

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 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, Terry Linderman, and Cande Hasenoehrl Staff: Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer, Public Works: No One Present.
Absent: Tom Tevlin

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Roger Million just here to observe, Martin Masten

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Neal Leon **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 26th, 2020. Josh Kelnhofer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

No one from the Garfield/Palouse Police Department was present. Mayor Pfaff said the police car is in Clarkston however it is going to be delayed in getting delivered to the town since one of the required parts will not be coming in until April. Mayor Pfaff said the town could elect to pay Uniontown \$20.00 a day for use of their cruiser while we are waiting on the car's completion. Council agreed that this seemed like a reasonable expense and option to use for the time being. Mayor Pfaff said Joe Handley had been hired as the town marshal and they were able to find a 2018 Ford Explorer with 27,000 miles within the approved purchase price.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: A Public Works report was provided to the council for review. Currently, Shon is working on a large water leak at the Bridge residence. Mark is on vacation and will be returning in the coming days.

The ecology blocks are in for making a barrier to house the rock chips that the town uses.

Water

There were water leaks on Spokane and Wesley streets.
The shop has been cleaned and a remodel of the office space will be taking place soon.
Public works is collecting quotes to repair the telemetry system, currently Well #3 is not coming on like intended.

Sewer

There was a vehicle claim against the town when a manhole popped out of its seat and struck a vehicle. The cover and seat have been ground down so hopefully it won't pop out in the future.

Garbage

Everything operating as intended.

Streets

Some street cleaning took place over the weekend when there was some rain falling.

Park

Closed for the season still.

Shon has filled two more dumpster at the trailer park. The dumpsters are costing about \$750 each to fill. They are probably a little heavy right now due to being rained on. Hopefully they will lighten as the weather gets better. Mayor Pfaff said the largest trailer has been discarded already and the ones that are left have less junk inside and around them.

Neal Leon asked if the town got rock from Palouse Hills and requested that all future shipments from them require a weight slip. This will help the town to tell if it is receiving the most favorable prices going forward.

Shon is in the process of collecting bids to repair the Methodist Church roof. So far, they have invited 4 contractors to bid. One bid has come in, they are waiting on a second to arrive. Cande said she has a contractor looking at her building in the coming weeks and she will ask if he would be interested in looking at the church roof as well.

Fire Dept.

Nothing to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Open Sealed Bids for Trailer (No Bids Came In)

Mayor Pfaff said last fall he asked council for up to \$7,500 to get the last trailer moved from the trailer park. The Dept. of Commerce has approved \$7,500 to assist in the move. The tenant has agreed to pay \$3,750 and that leaves approximately \$3,750 for the town to cover to move the trailer to Albion. The trailer must be in Albion by April, otherwise it will not meet their age cut off for trailer homes. Nagel Construction is the operator who will be moving the trailer. Mayor Pfaff ask the council to approve the reduced portion the town will need to cover to move the trailer. Josh Kelnhofer **MOVED** to accept Nagel Construction's bid to disassemble the trailer and move the trailer to Albion at a cost of \$14,984 with the town covering approximately \$3,750 of the expense. Terri Linderman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution 2020-05 Revising Public Employee Salaries for 2020**

Mayor Pfaff explained this was a revision to reflect the already accepted salary wage scale that didn't properly show the \$800 annual step on an employee's anniversary date with the town. Cande Hasenoehrl was concerned about the step stating the employees had already been given a COLA of 1.7% at the beginning of the year. Mayor Pfaff explained they are two different items; one is at the beginning of the year and the other step is on an employee's yearly anniversary with the town and that the salary range for the year must take both into consideration. The COLA was added but the STEP was not. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2020-05 revising the public employee salary ranges for 2020. Terri Linderman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pfaff said that Bishop's cider house was up for renewal on their liquor license. If there are no objections to this renewal, then the renewal will take place automatically after 90 days.

Cody said there have been multiple requests to put back into place the auto-draft payments to be done the first business day after the new bills are generated. Cande said there is some concern because some people forget about the seasonal water overages and overdraft their accounts and then blame the town. Several council members had concerns about starting the program back up due to the complaints they had heard and the program failing in the past. Cody explained in his four years of being with the town, no complaint of this nature was ever received and more than likely the bills weren't taken to the bank in a timely manner causing some confusion for the customer. Cande said she would like to see it reinstated as there are some individuals in town that can't get out to make payment. Council agreed this program should be offered again and to reinstate the auto-drafts for accounts who can abide by the rules.

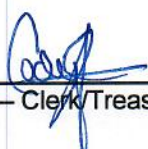
FINANCIAL: Approval of checks –Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Josh Kelnhofer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Payroll: Checks 14166-14169 PLUS EFT AWC & DRS	Total = \$9,587.74
Claims: Checks 14170-14191	Total = \$37,863.74

Total of Payroll & Claims = \$47,451.48

ADJOURN: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Terri Linderman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer