

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting
#FY 25-07
Thursday, January 16th, 2025, 7:00p.m.

Mayor Terry Lee called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00p.m. City Clerk Sonja Chrysler took roll call. In attendance were Councilmembers: President John Pine, Josh Bovey, and Ted Miller. Tyler Ballard was absent.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Council President John Pine motioned to approve items A, B, & C, second by Councilmember Josh Bovey. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Public Hearing City of Fairfield Land Use and Zoning Map proposed changes 7:05pm - ACTION ITEM** Mayor Terry Lee announced that because of a posting not meeting State statute the hearing must be postponed until the next council meeting on February 13th. The proper notice will be posted and will move forward with continuing the public hearing at that time.
- B. **Helen Thompson – Utilities Letter – ACTION ITEM:** Helen Thompson wrote a letter to the council asking for more time to pay the past due amount on her utility bill and to suspend the shut off. The letter explained her financial situation. The tenant has struggled to keep the bill current over the years, and currently her partner is gone so she is relying on just one income, that only barely pays her other bills. There is also a leak in the water line on the homeowner's property causing an overage each month from the base rate. The homeowner has started to pay the monthly overage since the leak is her responsibility to fix. Council raised concerns that at the past rate of payoff of the past due amount will take a very long time. Council agreed to suspend shutting the water off for now and would like to see any kind of payments being made to show an effort to pay the bill. Council will revisit the account at the first council meeting in March so see if an effort was made to pay and will decide where to go from there.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- A. **New Funding Opportunity for City - ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee informed everyone that we did have the public information meeting the night before on the possibility of Tour De Force holding their speed trials in Fairfield. He estimated that close to 40 people were in attendance including himself, Josh, and Ted. Tour De Force stated at that meeting that they would like to have some kind of answer as to approval by the 1st of March. The topic will continue to stay on the agenda for more discussion. Most everyone in attendance at the public information meeting seemed to be in favor of the event being held in Fairfield. There was discussion about reversing the route from South to North, to North to South. Council asked if we had spoken to our insurance company ICRMP. Mayor Lee said that he had spoken to them and that Tour De Force carries full coverage for the event with their own insurance. ICRMP stated there would be no liability to the City or the County. They said to do an indemnity clause on their insurance policy. To move forward towards approval, we would have our attorney write up an agreement. Council President John Pine suggested moving in that direction while we are still listening to comments and suggestions from the public. Mayor Lee agreed to contact our attorney to move forward with writing up an agreement.
- B. **Skate Party** – The skate party was scheduled originally, for Saturday, January 25th, however it was discovered that Soldier Mountain was having a ski hill climb event that same day that might affect attendance of the skate party. It was decided to move the party to Saturday, February 1st.
- C. **Code Enforcement Officer – Action Item:** No discussion
- D. **Nuisance Hearing – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion
- E. **Ziply Project 5520810 – North Fairfield Fiber Install - ACTION ITEM:** Ed received a phone call from Richard Joya, an area operations employee of Ziply Fiber, believed to be in McCall. Richard Jayo stated he would be more than willing to come down to one of our council meetings to speak with council. Mr. Jayo did confirm that Ziply is in the process of being purchased by Bell Canada, however that process will take at least a year they will continue to do business under the Ziply Fiver name. If council give the okay, Ed will give Mr. Jayo an invitation to the next council meeting. Council decided on the second council meeting in February on Thursday the 20th.
- F. **Ziply Project 5520819 – South Fairfield Fiber Install - ACTION ITEM:** See above North Fairfield Fiber Install 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 invited Antonio Conti to update on the South Sidewalk project
- B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: Mayor Lee reported that there have been several people with freezing pipes.
- C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: No report from Ted. Antonio Conti gave an update on the South Sidewalk project. He received an email from LHTAC containing the approved and signed agreement to move forward with the next phase of the sidewalks. He is just waiting on getting precise wording for the specs. The project was broken down into three bid alternatives, giving us more options.
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** John Pine: No report
- E. **Fire and Police:** Josh Bovey: Josh announced that the South Idaho Fire Academy would be taking place on February 14th, 15th, & 16th this year and he would be sending some people to attend that.
- F. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: Mayor Lee announced that Jerry has been sick but would be returning hopefully tomorrow.
- G. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: Ed will be posting the sign on the property for the Sun Creek Subdivision.
- H. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: No report.

Council President John Pine moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Josh Bovey. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next Regular Council meeting will be Thursday, February 13th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road



Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sonja Chrysler City Clerk