

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
405 W California St.

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

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Regular Meeting was opened at 7:05 P.M.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Melody Jones was in attendance. Melody brought invitations with a sweet treat for everyone to the March 15, Ladies Aid Yard Sale. Mayor Pfaff thanked Melody for the treats and invitations.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on January 22, 2025. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Monty Rojas was present at the meeting.

Water and Sewer

Monty said the water valve is stuck on again in the pumphouse. Monty will call an electrician to have them come work on the water valve. Monty has had a couple of calls regarding broken water lines and having to shut off water at meters.

The skimmer arms at the sewer plant broke due to ice buildup. Monty and Walt disassembled the broken skimmer arms. Four new skimmer arms have been purchased and are being rush-shipped. Mayor Pfaff suggested taking the broken arm to Palouse for potential welding repair by a fabricator. David Tysz advised that the arms should be reinstalled once the ice thaws.

The north clarifier is down due to the motor repeatedly shutting off. KME came out and provided Monty and Walt with instructions on how to jump-start the motor. Mayor Pfaff inquired whether the clarifier has a clutch. Monty is unsure if a clutch is on the motor for the clarifier and will look into it.

Garbage

There is nothing to report at this time.

Street/Park

Monty went out late Tuesday, February 4, to plow and ensure the bus routes were kept open.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to be discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roni Mundell inquired about when the town's insurance rates would decrease due to Marshal Handley no longer being a full-time employee. Mayor Pfaff stated that the new rates reflecting this change would take effect in January 2026.

FINANCIAL: Approval of Checks

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

Payroll:

16506-16512 Checks Plus EFTPS, AWC, EFTPS, DRS, HRA-VEBA

Total = \$12,369.82

Claims:

EFT - DECEMBER – DEPT. OF REVENUE

\$2,681.85

EFT - JANUARY – DEPT. OF REVENUE

\$2,612.57

Checks 16513 - 16538

\$35,729.22

Total = \$41,023.64

Total Claims and Payroll = \$53,393.46

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 7:17 P.M.



Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:



Donnell Ellsworth – Clerk/Treasurer