

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting #FY 26-16
Thursday, July 9th, 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 p.m. Also, in attendance were Planning and Zoning Administrator Ed Reagan, and Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Stitt. In the audience were Ali Golden and her daughter Rio, Sakena Lesmeister with Ziply, and Chance Requa.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to approve the agenda, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 3-0.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Vertical Bridge Offer – Cell Tower – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- B. Ziply Fiber – ROW – ACTION ITEM:** Sakena Lesmeister was in attendance representing Ziply. Ted Miller asked her how it went with ETS and working to use the existing fiber or conduit. Sakena stated that they did meet with ETS and discussed the cost, but ultimately the amount that ETS would charge them would be significantly more than it will cost them to move forward with installing their own lines with the method they are proposing. They are proposing 60% arial and 40% underground. They try to go with the method that is least intrusive and most cost effective. Mayor Lee stated that the last correspondence he saw was ETS requesting schematics from Ziply, but that he had not seen anything more since then. Sakena said she could look into it and get more information. Sakena said that she had a conversation just yesterday with the engineer working on the project and that he had given her the latest information. She said that it sounded like he had been working with ETS consistently, but that there might be more information she could get. She also stated that the cost difference could be because of the difference between trenching vs. plowing. Ziply plans to install the ground fiber with a plow method. City Attorney Geoff Schroeder stated that the purpose of the bond and permit is so that there is a time limit for them to have to come back and fix anything necessary. Sakena assured the council that their priority is restoration after the work is completed. Mayor Lee asked her if she could get the information for the next city council meeting.

- C. **Special Events Permit – Library – ACTION ITEM:** Permit for the Library to use the Steam Engine Park to sell raffle tickets for fundraising. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned to approve the Library Annual Raffle special events permit and waive the fees, second by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passed 4-0.**

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- A. **Budget Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion
- B. **ADU's – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- C. **Nuisance Ordinance Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee asked Geoff where we were with amending the ordinances. Geoff explained the how, why of when city council declares a nuisance. He stated that it was not necessary for council to declare a nuisance before a citation could be issued. Geoff also explained that council does not have to declare a dog a nuisance for the code enforcement officer to take possession of a dog after multiple violations of ordinance. City council still needs to make a decision on livestock. Geoff pulled up the ordinances with the proposed changes and stated that we should separate them into three different ordinances to amend the code. He will email them tomorrow so that they can be discussed at the next meeting.
- D. **North Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- E. **South Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** The south sidewalk is now in ADA compliance. Antonio is working on some additional LHTAC funding to help with our cost.
- F. **Market Animal Building – Action Item:** Ed stated that the Market Animal board would like something in writing stating that while the building is under construction the materials will be covered by our insurance. They have been working with the contractors, and it is now planned for them to break ground in the spring of 2027. The trees will be removed, and the old building will come down after the fair. They will also plan to have some type of fencing around the area when the work begins. Sonja will contact the city insurance to request that documentation.
- G. **Sun Creek Discussion – Final Platt Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- H. **Pickleball/Tennis Courts – ACTION ITEM:** Waiting for Jerry to purchase the necessary equipment to get pickleball going.

REPORTS

- A. **Mayor's Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Lee: Mayor Lee asked Dennis about the pack of dogs. Dennis is waiting on the final approval to issue the citations.
- B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: No report
- C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: No discussion.
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** Amy Martin: No report
- E. **Fire and Police:** Rodney Blount: Rodney met with Sheriff Martin for about four hours and did a ride along with the deputies. He was able to see the K9 officer do some drug work.
- F. **Code Enforcement:** Dennis Stitt: There have been repeated incidents on Alturas that involve three separate households. He should have approval from Geoff to move forward with the citations. He obtained a citation book from the sheriff's office until the city is able to get one. Dennis announced that he might be resigning as he has been looking for work for several months and anticipates a couple of offers in the next week.
- G. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: No report
- H. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: Ed received a phone call about sign issues. Namely the Wrangler painting a mural on the side of their building, which is exempt. However, the Wanderer's Way has signs posted on Idaho Power poles which are also in the city right-of-way. Those signs need to be removed and placed on the property. There was a sign that was put up on city property next to the caboose for a revival, however, it has already occurred and the sign has been removed. Temporary signs
- I. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: Sonja announced that the city now has RV occupancy permit stickers. These allow us to write in a permit number and the approved dates. The permits are bright orange and will stick to the inside of a window facing the road. Jerry will be erecting the main street banner poles next week and the Fair board is in the process of ordering a banner to hopefully be put up before the fair. Jerry will use the fair board banner to help dial in the design. The city was reimbursed for the \$350 Arbor Day grant. The city also received a \$975 donation from the Soil Conservation District to purchase three additional trees to be planted at the school.

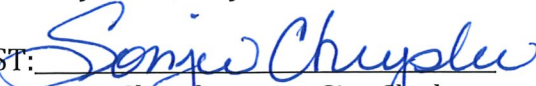
Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Council meeting will be on Thursday, July 16th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road



Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sonja Chrysler City Clerk

