

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 23, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
405 W California St.

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

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Regular Meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on April 9, 2025. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley was present at the meeting.

Marshal Handley reported that he has contacted four residents concerning the condition of their properties, specifically related to yard maintenance and junk vehicles. Due to non-compliance with prior warnings, four citations have been issued. Marshal Handley also encouraged council members to become more familiar with the Garfield Junk Vehicle Ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Monty Rojas was present at the meeting.

Monty, Walt, and DonNell have been cleaning and disposing of trash, recycling, and compost that is currently located directly behind the town hall shop.

Water and Sewer

Monty has delivered one load of sludge to BarTech and plans to deliver more in the near future. The town has received one bid for the concrete pad project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Walt will be reaching out to other contractors to obtain additional bids.

Garbage

Monty informed the council that the town's spring clean-up has been completed. Monty noted that a lot of residents took advantage of the opportunity. Monty and Walt will be removing all used oils and other liquids from the recycling area by April 24th. Moving forward, the town will no longer accept used oil or other liquids; residents must take

these materials to the Whitman County Transfer Station. Anyone caught illegally dumping, as recorded by the town cameras, will be prosecuted.

Street/Park

Monty and Walt have been working on repairs to the John Deere grader. Monty has also contacted McCully Repairs to inspect and evaluate additional issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andrea asked for an update on the restaurant. Mayor Pfaff stated that we are waiting to hear back from Paul and Kourtney Hixson.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL: Approval of Checks

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

Jason Bankus **MOVED** for an Executive Session to discuss employee qualifications, to last ten minutes, starting at 7:12 and ending at 7:22 p.m. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Payroll:

Checks: 16624 – 16628 including EFTPS

Total = \$7,271.71

Claims:

Checks: 16629 – 16644

Total = \$34,814.44

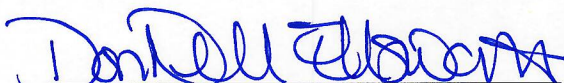
Total Claims and Payroll = \$42,086.15

ADJOURN:

Jason Bankus **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:


Donnell Ellsworth – Clerk/Treasurer