

**Town of Garfield**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 19, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**405 W California St.**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Jarrod Pfaff, **Council Members:** Andrea Mills, Craig Mitzimberg, Roni Mundell, and Connie Schaut. **Attorney:** Eric Hanson **Staff: Clerk/Treasurer:** DonNell Ellsworth **Public Works:** Monty Rojas **Absent:** Jason Bankus **Guest:** Cody Lord, Daymon Marple, and Greg Partch

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

**GREG PARTCH:**

Greg Partch addressed the town council to express his concerns regarding the possibility of the town purchasing property on the north end of Garfield for the future construction of a fire station. He asked the council to consider holding a public meeting to give residents an opportunity to share their thoughts on both the need for a new fire station and the potential future location. Greg also suggested that the council consider the area near the metal recycling facility as an alternative site. He presented several points, including the option of applying for grant funding to help pay for a new station, and emphasized the importance of allowing the community to voice their opinions and concerns before any decisions are made.

**DAYMON MARPLE:**

Daymon Marple addressed the town council as a former council member who had previously worked on the potential land purchase and conducted research on the need for a new fire station. Speaking also as a resident in favor of purchasing the property on the north side of Garfield, Daymon explained that the town has completed its due diligence over the past fifteen years, including income surveys, multiple grant applications and denials, and scouting potential locations. He stated that the town's Fire and EMS responders are in need of more space and reminded everyone that earlier this spring, both the metal recycling area and Grumpy's Tavern experienced flooding.

**NEAL LEON:**

Neal Leon addressed the town council to share his concerns regarding the town purchasing property on the north side of town for a new fire station. He asked whether any council members had personally walked the property and stated that he does not believe it is the right location. Neal noted that the land would require groundwork to make it suitable for construction and expressed concerns about its location at the entrance to town.

Mayor Pfaff addressed several of the concerns brought up by the guests, noting that the town has applied for three previous grants to help pay for a new fire station but was turned down each time because the town does not own suitable land for the facility. He also reminded everyone that the metal recycling area is located within the floodplain, which would not be an ideal or safe location for a fire station in the event of a flood or other emergency.

Mayor Pfaff and the town council members thanked everyone who attended the meeting to share their thoughts and concerns regarding the potential land purchase for a new fire station.

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

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes for the **Regular Council Meeting** on November 5, 2025. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

Marshal Handley was present at the meeting.

Marshal Handley updated Mayor Pfaff and the town council members that two junk vehicles were removed from town in October. He also suggested that the council consider making changes to the town's code regarding junk and nuisance properties, including the possibility of citing not only property owners but also tenants who are responsible for creating the nuisance.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Monty Rojas was present at the meeting.

#### **WATER/SEWER**

Monty updated everyone that he and Walt have been working at the Garfield Wastewater Treatment Plant recently. He reported that he has been hauling the biosolids to Barr-Tech and that they also replaced additional UV light bulbs.

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

There was nothing to report on at this time. Everything is operating as normal.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Old business was discussed at the beginning of the town council meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE 501: 2026 PROPERTY TAX 1% INCREASE AND TAX LEVY CERTIFICATION:** Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve and adopt Ordinance 501: Setting the 2026 property tax increase at **1%** and approve the tax levy certification. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Andrea Mills brought up wanting to set a policy on council member meeting attendance.

Craig Mitzimberg also discussed wanting to resign at the end of 2025. These matters are tabled until the January 2026 meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Pfaff called an executive session to discuss employee qualifications and performance. The session to begin at 7:41 p.m. and end at 7:52 p.m.

**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: 16938-16942 & EFTPS

**Total = \$7,710.85**

**Claims:**

Checks: 16943-16960

**Total = \$25,099.76**

**Total Claims and Payroll = \$32,81061**

**ADJOURN:**

Andrea Mills **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Craig Mitzimberg **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.



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Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Donnell Ellsworth – Clerk/Treasurer