

**CITY OF FAIRFIELD**  
**Regular City Council Meeting #FY 26-8**  
Thursday, February 19th, 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 via phone, Rodney Blount, and Tyler Ballard. Also, in attendance was Planning and Zoning Administrator Ed Reagan. In the audience was Kaylee Peron, Sheriff Travis martin, County Commissioner Travis Kramer, and Ziply representatives Chris St. Germaine and Ziply engineer Brent Walter.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned to approve the agenda, second by Council President Ted Miller. Motion passed 4-0.**

**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. Resolution 2026-05 – Fire Department MOU – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee stated he met with the commissioners on Tuesday, and they signed the MOU for the Fire Department. **Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to read Resolution 2026-05 into record, second by Council President Ted Miller. Motion passed 4-0. Mayor Lee reads Resolution 2026-05. Council President Ted Miller motions to read the MOU by title only, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote “Ted Miller “Aye”, Rodney Blount “Aye”, Amy Martin “Aye”, Tyler Ballard “Aye”. Mayor reads the MOU by title only. Council President Ted Miller motions to approve the MOU, second by Councilmember Tyler Ballard. Motion passes 4-0. Mayor Lee declares the MOU adopted.**
- B. Fair Board Donation Request – ACTION ITEM:** Camas County Fair Board Chairman Kaylee Peron was present to address city council. She distributed the written donation request as well as the Special Events Permit Application. She stated that this year the Fair Board is excited to include the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in the fair theme by going patriotic as well as keeping it local. The fair theme for this year is “Prairie Roots & Pioneer Boots”. The Fair Board is requesting the annual amount of \$500. She did ask that if the city could, that they might consider a \$700 donation to help with the rising costs to put on the fair. Kaylee also announced that the Fair Board is in the process of becoming a 501c3 which would help them qualify for grants and other financial help. **Council President Ted Miller motioned to**

**donate \$500 to the Fair Board, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0.**

- C. Amanda Hulme – Camas Country Music Festival – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- D. Zply Fiber – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee invited Zply representative Chris St. Germaine to address council. Chris introduced their project engineer Brent Walter. Chris stated she has been in correspondence with Jerry and Ed for the last year about installing fiber in Fairfield. She stated that Jerry had brought up the problems associated with trenching in the roads. Chris said that their engineers came up with a solution to avoid those problems. They have been working with Idaho Power and will be placing 70% of the fiber will be arial on the current power lines with the other 30% being soft surface placement. This would be done with a vibratory plow. Chris offered to show a video of how the machinery works. She also provided a colored map of Fairfield showing where the arial fiber would be and where the surface placement would be. The machine would not dig up the roads but would be at the edge of gravel and grass. Council President Ted Miller brought up the fact that Fairfield already has conduit in the ground with room for additional fiber lines and asked why Zply can't use it for their fiber lines. Chris stated that they had spoken with ETS and had received the nondisclosure from them. She said their legal team had some minor changes that needed to be made to the form, but ETS refused. She stated that from a legal perspective there were two questions about the NDA that they asked to be changed and ETS said no. Ted stated that we have a dig once policy and that the streets in Fairfield were already dug up once and fiber conduit was already placed. Chris responded, saying they will adhere to the dig once policy as their machinery does not require them to dig to place the line in the areas where it needs to be buried. She stated the reason they need to bury in some areas was the extreme cost Idaho Power is charging to place the fiber on some of their poles. Ted asked for Jerry's thoughts on the proposal. Jerry stated that he shared with Zply the photos of the damage and problems of what digging in our streets does both short and long term. He stated Zply would be in the alley and that ETS was in the main roads. Jerry stated that from everything he has seen proposed, that he does not have an issue with what they plan to do. He also added that Zply stated they would have an inspector on site through the entire project. Zply explained that as an incumbent local exchange carrier they are obligated to allow other carriers to provide service on their network if they choose and they have lots of agreements. About 135 other businesses utilize their network in the state of Idaho and over 500 in the footprint of a four-state territory. She stated that one of the advantages that they can bring to the community is that they are an eligible telecommunications carrier which allows

low-income households to qualify for the federal lifeline program. This program is a community discount subsidy reducing the rates. Chris then went over the cost of their program and said she would send over a fact sheet and price sheet to Sonja. Commissioner Travis Kramer asked Chris when they last tried to communicate with ETS. He stated he would work on getting ahold of ETS to open communication with everyone to discuss again the use of the existing conduit. Chris stated that they might still run into the issue of them being an incumbent local exchange carrier and the operational requirements they control. Brent Walter stated that an additional concern is pulling a cable through over existing cable runs the risk of burning through it and causing outages. It was decided that all possibilities of using the existing conduit should be exhausted before moving forward with the presented plan. Commissioner Kramer will contact ETS and open the communication with them and Ziply. He will cc Mayor Lee in all communication emails.

- E. CCSD – Building Permit – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee stated that in the past when the school is required to have a building permit from the City. The City has only charged them if the City incurred any charges from the building inspector. Last year the building inspector donated his time, and the City was not charged. There are no fees for the building permit, the only fees would be if the building inspector billed the City for his time to inspect the building. Mayor Lee stated that since the school serves the whole county, the responsibility of any fees should be applied to the county as well as the city. It was decided that Ed will sign off on the building permit and any fees incurred by the city at the end, if any, will be charged to the school.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

- A. Nuisance Ordinance Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee stated that in 3-1-3 Determination of Nuisance, it currently reads that city council determines a nuisance and it needs to be changed to state that once the nuisance has been declared by the code enforcement officer and could also include the mayor, that the code enforcement officer can move forward with issuing a warning and or citation. It would need to be changed in all parts of the code. It was also suggested that it could just state “city”. Once all changes have been decided it will be sent to the city attorney to be written correctly. In addition, the livestock ordinance was discussed previously, and it was the general consensus that chickens would be allowed but no roosters. There is also a conflict about how long a dog will be held which needs to align with our contract with Mountain Humane. Mayor Lee said that the main issues that need to be addressed right now are who can determine a nuisance, adding a code enforcement officer, livestock, dogs, etc. There is also a discrepancy in the time limit for correcting a code violation. That will also need to be adjusted to align with the warning hangers and citations. Once it has been decided what changes are to be

changed and it has gone to the attorney, there will be a public hearing before they will be changed. It was also suggested that there be a minimum vegetation height added to the ordinance. Discussion will continue at the next regular council meeting.

- B. **Proposed Changes to Subdivision Ordinance – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- 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. **Fire Department Contract Updates – ACTION ITEM:** Discussed above in item “A”
- H. **Sun Creek Discussion – Final Platt Discussion – 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: Behind 347 Winona Dr. there is a very large mound of dirt. Jerry said that it is because they dug it up to fix the water line and have never filled it back in.
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** Amy Martin: Mayor Lee reported that there was additional damage done to the playground equipment by the same kids and it has been turned over to the sheriff’s department for further investigation.
- E. **Fire and Police:** Rodney Blount: Will be meeting with the paramedics next.
- F. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: Jerry put more water in the ice rink and is hoping with the colder temperatures that it freezes back up.
- G. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: T-Mobile submitted an application for Syringa to put a line in, to service T-Mobile. Because of the original contract we currently have with Verizon, they do not have to have a Right-of-Way permit. The contract we have now already states they can go in and do that work. With that, there is no reason he has not to sign it.
- H. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: We are going to try to have the ice-skating party on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

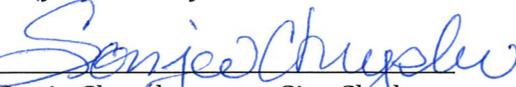
***Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.***

Next Council meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road



Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sonja Chrysler City Clerk