

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Garfield Town Hall
405 W. California St., Garfield

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cody Lord

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

ROLL CALL: Council Members: Jason Bankus, Andrea Mills, Roni Mundell, Connie Schaut
Absent: Jody Opheim

Clerk-Treasurer: DonNell Ellsworth-Rebecca Pfaff **Public Works:** Matt Roper

Guest: Betty Walden, Neal Leon, Michael Slavish and Linda Kildew

Linda Kildew requests an extended stay for Damon Marple, at the RV park. Looking at previous tenants, council stated they will need to request an extension every two weeks from council. Mayor Lord asked Linda and Damon to be cautious over the potential zoning issues on the new Marple property at California and 8th Street.

Betty Walden was requesting some storage space for the CGA. Mayor Lord suggested a locking, isolated storage room in the church with the museum and Greg Patch. There is a separate entrance from the outside that could be isolated to one room. The town will assume no liability for items stored there.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Andrea Mills **MOVED** to approve the minutes for the Regular Town Council meeting on May 27, 2026. Jason Bankus **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

FIRE REPORT: Jason Bankus stated that there was one structure fire.

POLICE REPORT: Law Incident Summary Report was distributed with some redacted information to facilitate the quarterly police reporting. Mayor Lord clarified the way Garfield receives the reports into town hall and passes that information to council.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Matt Roper was presenting.

WATER/SEWER:

- Working with KME to resolve clay valve problem on well #4.
- A new water hook up will occur at the church on California Street.
- Dug up root ball on 4th in the sewer main. Repair was conducted and main line is flowing again.
- A transmitter was requested from Matt Roper to more easily locate for W/S (storm drains) and map the town. Cost is approximately \$420-\$450. Council supported the purchase.
- Public Works is gathering additional pump quotes from KME for the sewer plant.
- Working on water leaks at the restaurant.
- Larry Warner's sewer line has root blockage between the main line and the residence. There used to be multiple homes where the Warner residence is now, but there is only one service line that connects on Monroe Street. The estate owner is willing to pay for the pipe to be run all the way to the main line so there is no confusion on the town and owner side in the future. There is also a problem with erosion at the top of the manhole and rock is entering the system here causing some issue in the main on Elberton Road. Both issues will be addressed soon.

PARK/GARBAGE/STREET:

- A/C has been installed in library.
- Public Works will be cleaning up the recycling shed for storage of equipment.

OLD BUSINESS:

GARBAGE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Pullman Disposal Services information fliers being sent out in mailer tomorrow, June 11. There is a new garbage ordinance up for discussion. Will bring the code up to date, once the ordinance is adopted for garbage. Jason Bankus asked about who owns their dumpsters. Mayor Lord suggests that we will pull in the newest ones, besides Garfield Meats, and assess the quality of dumpsters and distribution. We will find out who owns, and who needs rental dumpsters from PDS.

Mayor Lord asked if council had an opportunity to review Ordinance No.505. Andrea Mills **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance 505 detailing the revised garbage control for the Town of Garfield. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Pullman Disposal has sent their contract to enter into services with the town. Roni Mundell **MOVED** to allow the mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the town. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

TRIGGS ALLEY UPDATE:

Mayor Lord called Jason Bankus and Connie Schaut to let them know that Bishop Law Office had written the contract to reflect that the town does not have survey on this property and the language was selected to suggest the property encroached on the alley at this time, but a survey would be needed to use more definitive language. Jason and Connie said they were fine with recording the details of the affidavit as written. The process is completed and recorded and the issue with this property is resolved at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

AWC INSURANCE RATING:

An agent from AWC visited the town and will be reviewing the structures that are in question for insurance rating purposes. They will be coming back with new values stating either cash/salvage value or replacement value. More information will be coming.

RESOLUTION 2026-09: REVISED SALARY SCHEDULE 2026: Pay resolution for the clerk/treasurer position, Mayor Lord is asking the council to support the pay schedule for the clerk/treasurer position. The office would be staffed 32 hours per week at rate of hourly pay \$27.08, which equates to a salary rate of \$45,000. Jason had concerns about the qualifications and rate of pay for a starting clerk/treasurer. Mayor Lord encourages council to visit AWC's salary survey site and gather information from other communities with similar responsibilities and demographics. Roni Mundell **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2026-09 revising the salary for the clerk/treasurer position. Andrea Mills **seconded the motion. Jason Bankus and Connie Schaut were both nay votes.** It was decided to table the pay resolution until the next meeting after more research can be completed.

RESOLUTION 2026-10: A resolution authorizing Rebecca Pfaff as a signer on town bank accounts and establishing credit card authorization for clerk/treasurer: Andrea Mills **MOVED** to approved Resolution 2026-10 detailing the banking changes and credit card authorization from Rebecca Pfaff in the clerk/treasurer's office. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

INTER-AGENCY POLICE CRUISIER SALE:

The City of Colfax came to Garfield, and test drove the police cruiser. The blue book value on the police cruiser with the current mileage of 72,000 is between \$8,000 and \$12,000. City of Colfax is prepared to offer \$9,000, plus they will provide two lift station vac truck services within the next year worth about \$1,600. If the vac truck service works out well, the town could elect to interlocal agreement with the City of Colfax going forward for this service. There is an appointment set on the cruiser for a safety recall and Colfax can take it down to get that completed. Andrea Mills **MOVED** to accept the \$9,000 offer from the City of Colfax and two vac truck services in the next year. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Andrea Mills would like the community center lock to be changed to a pin pad system instead of a keyed system for better security. The key has been given out to numerous people over the years.

Andrea said the library will host a 4th of July celebration with community in the park. She would like the town to co-host and provide the park for space for the event. It will be a bring your own bbq and side dish to share with others in the park in hopes of bringing community together.

FINANCIAL:

Approval of Checks:

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

Payroll:

Checks: AWC, DES, EFTPS, HRA-VEBA, 17214-17224 **Total = \$16,867.21**

Claims:

Checks: EFT-DOR, 17225-17239 **Total = \$20,298.88**

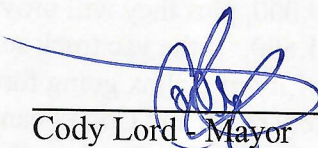
Total Claims and Payroll = \$37,166.09

MAYORS' COMMENTS:

- The single stream recycling and metal recycling are closed until further notice. The county and PDS are working on options currently to get services up and running again. Compost will remain open and facilitated by PDS at this time.
- Partners of Rural Washington (PRWA) are looking for a show of support for state funding. Council members can follow the link they were provided with in an email to sign on for support. PRWA will be presenting at the IACC conference in Wenatchee in October and hosting an event on disaster preparedness in Yakima in August. All are encouraged to attend.
- JUB Engineers will be at the next council meeting to update on the Facility Plan.

ADJOURN:

Jason Bankus **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.


Cody Lord Mayor

ATTEST:


Rebecca Pfaff - Clerk-Treasure