

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2020 - 7:00 PM
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, Terri Linderman, Cande Hasenoehrl and Tom Tevlin Staff: Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer, Public Works: Shon Clark. Absent:

PUBLIC HEARING: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to start the public hearing. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Nelson joined the meeting by phone conference to represent Century West Engineering and discuss the Community Development Block Grant for sewer I and I issues. Steve said there were two resolutions and certification provided to the Town of Garfield. The first resolution is to request up to \$30,000 to generate an Asset Management Plan and create a GIS Map of pipes/manholes that the town will have ownership of. The second resolution is request \$900,000 to address the Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) issues within the town's sewer collection and transport system. The Department of Ecology has already agreed to cover half of the cost and Century West will be helping to get the other half covered through a CDBG grant.

The leveraging of CDBG funds with the Department of Ecology fund was discussed. This project will reduce Ecology loan burden and will provide a more completed project. Without the CDBG grant, the Town rate payers will be required to cover the loan costs through rate increases. The project will replace select sewer mains, and line select sewer mains in town. This is the best alternative for addressing the Town's I&I needs.

Neal Leon **MOVED** to approve the first resolution requesting \$900,000 to address the sewer I&I issues. Tom Tevlin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the second resolution requesting \$30,000 to complete the GIS mapping and Asset Management Plan. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Steve said the town will need to provide him with a copy of the signed resolutions and a copy of the minutes and the affidavit of publication for the hearing notice to move things along.

Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to adjourn the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 pm.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: No guests were present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Cande asked that the minutes reflect that she was not the one stating Rick should continue to mow for the town, allowing the public works to have more time to complete other projects. It was Josh Kelnhofer who thought the current mowing arrangement with Rick Wride was a good decision.

Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on April 22nd, 2020 with the above changes made. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley was present for the council meeting and submitted a written report to council. Marshal Handley added that Mr. Terry was still violating his orders and a couple days ago he had a video conference with the person that has a protection order against him, and it could possibly result in more sentence time. Marshal Handley will also be meeting with the DEA on Friday concerning the Mr. Johnson case to see if they will bring Federal charges.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark here for Public Works

Water

New water telemetry system is being installed.

Sewer

UV disinfection system is being installed by Public Works and is coming along nicely.

Garbage

Whitman County Landfill cancelled spring clean-up. They are now open to the public and only taking debit or credit cards, no longer taking cash or check.

Streets

They are getting bids on street striping. Shon contacted WSDOT about uncovering a manhole on Main Street and are hoping to hear back from them by the end of the week. Street sweeping has been completed.

Park

The park is open and mowed.

Neal asked the public works department when they will be fixing the water line going up to the trailer park. Shon asked if he was inquiring about a new line going in? He said this is at the top of their list of items to do but they don't currently have it scheduled. The repair has been made to the line and it is no longer leaking.

Mayor Pfaff had a conversation with Mayor Cook in Palouse. Currently Palouse is without a Group II Operator for their sewer system. They have hired an employee that will eventually be an Operator in Training but will not fit the requirements for the Group II Operator by their August deadline. Mark has a Group II Operator license and the two mayors have talked about job sharing or swapping employees for a certain amount of time until Palouse fills this position. What they are needing now is a Group II Operator for about 8 hours a month to fill out, sign and submit the DMR's. Mayor Pfaff suggests

letting Palouse use Mark 8 hours a month and in exchange Garfield will get a laborer for 8 hours a month. Mayor Pfaff would like to let Shon and Dwayne from Palouse figure out the details and report their plan back to the respective mayors.

Option B would be to figure out what Mark's labor rate per hour is and invoice Palouse monthly for the 8 hours of work. Attorney Eric Hanson would draft the Interlocal Agreement between the two towns. Mayor Pfaff would like to know if the council is alright with swapping hours directly across the board or would they like to charge Palouse the hourly rate for Mark's time. Terri Linderman said she thinks it would be fine to swap out the hours. Shon stats that Palouse is currently running a UV system in their sewer plant, so they could probably help Mark get that set up at the Garfield sewer plant. Cande said she does not have an issue with trading hours. Council agrees that swapping hours at this time is ok.

Mayor Pfaff said that he and Shon will take a trip around town and identify all the worst potholes that are needing patched. Shon will get ahold of Motley and Motley and POE and see what the rate is for asphalt. The budget is \$3000 for street patching. Typically this is around 70 ton of asphalt per year. This will also give them the opportunity to look at the roads and prioritize the needs on the six-year street plan. Shon asked if anyone knows of places that are bad, please provide him with locations.

Fire Dept.

Nothing to discuss.

Old Business:

Nothing to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Pfaff said that Grumpy's Tavern has a liquor license that is needing to be renewed. If no one has any issue or complaints about the renewal, the State of Washington will automatically renew the license. No issues were brought up by the council.

Resident Donna Wride has submitted a complaint about numerous cats descending on her property. Neal said a couple of his cats may be making their way over there. He will go and have a talk with Donna about the issue. Marshal Handley said there is currently no ordinance or rules about cats in the town codebook. Mr. Foster also left a cat behind when he vacated the California Street property and the neighbor is currently trying to handle the situation.

FINANCIAL: Approval of checks

Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Tom Tevlin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Claims: EFT Dept. of Revenue

Total = \$2,104.69

Payroll: Check 14266-14270 EFT AWC, DOR

Total = \$10,879.44

Claims: 14264, 14265, 14272-14287

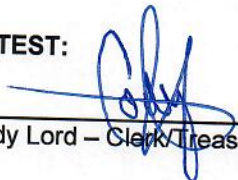
Total = \$19,475.85

Total of Payroll & Claims = \$32,459.98

ADJOURN: Cande Hasenoehrl **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Neal Leon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:


Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer