

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 28, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
405 W California St.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: There were no guest speakers.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Jason Bankus **MOVED** to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on May 14, 2025. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Pfaff informed the council that Marshal Handley recommended implementing a fine for individuals who illegally dump materials or, alternatively, considering the permanent closure of the metal recycling area.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Monty Rojas was present at the meeting.

Monty will be scheduling Walt's CDL test.

Water/Sewer

There is nothing to report at this time.

Garbage

Monty informed the council that the town is experiencing an increase in illegal dumping at the metal recycling area. Marshal Handley has been notified. The oil recycling site has been cleaned up and properly disposed of. Due to ongoing illegal dumping, the town's extra 2-yard dumpsters have been secured and are now locked.

Street/Park

Monty and Walt have been working on repairs to the water line for the park restroom.

OLD BUSINESS:

INFLOW AND INFILTRATION (I&I) INVESTIGATION: Mayor Pfaff informed the council that he believes a tour of the Garfield Wastewater Treatment Plant is necessary to help the council better understand its operations and identify existing issues. He also recommended a visit to the Endicott Wastewater Treatment Plant to gain perspective on different plant types and configurations.

Mayor Pfaff, DonNell, Steven from JUB, and the grant managers at the Washington Department of Ecology held a meeting to discuss the remaining funds from the Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Investigation and how those funds might be utilized. The town needs to install manholes at the intersections of 10th and Adams, and 2nd and Union Streets. JUB is currently preparing cost estimates for the council.

Mayor Pfaff also informed the council that approximately \$400,000 remains in available funding, a portion of which is forgivable. Final figures will be presented once the exact amount is confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR THE PUBLIC WORK'S DEPARTMENT: Monty requested that the council consider providing a clothing allowance for the Garfield Public Works Department. After some discussion, the council agreed to table the matter until additional information can be gathered on how other towns handle clothing allowances.

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: 16675-16679 & EFTPS **Total = \$7,667.16**

Claims:

Checks: 16680-16689 & EFT DOR **Total = \$62,747.63**

Total Claims and Payroll = \$70,414.79

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 7:42 P.M.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:


Donnell Ellsworth – Clerk/Treasurer