

**Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

July 22nd, 2020 - 7:00 PM

405 W California

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Marti Masten present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 8th, 2020. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley present for town council and reported that activity is getting a little busier in town and likely due to the nice weather. Covid is going up slightly in the county but it seems to be primarily at the university. Mr. Johnson had a medical issue at jail so he has been released.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark for Public Works

Water

Three water leaks have been repaired and the meters have been read for the month.

Sewer

They are still working on the UV system and waiting on some bulbs but it is getting closer to being up and running.

Garbage

Everything operating as normal. The truck issue was fixed at Ed-Ka and they did an excellent job of getting it repaired quickly and economically.

Streets

All the bids are in for oiling and TAK was the lowest so they will be scheduled to lay oil in the near future.

Park

The trees in the park are in need of mulch around the base to hold in moisture. There are some trees that need to be removed from the park. There should be some curbs around the trees to keep the mulch in and this will cost around \$8,000. An arborist came to town and talked some about what is needed to keep the trees in the park healthy. Mayor Pfaff asked Shon to take out the trees that are either dead or diseased in the park. Shon also said the old railroad ties holding the gravel in around the swing set need to be dug up and new ones put in with new gravel installed. The cost for railroad ties to complete this project is about \$600. Shon would like to get the

volunteers coming to town to help with this project and Mayor Pfaff said he was alright with them organizing this arrangement.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Road Oiling

3 Bids were provided for oiling, Mortz and Lymans came in at \$.08 per square foot. Tak was \$.07 per square foot. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the \$.07 per square foot bid from Tak to oil the designated roads. Terri Linderman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Cande said she would like the guys to gather some bids to fix the cracks in the roads around town. Mayor Pfaff said these will require the crack to be cut out and filled to repair them. Shon will need to get with POE or Motley and find out when they will be running material for patching. Shon will also need to be looking for a couple people that can help with this project. Mayor Pfaff explained the crack sealing is done though the county and usually with TIB funds.

- Roof Repair Methodist Church

So far two bids have come in for the repairs to the Methodist Church roof, one for \$19,000 and one for \$9,000. It leaked last winter into the sanctuary and caused some sheet rock damage. The church provided some funds to help with this repair when the church was granted to the town.

Mayor Pfaff reports that Michelle's trailer is finally moved to Albion and all parties are satisfied. The town will now apply to get the \$7,500 back from DOC.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution 2020-12 Adoption of HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) Plan

This is the resolution that allows us to set up the VEBA/HRA account. The town will also need to revise the employee manual and then add the policy to designate what is needed to qualify. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2020-12 and Terri Linderman seconded the motion and the motion passed. Neal Leon was a nay vote.

Terri suggested since the town is saving some money from not having to pay full benefits, possibly they could look into putting together a small firework show next Independence Day. Mayor Pfaff said they could look into that.

Shon said there has been a request to turn on the basketball court lights at night but currently it stays dark until late, this might make more sense in a couple of months when it starts getting darker earlier in the evening.

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks

Neal Leon **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Terri Linderman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Claims: Check 14357	Total = \$2,484.20
Claims: Qtrly Payroll Taxes EFT L&I EFT ESD	Total = \$2,122.50
Payroll: Checks 14358-14364 PLUS EFTPS	Total = \$11,038.16

Claims: Checks 14365-14377

Total = \$3,502.88

Total of Payroll & Claims = \$19,147.74

ADJOURN:

Cande Hasenoehr **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Josh Kelnhofer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.



Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:



Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer