

*Town of Garfield*  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING &  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 22, 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:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING:**

Mayor Pfaff opened the **2026 Preliminary Budget Hearing** at 7:01 P.M.

Mayor Pfaff discussed with the council the various revenue sources that fund the town's budget, including utilities, state-shared revenues, property taxes, and special levies. Following the discussion, Mayor Pfaff reported that, according to the Whitman County Assessor's Office, the town is projected to receive approximately \$77K in property tax revenue; however, this amount may change depending on the number of exemptions granted.

Andrea Mills **MOVED** to approve and adjust the budgeted property tax revenue amount from \$69,000 to \$70,000. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pfaff closed the **2026 Preliminary Budget Hearing** at 7:04 P.M.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

There were no guests in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes for the **Regular Council Meeting** on October 8, 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.

**McCully's Repair** has finished the **garbage truck repairs**, which included fixing two coolant leaks.

#### **WATER/SEWER**

Monty updated Mayor Pfaff and the council that the **new water line project for Garfield Town Hall** is done. **Patricia and Greg Tate** have been notified and are pleased with the final results.

**KME** has been contacted to schedule the **wiring for the sewer press** at the Garfield Wastewater Treatment Plant. Monty expects to receive a call back by **Thursday** regarding scheduling.

#### **PARK/GARBAGE/STREET**

**McCully's Repair** has finished the **garbage truck repairs**, which included fixing two coolant leaks.

**Street sweeper maintenance** is scheduled to begin next week, with Monty and Walt performing the necessary repairs and upkeep.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There is nothing to report at this time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE 500-AMENDING 2025 BUDGET:** Roni Mundell **MOVED** to approve, adopt **Ordinance 500 Amending 2025 Budget**. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION 2025-06: SETTING OF THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE:** Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve and adopt Resolution 2025-06 Setting of the November and December 2025 council meetings. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES WITH WHITMAN COUNTY:** Andrea Mills **MOVED** to approve the interlocal agreement between Whitman County Court and the Town of Garfield for criminal justice services. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

#### **FINANCIAL:**

##### **Approval of Checks**

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

##### **Payroll:**

Checks: 16890-16895, & EFTPS

**Total = \$7,775.52**

**Claims:**

Checks: 16896 – 16911 & EFT-DOR

**Total = \$17,585.12**

**Total Claims and Payroll = \$55,731.57**

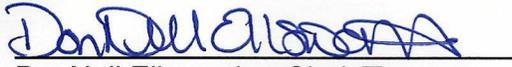
**ADJOURN:**

Roni Mundell **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.



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Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Donnell Ellsworth – Clerk/Treasurer