

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting #FY 26-20
Thursday, September 10th, 2026, 7:00p.m.

Mayor Terry Lee called the City Council meeting to order at 7:02 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 arrived at 7:04pm. Also, in attendance was Public Works Supervisor Jerry Scovill and Planning and Zoning Administrator Ed Reagan. In the audience were Joe Mabbutt, Tanya Moyers, Wendy Rice, and Bre Evans.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to approve the agenda, second by Council President Ted Miller. 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. Ted Miller "Aye", Rodney Blount "Aye", Amy Martin "Aye", Tyler Ballard "Aye".

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Friends of Fairfield – Special Events Permit – Town Christmas Tree Lighting – ACTION ITEM:** Friends of Fairfield submitted a Special Events Permit for the annual Christmas tree lighting at the Zahnor Edwards Park on December 4th & 5th. Joe Mabbutt introduced Bre Evans as part of Friends of Fairfield. Bre stated that they would like to put on a Winter Wonderland walk through light show with Christmas music and lights at the Pocket Park. They would like to start it the night of the tree lighting and have it on every weekend of December until New Years. They would like permission to use the Pocket Park and the available electricity. They would also like permission to seek out sponsors for the event. It is a developing idea of cowboy Christmas music beginning Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings and shutting off by 10pm. They plan for the lights to be timed with the music, and the public would have the opportunity to walk through it. There may be inflatables. They are going to reach out to Idaho Power and ETS as well as other local businesses. Bre spoke to Jerry Scovill who said that they should be able to use the back field behind the park as well if there is no snow. Market Animal is willing to partner with Friends of Fairfield to be the 501c3 to receive donations. Friends of Fairfield will have an MOU with them for this purpose. 4-H is also open to a partnership for this project. Joe also gave an update on the Friends of Fairfield Kids Pond dock project. He stated that they have constructed two docks and have been in collaboration with the county to secure the funds and in collaboration with Fish and Game. This Friday they will begin to publicize a community clean-up.

Monday Fish and Game will be removing the old docks. They are also going to donate a new dock that will be brought in this spring as well as having their aquatics specialist to treat the pond for weeds and algae before restocking it for the season. They stock it with a total of 4,000 fish in batches of 1,500, 1,500, and a final batch of 1,000. **Council President Ted Miller motioned to approve the special events permit and waive the fees, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0. Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to allow the Friends of Fairfield to use the Pocket Park for the Christmas light show, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0.**

B. Mountain Humane Contract – ACTION ITEM: Annual contract with Mountain Humane. **Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to approve and have the Mayor sign the contract, second by Council President Ted Miller. Motion passed 4-0 by rollcall vote. Ted Miller “Aye”, Rodney Blount “Aye”, Amy Martin “Aye”, Tyler Ballard “Aye”.**

C. Proclamation – Falls Prevention Awareness Month – September 2026 – ACTION ITEM: **Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to read the proclamation into record, second by Council President Ted Miller. Motion passes 4-0. Mayor Lee reads the proclamation and declares it adopted.**

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. Well & Water Rights – ACTION ITEM: Mayor Lee met with Mike Caven, and they came up with an idea to share the water rights. Mike would use it for irrigation of his pasture when he needs it, and the city could use it to water the football field and the park. Mike would like to turn the power back on after the work he had done and see if it works. The well is 300 feet deep. The city needs to have this new agreement written up.

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:** Jerry has the trees removed. Ed stated that in about a week and half the building will be removed and they will be ready for the gravel pad. Ed will work with Jerry to get the exact location.
- G. **Sun Creek Discussion – Final Platt Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion
- H. **Bike Park – ACTION ITEM:** Council discussed having a public information meeting to gauge public interest and receive public comment. The Seagraves Grant was discussed as a possibility to help with funding. Council decided to have a public information meeting, the first meeting in October on Thursday the 8th. It will be published in the paper and on social media.

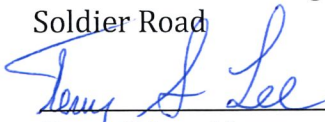
REPORTS

- A. **Mayor's Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Lee: Mayor Lee is on the County Commissioner agenda for Monday. He reported that in prior years the city received anywhere from over \$2,000 to over \$4,000 in citation fees. This year the city has only received \$711. He stated that when the county negotiated for more money previously, the increase was based on the amount of citation fees that were coming in. In addition to the monthly payment, they have use of the city building. Mayor Lee spoke to the attorney about raises for the council and the Mayor. He stated that those raises can only be done in an election year and must be done at least days 65 before the election. It would take effect in January the following year. Sonja went back to find out when the last raises were done. The Mayor was raised last in 2021, and council has not been raised since before 2015.
- B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: No report.
- C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: Ted asked about funds to repair the curbs on Soldier Rd. Mayor Lee stated that we could look into it and get a bid when the concrete guys are here doing the sidewalk in order to save money on transporting concrete to Fairfield. Ted asked council if there was interest in getting the speed limits posted on the gravel side streets. There are currently no 25 mph posted limits except for a 20 mph sign just past 2nd going into the subdivision. Jerry stated there is a sign posted at each road coming off of highway 20 that states 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Council discussed installing one at the end of Soldier Rd.
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** Amy Martin: No report
- E. **Fire and Police:** Rodney Blount: Rodney will be meeting with Sheriff Martin and his deputies on Tuesday and is waiting to hear back from Josh.
- F. **Code Enforcement:** Dennis Stitt: Mayor Lee stated that there have been no citations issued. He spoke to Dennis about it and was told that he has been out of town a lot. Council decided it would be best to get the phone back and re-list the position.

- G. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: Ziply has been digging and trenching through town.
- H. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: No report
- I. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: No report

Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next Council meeting will be on Thursday, September 17th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road



Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Sonja Chrysler City Clerk

