's utility rate also has an increase in inflation factor.

Andrea Mills would like to propose an exception for the non-paid sick hour accrual upon town separation. She asked to have Cody's sick bank of estimated 467 hours be paid out at 25%, as she sees it as a severance and a thank you for the service to town. She doesn't think this should be a policy change, just an exception for this circumstance. Andrea Mills **MOVED** to make an exception for a 25% payout of Cody's sick bank at the time of his separation from town. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

The power for the Town of Garfield went out, Monty exited the meeting at 7:15 pm to check on the sewer plant.

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 16321-16323 Plus EFTPS

Total =\$5,129.82


Claims: Checks 16320, 16324-16333

Total =\$29,386.85

Total Claims and Payroll: \$34,516.67

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 7:18 pm.



Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:



Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer