

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall – August 10, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Guests: Cathie May and David Ulrick.

1. Fire Station Property – David Ulrick said he had been hearing things about a new fire station and wanted council to know there was a piece of ground in town that his mother-in-law owed across from McGregor's that she would sell for \$32,000. She owns 5 lots. It has water, sewer and electricity right close. David thinks the 6th lot on the east side is owned by Ken Renstrom. The lots are 50' x 100'. David said the best place for the station would be at the yellow house location.

2. Park Issues - Cathie May said she appreciated the fact that the water was on at the park at that it looks better. She said after the trees were trimmed it looks so much better, but there was a branch left hanging out. It looks like a broken limb that didn't make it down to the ground. She said it needs to be taken out of there as it's unsafe. She also mentioned another tree on the west side, midway along the path that was mostly dead that the crew could take down. Cathie noted she regularly picks up garbage in the park twice a day and recently had to pick up aluminum chards from aluminum cans that had been mowed over rather than picked up. She said the aluminum chards are dangerous for kids. Lastly, Cathie asked that the garbage cans left outside of the restrooms be picked up. They smell terrible and have been outside since Sunday.

3. Service Signs – Cathie May asked Daymon if there was still a person interest in the restaurant. She said walking downtown she had a person stop her to find out how to find the café. She said the signs coming into town and the directional signs in town needed to come down.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Annie Pillers noted one correction to the minutes – Bill Bowman was not in attendance. Tim Southern **MOVED** the minutes of the July 27, 2011, Special Council Meeting and July 27, 2011, Regular Council Meeting be approved as corrected. Andrew Flodin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Jerry Neumann provided council with the July 2011 Activity Log. He noted there were a couple of incidents over the 4th and because they were handled right a way; it set the tone for the rest of the weekend. The park has been quiet. Cathie May noted, per Perry Brown, the sprinkler heads were broken. She asked if the cameras were set up yet. Mayor Pfaff indicated they haven't figured out how to wire them yet. They have to be hard wired to record.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

1. Chip Seal – 3rd and 4th Street chip seal and patchwork was done. Bill swept earlier in the day and would be sweeping a couple more times.

2. Backflow devices – the backflow devices were inspected and passed. One was rebuilt and one needed a part.

3. WWTP boiler – The crew is waiting for a part still. The boiler inspector with the insurance company needs to be contacted and come out while the contractor is out there.

4. Street Oiling.- The street oiling looks pretty good. There were some areas abused before the oil had a chance to sink in.

5. 2nd Street Overlay – the contractor anticipates coming out the first week of September - Labor Day week. The town crew won't be involved with the work. The asphalt grindings will be used on 10th Street and up at Bert Souders. Bill said he would try to straighten out 10th Street first. He noted the asphalt grindings use a different oil emulsifier that hardens. He will get a price on that. The engineer said once that is done it qualifies for grants and is considered prepped for asphalt.

6. WWTP Main inflow valves – Bill talked to the contractor earlier in the day. The guy that was supposed to do the bid is out of town. He hopes to hear from him tomorrow.

7. Fiber Optics – Annie Pillers reported she was trying to get a price from the contractor to drill a hole under the railroad tracks for a water line to the edge of town.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Traffic Mirror – Sharon Schnebly had checked prices for traffic mirrors and they were not as expensive as thought. A 48” mirror was \$369. Tim Southern said after an incident last week, he supported the idea. Council consensus was to purchase a 48” traffic mirror. It was suggested it be placed at the apex of the corner near Jones.

2. Skid Steer Specifications – Bill Bowman suggested changing the specifications for the skid steer from tracks to tires. He said tracks are not as cost effective for the snow and with tires, he can put on chains when needed. It was recommended simply eliminating the specification for tracks. He also said he needs to alter the purchase prices on the equipment. Tim Southern **MOVED** to amend the skid steer/loader specifications eliminating the tracks specification and adopt Resolution 2011-12, authorizing the purchase of a used skid steer and used excavator under special market conditions. Daymon Marple seconded the motion.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Chris McCully reported the hydrants were flushed last night. They went back around and washed off the gravel. Bill Bowman said there was a little bit of erosion on 3rd Street. Chief McCully noted there were a few hydrants that have problems. Bill Bowman was provided a list of these hydrants. One of the problems is hydrants that have been grown over. The department was told not to do anything with this last year. Chief McCully asked how this worked, knowing when there is snow present, the property owner is responsible. Andrew Flodin mentioned a hydrant that won't work at all. It requires a pipe wrench. Chief McCully talked about the need for flashlights for the firefighters. He said 15 were needed and had priced a Pelican model at \$50 a piece. The rural fire district was willing to pay one-half the cost. Chief McCully and Councilmember Flodin left the meeting at 7:20 pm. Sharon Schnebly **MOVED** to authorize the purchase of the needed firefighter pelican flashlights, sharing the cost one-half with the rural fire district commissioners. Daymon Marple seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

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

Check Register #10072-#10078 Payroll: \$7,199.39

Check Register #10079-#10096 Plus DOR EFT Claims: \$16,647.79 TOTAL: \$23,847.18.

ADJOURNMENT: Daymon Marple **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Tim Southern seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer