

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 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 **Guest:** Cody Lord, Robert and Annie Riedinger

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

ROBERT AND ANNIE RIEDINGER:

Robert and Annie Riedinger attended the meeting to request an additional dumpster for the Garfield Meat Shop. After discussion, Mayor Pfaff stated that the town will need to check with Whitman County regarding recent changes to the applicable laws and will follow up with them once the town has more information.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes for the **Regular Council Meeting** on September 17, 2025. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley was not present at the meeting. There was nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Monty Rojas was present at the meeting.

WATER/SEWER

- Monty reported that the water line project for Garfield Town Hall has encountered more issues than initially anticipated. During excavation, they discovered buried debris, including concrete, bricks, asphalt, and metal, which has slowed progress. Monty and Walt are still working to locate the existing water line as it leaves Patricia Tate's property, as it does not follow a straight path as expected. Once the main line is located, the plan is to cut and remove a section of the existing line and cap it. A new water line for town hall will then be installed from the 5th Street side of the building and connected to the same main as the farm meter. Monty stated that a tracer wire will be installed before the

new line is buried, and an overview map of Town Hall will be printed with the new pipe locations marked to assist with future projects and reduce man hours.

- Monty and Walt have been cleaning the wastewater treatment plant. David stopped by the wastewater treatment plant and instructed Monty and Walt to increase the return activated sludge (RAS) rate.

PARK/GARBAGE

- McCully Repair has been working on repairing hydraulic line leaks and other leaks throughout the garbage truck. Monty will pick it up this coming up Friday, October 10.

STREET

- Walt has ordered some parts for the street sweeper, and the repairs are nearly done.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Pfaff informed the council and guests that the town will hold the Preliminary Budget Hearing on October 22. Mayor Pfaff also stated that this meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss any ideas, priorities, and projects for the 2026 budget. Mayor Pfaff also noted that the council will need to set the November and December meeting schedule.

FINANCIAL:

Approval of Checks

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

Payroll:

Checks: 16837 - 16842, & EFTPS **Total = \$7,794.43**

Checks: 16858 - 16865, EFT's: AWC, L&I, DOR, EFTPS,
WA CARES, PFML, ESD, & HRA-VEBA **Total = \$15,040.97**

Claims:

Checks: 16866 – 16889 **Total = \$32,896.17**

Total Claims and Payroll = \$55,731.57

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 8:12 P.M.



Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:



Donnell Ellsworth – Clerk/Treasurer