

**Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 26, 2020 - 7:00 PM
Town Hall
405 W California**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Pfaff, Neal Leon, Josh Kelnhofer, Cande Hasenoehrl and Tom Tevlin
Staff: Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer, Public Works: Shon Clark / Mark Phillips
Absent: Tom Tevlin and Terri Linderman

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Steve Nelson with Century West Engineering, Josh and Kyra Hightree.

Steve Nelson is at the Town to talk about the sewer infiltration and inflow on California and D Street and how they will be lining the pipes on that run. Steve says they have placed cameras in this line and put dye in the drainage ditch and can see the dye coming into the sewer system. There are two companies that have submitted bids for the project. One was \$50,000 and the other half of that. The lower cost bid is a one man show so it will take longer to mobilize and complete the project but at a much better rate. Century West will put in for a CBDG grant but the town will be responsible for the bill until the grant is funded. Mayor Pfaff said the town would need to cover the \$25,000 but then around August DOE will reimburse.

Neal Leon asked if they are lining the pipe and Steve said yes, they will be lining the pipe. The public works guys will need to locate and uncover the manhole that has been asphalted over on Hwy 27. Mayor Pfaff said they would be able to get the manhole open and thinks the town should take action to try and fix the biggest leak detected so far. Steve explains they will stick their liner down the pipe, blow it up and treat it and then cut the access holes in the lateral lines. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve Century West Engineering moving forward with repairs to the California and D Street line and the town to cover the \$25,000 cost upfront to be later reimbursed by DOE CDBG grant program. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Nelson exited the meeting at 7:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 12th, 2020. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

No one from the Garfield/Palouse Police Department is in attendance.

Mayor Pfaff said that the City of Palouse has written back and they will cover policing under the current agreement until March 15th. Brett Meyer will need to be contacted for the sherriff's office to cover the town until a new officer in place. The new police car should be ready around the 15th. The contract cost will be \$3,532 from March 1st to the 15th from Palouse. Mayor Pfaff says he thinks the town should honor the extension since it was Garfield that asked if this was possible. Josh Kelnhofer **MOVED** to accept the Palouse Interlocal Police extension through Sunday March 15th at \$3,532. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: A Public Works report was provided. Shon is working on a water leak at the Bridge residence. Mark is on vacation.

The ecology blocks are in for making bunkers for the various rock/chip sizes we use.

Sewer

There was an insurance claim for damages done to the underbody of a vehicle by a manhole cover that popped out of its frame. The lid has been ground down so that it will sit in its frame better. One of the scum scrappers has been down in the clarifier.

There is a potential claim from Rebecca Jones who had a sewer backup that was a result of the city side of the line being plugged with roots in the line. Mayor Pfaff told Rebecca to have Roto Rooter snake the line to get it flowing again. The total bill came to about \$1,400. Rebecca is hoping the town will reimburse her for the expense since it was beyond her service line and into the town's main. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve reimbursing the Jones the total amount they paid Roto Rooter for this repair. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Park

Closed for the season.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Resolution 2020-04 Surplusing 1996 1 Ton Utility Truck**

Mayor Pfaff said now that the Public Works has a newer 1-ton vehicle, possibly the town should allow the old 1-ton to go to surplus. If the council elects to do that, they could post in the Gazette and allow a couple weeks for sealed bids to come in before the March 25th, council meeting. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2020-04 to surplus the old 1-ton utility truck. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks – Neal Leon **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Cande Hasenoehrl seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Claims: 14153

Total = \$17,998.70

Payroll: Checks 14154-14156 Plus EFTPS

Total = \$8,159.97

Claims: Checks 14157-14165 Plus EFT Dept. of Rev. Total = \$7,735.97

Total of Payroll & Claims = \$33,894.64

Mayor Pfaff said he is getting close to offering a job to a potential police candidate. We are waiting on a background check from a previous employer to come back. Cody will need to apply for a credit card and fuel card for the department. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve a credit card and gas card for the police department. Josh Kelnhofer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Superintendent Shon arrived at the council meeting at 7:14 and said they were working on a major water leak at the Bridge property. They had to shut the water off to the top of the hill and it may be a little dirty when they turned it back on. He instructs any concerned customers should just flush their lines for a couple minutes.

ADJOURN: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Neal Leon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:


Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer