

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting
#FY 25-14
Thursday, May 8th, 2025, 7:00p.m.

Mayor Terry Lee called the City Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. City Clerk Sonja Chrysler took roll call. In attendance were Mayor Terry Lee, councilmembers Ted Miller, Josh Bovey, Tyler Ballard, and President John Pine was absent. Also, in attendance were Planning and Zoning Administrator Ed Reagan, Public Works Supervisor Jerry Scovill, Antonio Conti, Cheryl Viola with REDS, Amanda Hulme, Travis Martin, Nick Bombini, Philip Carlson, and Sarah Carlson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Councilmember Josh Bovey motioned to approve the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Ted Miller. Motion passed 3-0.*

CONSENT AGENDA: *Councilmember Josh Bovey motioned to approve the consent agenda as a whole, second by Councilmember Tyler Ballard. Motion passed 3-0.*

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Camas County Sheriff – Annual Agreement – ACTION ITEM:

Annual agreement with the Camas County Sheriff is due to be signed by all parties. There are no changes to the previous year's agreement. There was discussion to change the wording to lengthen the agreement to two or three years out, unless either party requests a change in terms. Sheriff Martin stated that Jim was looking it over and checking on state code. Sheriff Martin hoped to have an answer by Monday. Mayor Lee stated that we needed to get the current agreement signed now until a decision is made on changing the term length.

Councilmember Ted Miller motioned for Mayor Lee to sign the current contract as written , second by Councilmember Josh Bovey. Motion passes by roll-call vote 3-0.

B. Chamber Fireworks 2026 – ACTION ITEM: Nick Bombini with the Chamber of Commerce addressed council and presented an invoice and a letter regarding the Fourth of July fireworks. He stated that they are trying to get ahead and prepare for 2026 due to concerns of increasing costs. The Chamber is looking for larger contributions for the future and said they are hoping the City and the County would each donate 1/3 of the total future cost. Nick stated they will be working on more fundraising and grant opportunities. The Chamber has other ideas as well to try to support the fireworks display, such as putting it out to bid to get better pricing, and/or ordering in advance. They also have ideas to try to expand the event to bring in larger outside crowds and tourists or even hold it on a day other than the 4th.

- C. **Cheryl REDS \$500.00 Rural Economic Development – ACTION ITEM:** Cheryl Viola with REDS announced that it was time for them to renew their grant with the Department of Commerce. She stated she had sent an email to the mayor asking if the City of Fairfield would consider supporting REDS again this year with a \$500.00 donation. Cheryl updated council on all of the things that she has been working on this last year. She spoke on the idea of “pop-up shops’ to bring foot traffic to main street promoting local entrepreneurs and filling empty buildings. She announced that the Operation Facelift project, updating the fence at the Longhorn, is finally underway. This was two years in the works, and we finally got the funding needed to move forward. She gave the stats for the online traffic of Idaho sites and posts promoting Fairfield. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter and donate \$500.00 to REDS, second by Councilmember Ted Miller. Motion passed 3-0.**
- D. **Ziply/Syringa Project – ACTION ITEM:** Ed Reagan stated this project is being done by Syringa and Northwest Fiber aka Ziply. The work will start at the corner by the senior center. They have a vault there and they are going to bore from that vault over to the alleyway. They will do some digging right in the alleyway behind the senior center and then use existing conduit to go to the Ziply building. Their estimated cost is \$5,000.00 which makes it impractical to make out a bond. Ed recommended approval of this project. Jerry said he was aware of where the work and digging will be taking place and is good with everything. He also said they were going to be replacing the vault there. Ed added that should there be any damage, the application includes a lengthy list that should cover it. **Councilmember Josh Bovey motioned to approve the application for Syringa Networks, second by Councilmember Ted Miller. Motion passed 3-0.**
- E. **Special Events Permit – Tour De Force – ACTION ITEM:** Maya Blix filled out and submitted a special events permit for the Tour De Force speed trials Saturday, July 19th. It was confirmed that they have all required insurance in place. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motions to approve the special events permit for Tour De Force and waive the fees, second by councilmember Ted Miller. Motion passes 3-0.**

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- A. **Tour De Force Speed Trials - ACTION ITEM:** No Discussion.
- B. **708 Soldier Rd. – Utilities Letter - ACTION ITEM:** No Discussion

- C. **Code Enforcement Officer – Action Item:** Mayor Lee asked if council had a chance to look at the ordinances Sonja emailed to everyone. Josh Bovey stated he had looked at them, as well as the livestock code that the city of Gooding has now. He said theirs is more well defined, where ours is a bit vague and contradicting and probably needs to be redone a bit. We need to decide what to allow and what to prohibit. Mayor Lee stated that the next step is to send everything over to our attorney with highlights to areas needing evaluation and changes, as well as the codes Gooding has, as an example. Mayor Lee also spoke about opening our budget to appropriate funds for the position. He discussed a possible wage of \$21-\$22 per hour. Per our yearly contract with Mountain Humane, the code enforcement officer would have 24-hour access to their intake kennel area to be able to transport dogs there when necessary. Council discussed the number of hours the position might require and what to budget for. Mayor Lee proposed that we advertise to hold the hearing the first council meeting in June and in the meantime send the desired changes over to the attorney to look over. He suggested starting the budget amount at \$4,000.00 for the four remaining months of the current fiscal year. Josh added that in our notes to the attorney we might want to include chapter 1, 3-1-2 item D sweeping and depositing rubbish into the ditches and gutters. Mayor Lee stated there were also other items that need to be addressed such as the conditions of yards and the hazards it causes such as mosquitoes and fires.
- D. **Nuisance Hearing – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- E. **Zipty Project 5520810 – North Fairfield Fiber Install - ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- F. **Zipty Project 5520819 – South Fairfield Fiber Install - ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- G. **Sun Creek Subdivision – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- H. **Pickleball Court Overlay – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion

REPORTS

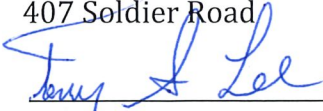
- A. **Mayor's Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Lee: Mayor Lee invited Antonio to update about the sidewalks on the south side. Antonio stated the bid opening will be next week on Thursday the 15th at and will update council at the meeting later that evening. Mayor Lee reported that he received a message that the federal legislators will be here on Monday and that they would like to meet with the City that day. He plans to meet with them at City Hall and will let council know the time so that those who would like to attend can do so.
- B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: No report.
- C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: No report.
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** John Pine: Mayor Lee reported that the ice rink is down. Jerry said the park is in the process of getting cleaned up and he hopes to have it done for Memorial weekend. He is also working on fixing up the bathrooms.

- E. **Fire and Police:** Josh Bovey: Josh and Jesse went down to Gooding to look at the water tender truck they are selling. It is a little newer and a lot bigger than the truck they currently have. The current truck holds 3,000 gallons, and the newer truck holds 5,000 gallons. It also has a much larger pump which is an issue with the current truck due to it being old and worn out. In addition, it is not a typical water tender pump but is a fire fighting pump that pumps 12,050 gallons per minute which is the same as their structure fire truck, and would allow it to be used for structure fires as well as brush fires. It has rear and side spray bars and is currently registered as a tactical tender truck with our Forest Service contract, so it brings in more money when they go out on contract with it. It has some work done on it last year and new tires in 2017. The proposal from Gooding is \$30,000 for the truck in two payments over two fiscal years starting in FY 2026. The funds would come from the carryover funds, in addition to the funds from the sale of the current water tender truck. Josh asked for the potential purchase to be added as an action item on next week's agenda if council was good with all the above information. He also spoke about the fire department's budget proposal to the County. He said the commissioners requested that he come to the monthly meeting to present the fire department's annual budget request for 2026 earlier than they normally do. He made his request, which was similar to last year, which was the current budget with a 3% increase. He also requested the transfer of the 2025 contributions in the amount of \$22,660.00. To clarify, the fire department is requesting for both the City and the County, for the 2026 budget, is a 3% increase over this year for a total of \$46,680.00, with each contributing \$23,340.00. At that meeting Josh stated he also gave a breakdown on the percentages of calls coming from inside city limits and calls coming from outside city limits. The average from 2021-2024 was 84% of calls coming from outside of city limits. Josh was able to dig up a contract with the City and County that is dated 2016 and stated that it needs to be updated and redone.
- F. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: Jerry reported that the main well is back up and running. He has been hauling gravel from Cat Creek and getting the park and roads cleaned.
- G. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: Ed has been getting calls from residents asking about what they can and cannot do with local property. The LDS church is going up but they will not be in the building until next year.
- H. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: Sonja updated council on the ETS IT audit and stated it went well and is now waiting for the report. Unfortunately, the VoIP phone system they presented with all the bells and whistles does not come at the \$10 per month cost, so the City will most likely go with the basic plan to keep cost down. Steven Yearsley came by the office and dropped off the Transportation Planning Study and his Local Professional Services Agreement for council to look over. Steven let her know there would be a preconstruction meeting set up after the contract is signed. Sonja let council know that the tri-fold brochure with the city map is complete and she had looked into the cost of printing those with

different quantities. She spoke with a few local businesses about pitching in to help with the cost of printing and they were receptive to that contribution. She has also been working more on the website. The flowers from Moss Greenhouse will be here on Friday the 30th.

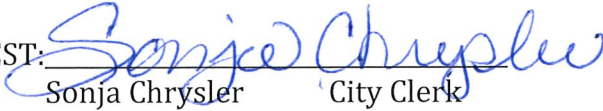
Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Josh Bovey. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Next Regular Council meeting will be Thursday, May 15th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road



Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonja Chrysler

City Clerk

