

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Preliminary Draft
May 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jarrod Pfaff, Larry Hunt, Daymon Marple, Sharon Schnebly, and Tim Southern. Staff – Public Works Superintendent Bill Bowman, Police Chief Jerry Neumann (7:12), and Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers. Absent: Andrew Flodin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Larry Hunt **MOVED** the minutes of April 27, 2011, Regular Meeting be approved as written. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Jerry Neumann reported the contract with the Humane Society for animal control was renewed for another year for both Palouse and Garfield. No action was required by Garfield. Chief Neumann also confirmed a public nuisance citation had been recently issued. Officer Dentler would follow up with the individual on this matter. Chief Neumann asked about sewer usage when water is turned off to properties.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

1. TIB Overlay and Chip Seal Projects – Bill met with Whitman County on the chip seal work to be done for the TIB project. They walked the project. Whitman County is willing to work with the town. Whitman County also offered to provide the asphalt needed for the digouts. Bill will be meeting with them again.
2. WWTP – Bill has continued to work on repairs to the generator. It has a new mechanical pump on it. It's a process of elimination now. He thinks there's a leak in the fuel hose to the mechanical pump. He is still working on finding a contractor for the inflow flappers. Council recommended he contact Spokane firms and also contact Eric. The boiler will be serviced on Friday. Bill met with Darrel Fleischman today and they walked the plant together. They also discussed fecal coliform results from monitoring done (Palouse Conservation District). Bill believes they may have isolated the source. Darrel took some samples with him and would share those results with Bill.
3. Street Signs on State Highway – The state representative was out recently and gave Bill the specs for street signs along the highway. The state rep still plans to meet with Perry. Bill has not ordered the street posts yet and may be able to get a good price from the prison. Dave had used them in the past. Bill will call the prison on Thursday.
4. Street Grading – Daymon Marple mentioned a pothole at 2nd and California. Bill agreed it needed some cold patch and he would try to get to it soon. Tim Southern said the work Bill did along the ditch looks good. Bill said he was pleased with the current results after cutting it out deeper. Bill also did some grading up at John Love's. He has not done work at the Ed-Ka shop yet or TJ's house but hopes to do so soon when water recedes.
5. Street Sign Visibility – Daymon Marple said there were still some visibility problems with the Yield sign at Union Street. Bill confirmed visibility is better since the area was trimmed.
6. Garbage Truck/Roller Carts – the step on the back of the garbage truck was retrofitted to be higher and allow the crew to stand on it and get up down from it easier. The new roller carts are working out very well. There are still a few folks using their old garbage cans but the crew will no longer be picking them up or will throw the cans away with the garbage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Turf/Tree & Bare Ground Program: Mayor Pfaff discussed the turf/tree and bare ground program and if the public works crew could do any part. Bill Bowman confirmed that Perry indicated with a tank and spray rig set-up he could spray and fertilize. Mayor Pfaff said he wanted to make sure the crew had enough time to add this to their schedule. He also said he liked the way the grass looks now and he wants it to remain the same. He suggested the council consider approval of the full contract in case the crew cannot do the work after all. Council agreed that the trees and ground sterilization should be done by Palouse Hills, not the crew. If schedules allowed, the crew could do the weed control and fertilizing. The mayor agreed this

could be tried to see how it works out this year. Bill Bowman estimated an inexpensive tank and sprayer would be about \$500. It was noted that McGregor's will custom build the tank. Daymon Marple **MOVED** to award the Turf/Tree & Bare Ground Program to Palouse Hills LLC at a maximum \$3,320.24, including tax. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried. Abstention: Larry Hunt.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Tim Southern **MOVED** the following bills presented to council for payment. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Check Register #9949-#9957 Payroll: \$7,872.75

Check Register #9958-#9970 plus DOR EFT Claims: \$12,019.62 TOTAL: \$19,892.37

ADJOURNMENT: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Sharon Schnebly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer