

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting #FY 26-12
Thursday, April 16th, 2026, 7:00p.m.

Mayor Terry Lee called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk Sonja Chrysler took roll call. In attendance were Mayor Terry Lee, council members President Ted Miller, Amy Martin, Rodney Blount, and Tyler Ballard came in at 7:02. Also, in attendance were Planning and Zoning Administrator Ed Reagan, Public Works Director Jerry Scovill, and Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Stitt. In the audience were Tanya Moyers, Joe Mabbutt, Eddy Neihay, Sheriff Travis Martin, Mike Chase, Leilani Giles, Ali Golden, Andy Marolf, Cameron & Phoenix Aslin, Mike Kraynick, and Richard Reedy with his wife and three children.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Council President Ted Miller motioned to approve the agenda, second by Councilmember Amy. Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned to approve the consent agenda as a whole, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Continued Discussion of Nuisance Ordinance:** Mayor Lee opened the meeting and thanked council for allowing the public to come and voice their opinion. He stated that this is not a public hearing and that the city is making minor clarifications in the ordinance. He stated that he would go down the sign in sheet and will call on each person who signed in to speak. Eddie Neihay began by saying he has lived in the Camas area for 36 years. His family raised pigs and horses on 2nd Avenue West when he was in high school. He participated in 4-H and his family raised animals for meat. He raised his three children in Fairfield. He stated how much he loves Fairfield and he feels we should not be a "breakfast community for the Woodriver Valley". He said he would like to see us keep our "rural feel and small town". He spoke about the 4-H program in Fairfield and how much it teaches the children. He spoke about how the residents of Fairfield are self-sufficient. He mentioned that even though some of the 4-H leaders offer to board animals for kids that don't have a place to keep them, it can be difficult for them to get out there to care for their animal. He would like his grandkids to be able to participate in 4-H and raise some goats for pack goats or an alpaca on his fenced half an acre property and cannot do so if there is a livestock ban. He suggested an enforcement of noise or stench by the code enforcement officer, instead of a complete ban. Mayor Lee explained that we have had a ban on livestock for a long time now. We have just hired a code enforcement officer, and the council is going over the ordinances to make sure they are more clear and concise for him and for the people who read them.

Council is talking about allowing up to six chickens and up to six rabbits. However, it is still being discussed. Eddie Neihay stated that if he is not able to have goats in town, that he is prepared to put his house on the market and move out of city limits. Amy Martin shared the concerns that council has been hearing such as flies, predators, and the fact that many of the lots in town are small, which concentrates the numbers of animals within city limits. Mikey Reedy stated he feels the reason they should be able to have chickens is because they are cute when they are little and when they lay eggs it makes a good breakfast. Ali Golden stated she works from home here in Fairfield. She grew up on a ranch ten miles from town. She shared that she is not against livestock but feels there should be clearly defined rules. Tanya Moyers stated she has lived here for 13 years and loves the community. She said there is not much for the children here to do, and 4-H is one of the things they do have. Travis Martin stated he is the Sheriff and in his 23 years he has never chased a chicken, a pig, or a horse in town. He said he does not think the city should hinder the people from producing eggs for their families or making money selling them. He has been a 4-H leader for 15 years and said he has never had a problem with the kids raising pigs in town and stench as long as they are fed the proper feed. He suggested considering an ordinance with limits on what is allowed with certain rules that the enforcement officer can enforce, but that would still allow people to raise animals. Andrew Marolf stated he owned the hardware store in town and lives at 347 Sage Ave. His concern was how not allowing livestock in city limits could affect the population. His point was that if people cannot raise their own animals and their children cannot participate in 4-H, it might deter them from moving here, which in turn would hurt the school and sports programs like football. Richard Ready stated he grew up here and just moved back to Fairfield from Oregon. He stated that people are looking for freedom and being self-sufficient. Andy Marold suggested a sound and smell ordinance. Joe Mabbutt suggested putting something in place that would require having neighbors' approval to keep livestock. Mike Chase on Winona spoke about his goats being killed by dogs in town on two different occasions. He stated that just because someone's dog kills your animals, you don't have to kill their pet, you just have to be smarter. He also stated that wild animals are going to come into town no matter what as we live in the country. He feels that six chickens are not enough to provide eggs for a family, especially in the winter months. Ted Miller asked how many chickens he felt was sufficient to feed a family of two. Mike Chase responded with fifteen chickens. Mike also responded with wanting fresh eggs and not store-bought eggs. He stated he has pack goats and plans to get more pack goats. He plans to leave Fairfield if the city does not allow livestock. He said he feels that kids should be taught where their food comes from. Cameron Aslin at 202 Alturas asked to speak about the quantity of chickens. He stated that from what he has witnessed, chickens help with nuisance bugs. In

addition, he spoke about how the eggs he gets each day helps with cost to feed his family. Ali Golden made a point about being a good neighbor and responsible pet and livestock owner and how not everyone is. She stated that in order to keep Fairfield alive we need people to continue to move here and we must be thoughtful to what people who might want to move here in the future might want as well. Joe Mabbett asked how many in the room owned a dog. Many people raised their hands. He then asked how many people in the room who own dogs have them licensed. Most people lowered their hands. He stated that everyone is saying they want to be good neighbors and have regulations in place, but is everyone following the rules, you can't just say what is right, you have to do what is right. He said these are things that city council has to figure on, on a daily basis. Rodney Blount stated that if we listen to everything that was said and council does their best to work it out, he is okay with a lot more animals in town but is looking for people to take care of them if they have them and to do the right thing. Mayor Lee closed the open comments and thanked everyone for coming.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- A. **Resolution 2026-06 – ADU's – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion
- B. **Nuisance Ordinance Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** See “New Business Item A” above.
- C. **North Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- D. **South Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- E. **Code Enforcement Officer – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion
- F. **Market Animal Building – Action Item:** No discussion.
- G. **Sun Creek Discussion – Final Platt Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion


REPORTS

- A. **Mayor's Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Lee: Mayor Lee stated that we did not include a time for our budget hearing date of August 20th set at the last council meeting. Historically it has been held at 7:05pm. **Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to set the budget hearing time for August 20th at 7:05pm, second by Council president Ted Miller. Motion passed 4-0.**
- B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: No report
- C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: No report


- D. **Parks and Recreation:** Amy Martin: No report
- E. **Fire and Police:** Rodney Blount: No report
- F. **Code Enforcement:** Dennis Stitt: Dennis received a verbal complaint about the Mendoza dogs. It was Mandie's husband who witnessed the dogs, but he had not received the written complaint yet. It was stated that the dogs have been tied up with cable and were dragging the chewed through cable. The dog was viciously trying to go through the Hulme's fence to get at their chickens and their puppy. He spoke with the city attorney who said there is enough evidence to move forward with a citation with financial penalty. Dennis also stated that he spoke to Mountain Humane about vicious dogs. They are willing to give the city an outdoor kennel to keep seized vicious dogs in if needed.
- G. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: No report
- H. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: Ed received a phone call and email today regarding Ziplly Fiber for a ROW permit to run fiber from the Forest Service building on Spruce to the main Forest Service building. The last time they were here they left a mess. Jerry and Ed are working with them to prevent this from happening again. The ROW permit will need to come before council for approval. Once he has it back and signed, he will present it to council. He is hoping for clarification on how they plan to leave the condition of our public right-of-way. Jerry wants to make sure that they are going to be made to restore the ground to what it was before they started and not leave the city with sinking ruts that we have to pay to fix. Maylor Lee suggested working with our attorney for a possible performance bond and we would have to sign off on the project.
- I. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: Sonja has not heard back about the Arbor Day grant. If we do not get the grant, we will not be purchasing a tree. She reminded council that she and Rodney will be attending the Spring District meeting in Twin Falls on Thursday the 23rd. After the general meeting Rodney will be attending the new council member training.

Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Next Council meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road



Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Sonja Chrysler City Clerk

