

*Town of Garfield*  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
*June 11, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.*  
*405 W California St.*

✓ **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Jarrod 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 **Guest:** Laura Redmon-Kriebel, Donna Poire, Cindy Dvorak, and Yvonne Berliner

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

**LAURA REDMON-KRIEBEL AND DONNA PIORE:** Laura Redmon-Kriebel and Donna Piore appeared before the council to request assistance from the town regarding an ongoing issue with a neighbor blocking access to their property on 8th Street. They explained that the neighbor has repeatedly parked in the street easement and at the alley entrance, which restricts their ability to access their property.

Laura and Donna stated that they have approached the neighbor on multiple occasions and asked them not to block the access points. While the situation temporarily improves, the issue consistently reoccurs.

Mayor Pfaff noted that he met with Laura on Tuesday, June 10. Following their discussion, he spoke directly with the neighbor involved. Mayor Pfaff believes a mutual understanding was reached and expects the issue to be resolved. He also assured Laura and Donna that now that he is aware of the situation, he will monitor it more closely going forward.

Laura and Donna thanked the council and Mayor Pfaff for their time and attention to the matter.

**HELENE EGGLESTON-CINDY DVORAK:** Cindy Dvorak appeared before the council to represent her mother, Helene Eggleston. Cindy addressed the council and Mayor Pfaff to ask for an extension on the deadline to clean up the property located at Spokane and 5th Street.

Mayor Pfaff responded that the code violations at the property have been a longstanding issue, persisting for over several years. During the past year, Marshal Handley has attempted to address the matter by having conversations, sending warning letters, and most recently, issuing a citation listing all current code violations as well as the fines associated.

Cindy explained that her mother cannot afford the \$1,000 fine and asserted that the mess belongs to her brother. Mayor Pfaff stated that this point is irrelevant, as Helene Eggleston is the property owner and has allowed the violations to continue and worsen.

Mayor Pfaff reminded the council and Cindy that less than 30 days ago, Cindy had informed them that cleanup efforts were underway and asked for patience. However, Mayor Pfaff noted that, despite the previous notice, the condition of the property has not improved. There continues to be an individual illegally residing in an RV on the property without a building permit or council approval. As well as none of the junk vehicles have been removed, and various piles of debris remain.

Councilmember Roni Mundell asked Cindy if she understands that, should a deadline be set, any vehicles not removed by that date will be towed at Helene Eggleston's expense. She also clarified that daily fines would remain in effect until all junk vehicles and debris are removed and the unauthorized occupancy of the RV ceases.

Cindy acknowledged the conditions but expressed that she does not feel the situation is fair. Mayor Pfaff emphasized that all vehicles, including the boat and all debris, must be removed no later than **June 30th**. No more exceptions/extensions will be given. Failure to comply will result in the town removing and towing the items at the property owner's expense.

Cindy noted that one pickup truck would still remain on the property. Mayor Pfaff clarified that if either Cindy or Helene registers and insures the vehicle, it will no longer be classified as a junk vehicle under the municipal code.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on May 28, 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.

Monty has been contacting contractors to obtain bids for the roof repair project at the Garfield Community Center and Fire Department. Once he receives three estimates, he will present them to the mayor and council for review and approval.

#### **WATER/SEWER/PARK/GARBAGE**

Monty informed the council that the leak on South 3rd Street has been backfilled. The area is now stable, and the garbage truck can drive over it without any issues.

Monty and Walt located a leak on the town's side of the meter at Larry Kruse's property. The leak has been repaired.

There is currently a water leak at the town park. The water has been shut off, and the crew is planning to begin excavation and repairs on Thursday, June 12.

The generator at the Garfield Wastewater Treatment Plant has been repaired.

Roni inquired about the timeline for redirecting the water line currently running through a neighbor's property. Monty responded that while he does not have an exact date yet, the project is planned for this summer. He noted that it will require some time to plan and implement.

**STREET**

On North 10th Street, between West Spokane Street and West Adams Street, Monty and Walt plan to dig out the ditch. Multiple concerns have been raised about water accumulating in the area.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS CLOTHING ALLOWANCE:** Discussion was tabled until all or a majority of council members are present.

**2025 RED TOWN INITIATIVE:** Mayor Pfaff updated the council on the status of the TIB Grant. The Town of Garfield and J-U-B Engineers are currently waiting for the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to approve the bid tabulations from the bid opening held on Tuesday. Once TIB grants approval, J-U-B will notify the lowest responsible bidder of their award, and project planning can begin. Mayor Pfaff stated that the work is expected to be completed by August.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DUMPSTERS:** Mayor Pfaff has placed a temporary moratorium on the rental of residential dumpsters. Currently, all five of the town's temporary residential rental dumpsters are in use. Mayor Pfaff and staff requested that the council establish clear parameters and a formal policy regarding the use and rental of residential dumpsters.

**RESIDENTIAL DUMPSTER RATE:** Roni Mundell **MOVED** to increase the base rate for residential dumpster service to **\$110.00 per month, plus applicable fees**, effective July 1. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**FINANCIAL:** Approval of Checks

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

**Payroll:**

Checks: 16691-16697 AWC, DOR, EFTPS & HRA VEBA **Total = \$12,887.77**

**Claims:**

Checks: 16690 & 16698-16713 **Total = \$22,569.15**

**Total Claims and Payroll = \$35,456.92**

**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 8:06 P.M.



Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Donnell Ellsworth – Clerk/Treasurer