

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jarrod Pfaff, Larry Hunt, Daymon Marple, and Sharon Schnebly. Staff – Public Works Superintendent Bill Bowman, Fire Chief Chris McCully, and Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers. Absent: Andrew Flodin and Tim Southern.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Annie Pillers noted the January 12, 2011 minutes stated approval of the 12/17/10 meeting, but she corrected them to state 12/15/2010. Larry Hunt **MOVED** the corrected minutes of January 12, 2011, Regular Meeting be approved. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Annie Pillers explained the check registers presented at the December 15, 2010 meeting did not include the town's first Department of Revenue EFT payment of \$1,288.89 for excise taxes on November 30 2010. During her self-audit of quarterly financials she found this error and was now including this EFT check register for council approval.

POLICE REPORT: No report. Police Chief Jerry Neumann was able to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Bill Bowman reported:

WWTP - The facility is up and running. They now have a battery charger for the generator.

Bill is still getting a couple of other prices for the soft starts. Mayor Pfaff explained Harrison said there's a separate UL code for the box and another UL code for the whole thing assembled. With the Harrison bid the entire thing is re-engineered and inspected. Mayor Pfaff talked about ADB soft starts. Eric is seeing if they still make a replacement.

Next Tuesday Bill and Perry will rebuild the sludge pump as it was simpler than it appeared

The boiler has been working, there are some maintenance issues.

They have not looked at water softeners yet. It's possible they could be revived.

The diesel tank was at about 5/8's full last week. Bill estimated it at about half or if not better now. It was hoped it would only take maybe a tank a winter.

Equipment Purchases - the new welder is very good. Mayor Pfaff asked about the balance of the tool allowance. Bill estimated it at about \$2,000. He said they still need a tap and die set. Bill said he was saving some of the budget if they really need something later.

Water Meter Installations/Replacements - A 1" water meter was installed at JE Love's along with a 2" double check for backflow prevention. Bill did not estimate a lot of water usage, but agreed having the meter installed would help the town monitor gallons used versus gallons pumped. Mayor Pfaff said he had decided rather than purchasing and replacing 30 1" meters this year, he was recommending replacing 2" meters this year. He did not see that much change with the 1" water meter replacements last year. He told Bill for budgeting purposes not to order more than 7 2" meters this year. Bill would check with Perry to make sure of the number needed. He did not want to order 7 if only 6 were needed.

Christmas Lights - the Christmas lights were taken down.

Garbage Truck Retrofit – Bill had quotes from Solid Waste Systems and Western Systems to retrofit the garbage truck. Solid Waste quote was \$7,536.10 plus tax. Western Systems was \$10,885.00 plus tax. Solid Waste can do the retrofit in 3 days, with lead time to get the parts in stock. Council accepted the bid from Solid Waste Systems for garbage truck retrofit.

New Garbage Roller Carts - Bill had quotes on roller carts. Solid Waste Systems quote was \$39.65 each, plus tax. Western Systems was \$45 each plus tax. Solid Waste Systems had some better ideas. They had

had problems with the warranty on the other carts; they were brittle and would break. They have a new dealer. They warranty well and have a stockpile of wheels and axles for warranty work. They will get numbered for free. Mayor Pfaff said he wants to get them stamped. Solid Waste estimates the shipping at \$2,600. The other company did not provide shipping costs. Council accepted the bid from Solid Waste Systems for new 65 gallon roller carts. Bill asked about the color and the mayor said gray. Larry Hunt will contact JE Love about possible temporary storage of the carts.

Manhole Inserts – the town should get one next week or the following week. Once it gets put in, it should work and then the town can have more shipped out.

Vehicle Identification/Safety Lights – Larry Hunt asked about identification on the town vehicles with “for public use only” and orange strobe lights. He said right now the vehicles aren’t marked and with Bill driving the new white pick up and stopping along side the road, it’s not noticeable. Mayor Pfaff confirmed he was working on getting a new logo for the town. He intended to have a black and white logo for the vehicles. He was not sure about the requirement for the lights. Larry Hunt thought the lights would provide added safety to the public works employees and the public’s safety too. It was agreed it would not be expensive to do.

Parked Trailer – There was a question about a trailer parked at Spokane and 3rd since August Spokane and 3rd street. Bill clarified it was from Carlson Plumbing for a job they were doing, but it was just removed this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Planning Commission Member Appointments: Mayor Pfaff presented proposed Planning Commission member Ryan Root to council for appointment. Larry Hunt **MOVED** to appoint Ryan Root to the Planning Commission for the term ending the 2nd Monday of January 2017. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Daycare: Mayor Pfaff updated council about the daycare project and the commitment of \$6,000 from the town and \$6,000 from the school. This commitment was based upon 3 kids. It should go down over the year. The town will apply for .09 funds if other 3 grants the daycare is applying for don’t go through. Greg Partch thought there would be no problem with .09 for the daycare. Mayor Pfaff said an interlocal agreement was needed between the town and the school. It will outline who is responsible for what, etc. He recommended himself and 2 other council members for the board. He thought the board would meet once or twice a month. Larry Hunt and Daymon Marple volunteered to be on the board.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS/4th QUARTER 2010 ADJUSTMENT REGISTER: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to approve the 4th Quarter 2010 Adjustment Register and the following bills presented to council for payment. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Check Register #9820-#9823 plus EFTPS EFT Payroll: \$6,161.24
Check Register #9824-#9835 Claims: \$32,687.97 11/30/10 DOR EFT Claims: \$1,288.89.
TOTAL: \$40,138.10.

2011 End of Year Books/2011 Interfund Transfers - Mayor Pfaff indicated he had reviewed the year-end books and there was a \$20,000 surplus in Current Expense. He said it had been climbing every year. \$10,000, then \$14,000, and now \$20,000 this year. The other reserve accounts were growing too. For the Water/Sewer/Garbage Fund he would have to get back to council. He recommended the following Interfund Transfers from Current Expense - \$4,000 to the Equipment Reserve Fund; \$3,000 to the Fire Equipment Fund and \$13,000 to the Current Expense Reserve Fund. Council was agreeable to this proposal.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Chris McCully presented the idea of a department background check for Town Council and Fire District approval. He said with the firefighters doing more ambulance

calls and going into houses, etc., he was recommending the department implement background checks for the volunteers. He noted the proposed form was fashioned from the town's employee background check form and that the police department conducts the check. Council consensus was to implement background checks for the department. Chris then followed up on the discussion from last year about an air compressor. He noted they would run airlines for the fire trucks. Right now they have one, but it's dinky. They need an airline to keep the trucks charged so they can respond. He estimated a cost of \$250 to \$300 to run the line. Chris confirmed they would be using actual airline with quick connectors. Chief McCully reported new turnouts would be good for about 10 years and that the department still intended to buy 4 a year until caught up. 2 would be purchased by the town and 2 purchased by the district.

REQUEST TO ALLOW DOG BACK IN TOWN: Nancy Hathaway joined the council meeting (7:25 pm). Mayor Pfaff explained that he had spoken with Stephen Bishop about the issue and it was a council vote with letter to be sent to the judge. He said the council can decide if they even want to do it. Nancy asked for council's consideration that her ancient Great Pyrenees dog Angus be allowed to return to town. She explained he was banished by court order 5 years ago for barking. He currently lives in Farmington and she sees him 5 days a week. The tenant is moving and the dog can't stay out there. She said Angus is elderly and creaky with dysplasia and arthritis. He is well beyond his expected life span. 4 years ago he was diagnosed with bone cancer and given 3 to 6 months. She would like to bring him home. Nancy said when the judge banished the dog he told her council would have to say yea or nay. Council was who could make exception or readdress the issue.

Mayor Pfaff said he had talked with Stephen Bishop and his recommendation was no. Mayor Pfaff had also talked with Joe Merry for his past history and his recommendation. His recommendation was also no. Mayor Pfaff said he would say no too. He said he does not like to reverse things just to reverse them, like with the junk vehicle ordinance. He does not want to get into the habit of making exceptions. Nancy said Angus should not be the problem that he was. If it becomes a problem, they can address it. She would put him in the smaller yard like she's done for other convalescing dogs. He would be both inside and outside. He would sleep in the house at night and go out for awhile in the morning, again at lunch and again in the afternoon. He likes to sleep in the sun. Mayor Pfaff asked what would make the difference now if the problem last time was barking. Nancy said he doesn't have the wind to bark. It would not be a problem this time. He has a squeaky wheezy bark occasionally. With his bone cancer, he doesn't have a lot of volume. Daymon Marple said he felt bad for Nancy and that unfortunately, when it's there time, it's there time. He had to take his dog to be put down. He felt Pyrenees dogs were out of town dogs. Nancy said Angus was not ready to be put down yet. Each council member indicated they were not interested in letting the dog back into town. Nancy Hathaway left the meeting at 7:39 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Larry Hunt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer