CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting #FY 26-21
Thursday, September 17th, 2026, 7:00p.m.

Mayor Terry Lee called the City Council meeting to order at 7:03 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. Also, in attendance was Public Works Supervisor Jerry Scovill and Planning and Zoning Administrator Ed Reagan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of new item "C" Ziply Fiber, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned to approve the consent agenda as a whole, second by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passed by rollcall vote 4-0. Ted Miller "Aye", Rodney Blount :Aye", Amy Martin "Aye", Tyler Ballard "Aye".

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Main Street Flowers Contract – 2027 Flowers – ACTION ITEM:** Moss Greenhouse purchase agreement for the main street flowers for spring of 2027. The cost is about the same as last year at $1,620.00. **Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to approve purchasing the flowers for 2027 from Moss Greenhouse and sign the purchase agreement, second by Council President Ted Miller. Motion passed 4-0.**

B. **Sheriff's Agreement:** In the packet there was a comparison of years from 2013 to present showing what was received each year in magistrate fees for paid tickets. In years past it was anywhere from $2,000+ to $4,000+, and for this fiscal year the city has received $711.90. Mayor Lee stated that a few years ago council took the average of the amount of magistrate fees that were received by the city and divided by 12 months and given back to the sheriff's office as payment. In addition, the city agreed to pay $334 toward their power bill. The total amount was $1,034. Of that amount $700 was paid to them each month and $334 was paid for their power use. When the power bill is over $334 the fire department pays the difference. The city also provides use of the building. The agreement between the fire department and sheriff's office is that the sheriff's office does the dispatching for the city fire department and EMS. In the past on nights and weekends when calls go to Mountain Home dispatch,

Mountain Home would dispatch to a deputy in Fairfield who would then dispatch to the fire department. Recently that has changed and now Mountain Home dispatches to the fire department and it is believed EMS as well. Unfortunately, that can only be picked up by radios and not called in to cell phones and the radios only get the dispatch some of the time because of spotty service. Sheriff Martin told Mayor Lee that it is up to the city to figure out why we are not getting as much money from the county for tickets that are written. There is a mile marker written on the ticket for the location of where the person was pulled over that would indicate it was located within the area that the city gets a portion of. When Mayor Lee met with the county commissioners, they stated that perhaps it should be investigated to see if the county had a surplus of funds that might indicate that the money just did not get sent to the right place (the city). There are some instances where the prosecuting attorney allows individuals to pay a fine and have it not go on their record and perhaps that money then bypasses the city. Council discussed the fact that because the city is in the county, the sheriff's office still has to enforce state law, with or without a contract and payment from the city. They also discussed the verbiage in the contract related to renewal and cost to the city. Council felt that it should be changed so that the contract automatically renews each year unless one or the other party chose not to renew or wanted changes, in which case they would be required to notify the other no less than 90 days prior to renewal. Mayor Lee will speak with the sheriff again and council will continue to discuss the contract at the next regular meeting. Mayor Lee stated that when he met with the Sherrif Martin, he informed him that he cannot enforce the speed limit unless every street is posted, Mayor Lee looked up the statute and it did not state that every street had to be posted and instead said as long as each artery entering the city was posted with a sigh that reads "25 mph unless otherwise posted". State default speed limit is 35 mph, however, cities can change it in their ordinance after a speed study. The city will check each artery into the city and make sure it is posted appropriately.

C. **Ziply Fiber – ACTION ITEM:** Council members each had a new map in their packet that Ziply emailed over. Mayor Lee stopped them Tuesday morning for digging a trench behind the city where they were not supposed to be digging. Jerry looked at the map that Dasco was provided by Ziply, and it was different than the map that the city approved with the bond. Mayor Lee called Ziply, who then called Jerry. There was supposed to be no open trenching and only soft plowing according to the original Ziply map. There was no soft plow ever brought to Fairfield. Jerry was told that they will not be doing any more open trenching and will only be plowing, and boring. When Jerry looked at the different map, it had plans to bore under private property under someone's

home. Jerry told them they could not bore there. Jerry said their plow broke with 20 feet to go so he allowed them to finish. He said they have about two more weeks of work left. The bond is sufficient to cover any work they might have to come back for if there is damage to the roads. Mayor Lee stated that Ziply needs to follow the original map they provided and that was approved by city council. Jerry made a call to Ziply during the meeting and asked for everything except the arial to stop. Jerry told Ziply that they will have to speak to the mayor and to city council before any more work is to be done. Council discussed having a special meeting to meet and speak with Ziply about the discrepancies in the maps.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. **Well & Water Rights – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee called Mike Caven but has not heard back from him.

B. **ADU's – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

C. **Nuisance Ordinance Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

D. **North Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

E. **South Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

F. **Market Animal Building – Action Item:** The demolition will begin the 25th or the 28th. Ed let people know that if they want some of the tin off of the building they can go and get it until the 25th or the 28th.

G. **Sun Creek Discussion – Final Platt Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** Sun Creek submitted the new form asking for a two-year extension on the preliminary plat. Council agreed that a one-year extension was sufficient. **Council President Ted Miller motioned to grant a one-year extension for the Sun Creek Subdivision to January 28, 2028, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0.**

H. **Bike Park – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

REPORTS

A. **Mayor's Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Lee: No report.
B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: No report.
C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: Ted noticed people are still parking in the alleys.
D. **Parks and Recreation:** Amy Martin: No report

E. **Fire and Police:** Rodney Blount: Rodney met with Sheriff Martin. Rodney asked which place generates the most revenue in citation fees. Sheriff Martin responded that it would be highway 20, but that it has been down for a while.

F. **Code Enforcement:** Dennis Stitt: Mayor Lee will be contacting Dennis to ask for the phone back and let him know that the city will re-list the position for a code enforcement officer.

G. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: No report.

H. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: Ed had someone call him and ask about replacing the log at the steam engine park. Mayor Lee said that if the log is bigger then we would absolutely want to.

I. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: Sonja received an email from Shery Whitehead with Triple J asking the city to pay a delinquent Idaho Power bill. Shery stated it was from when they had the power hooked up to the power box for the light poles. She said they were told by Idaho Power that it had to be in their name before Idaho Power would connect it. Shery put it into her own name at the time, and then sent the bill to Forsgren for payment. The city was never made aware of the bill. The delinquent bill that was emailed was from March of 2026 and had since been sent to collections. Sonja contacted Idaho Power but they were unable to discuss the account as it was not in the city's name. Sonja was able to start a new account for the box and light poles. Sonja has emailed Shery to let her know and has also reached out to Forsgren to find out if the amount should be paid as part of the project with the grant funds. Jerry checked and the travel trailer with the RV permit still has their sewer line hooked into an old sewer pipe from an old hotel. The sewer pipe should have been capped off, but it was not. There is no water/sewer account or meter for the property. Jerry gave them a warning hanger asking them to remove the sewer line immediately. The person on the RV occupancy permit was made aware of the ordinance when they applied for the permit.

Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Amy Martin. **Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.**

Next Council meeting will be on Thursday, October 8th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road

Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST: Sonja Chrysler

Sonja Chrysler City Clerk