

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 12, 2021 - 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, Council Members: Neal Leon, Jesse Parkins, Mike Olsen, and Cande Hasenoehrl. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer: Cody Lord, Public Works: Shon Clark, Marshal's Office: Joe Handley Absent: Tom Tevlin

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Connie Schaut, Marti Masten, and Eugene Kobzar
Connie Schuat said she is thinking about getting filled propane tanks for exchange and having them available for customers on the front sidewalk. She is hoping there would be no issue in providing this service. It was advised to just make sure that the sidewalk is easily passable with a wheel chair and if so, there should be no reason why Connie couldn't proceed in providing propane.

Marti Masten said he would like to use the park for the graduation ceremony, likely around Wednesday the 2nd of June. Shon said he will be sure to talk with Rick and have the park mowed a couple days before the event. Marti thinks the adult team challenge will happen again in August and he will communicate with Shon to arrange some projects to work on in town.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting April 28, 2021. Jesse Parkins **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

POLICE REPORT: Marshal Handley

Marshal Handley will be doing child death training this week and having meetings with the police chief to discuss the changes that are coming July 25th. He will be updating his policies, so the town remains compliant. Mr. Roper didn't appear at the council meeting, even though he had expressed interest. Multiple notices have been issued concerning his burnt-out motorhome. Mr. Roper came to town hall and received a copy of the nuisance ordinance, as well as acknowledge that his certified mailings had reached him. Marshall Handley asked the council to recognize that Mr. Roper was in default so that he could proceed to the next process of having the property removed. Cande Hasenoehrl said she recognized the Marshal's office had done sufficient notification and should proceed. Mike Olsen asked what the next step was and Marshal Handley said he will start to incur fines and the vehicle is eligible to be towed at the owner's expense as soon as Marshal Handley can locate a wrecker and a lot to take it. Mike also believed that sufficient notice and warning has been given. Neal Leon said it

is time to get it out of town. Mayor Pfaff asked if there were any issue with Marshal Handley moving forward and council was in support of taking the next steps.

Mayor Pfaff said the town needs to do something about the police holiday leave policy stating that Marshal Handley typically works on the schedule town holidays. He would like to suggest the town provide the department a 40 hour leave bank to cover the holidays that the police department will be working. This would be in place of providing a double time and a half for working holidays. Cande questioned if the 40 hours have to be used annually or if they would roll over from year to year? Mayor Pfaff said they are a use it or lose it and will not be paid upon separation with the town. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the 40 hours of police admin time per year for the Marshal's office. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mike Olsen was a Nay vote.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark

Water

Everything operating as normal.

Sewer

New pumps will be going in a week from Thursday.

Garbage

Everything operating as normal.

Streets/Parks

Lots of Mowing

Shon would like the council members to go by the RV park and have a look at the space and get an idea of what they would like to see there. He has made a model of the layout he thinks would be a good use of the space. Mike Olsen asked how long before there was a working park there and Mayor Pfaff said likely about a year to completion, contractors are tight and building materials are very high, so this may factor into the length of time to completion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff provided an update to the street levy that was to be run on the primary election in August. Right now, there are no towns beside Farmington and Garfield that have levies for this election cycle, meaning that the towns would have to cover the entire cost to run the full election which is about \$20,000. Garfield's portion of that bill will be about \$16,000, much higher than the town is accustomed to paying. Another hurdle is the town must reach a voter floor from the 2020 high turnout presidential election which is 40% of 2020's voter turnout. If there isn't much to vote on in the primary, possibly not as many people will vote and if the turnout doesn't meet the 40% floor, the levy would be invalidated and have to run again in the general election. Mayor Pfaff suggests the council move to pull the levy from the primary and only run it in the general election, saving money and hopefully having a larger turnout in the general. Cande and Neal were both in support of holding off until the general election and saving money. Mike stated that paying 30% in election costs to get a levy potentially passed didn't seem like a wise idea. Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to remove the resolution for the street levy to be run in the primary and hold it until the general election. Jesse Parkins seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Police Dept. Holiday/Leave Policy** (Discussed in the Police Report Section)

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks

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

Payroll: Checks 14733-14738 EFT AWC & DRS
Claims: Checks 14739-14759

Total =\$13,250.22
Total =\$23,895.30

Total of Payroll & Claims =\$37,145.52

ADJOURN:

Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:


Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer