

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting

#FY 25-04

Thursday November 21st, 2024, @ 7:00p.m.

Mayor Terry Lee called the City Council meeting to order at 7:01p.m. Sonja Chrysler took roll call. In attendance were Councilmembers: President John Pine, Josh Bovey, Ted Miller, and Tyler Ballard. Also in the audience was Ed Reagan, Jerry Scovill, and Travis Kramer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Council President John Pine motioned to approve the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Josh Bovey. Motion passed 4-0.*

CONSENT AGENDA: Council President John Pine motioned to approve items on the consent agenda as a whole, second by Councilmember Josh Bovey.
Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **New Zions Credit Card Account - ACTION ITEM:** Discussion to sign up for a new Zion's credit card program began at our previous council meeting under reports. It was decided by council to add it to the agenda as an action item, to approve it. The new account would provide ease of accounting and purchasing. The Consortium program has no fees and offers cash back rewards. It would also allow different departments to have a card for their purchases. Total account limit was set at \$25,000 (Zions minimum). Each card limit will be determined by the clerk and the Mayor. Discussed starting with three cards; one for the clerk, one for public works, and one for the fire department, and adding more as needed. **Councilmember Ted Miller motions to accept the Zions agreement and order three cards, second by Council President John Pine. Motion passes 4-0.**
- B. **LHTAC – South Sidewalk Project - ACTION ITEM:** Antonio Conti put in for a sidewalk grant for the city. We were approved for a \$250,000 grant. The total project cost would be \$349,008.00. Our portion would be \$99,008.00. We have the funds to be able to cover our portion. This project would be for sidewalks on the south side of town. Plans show sidewalks from Willow Ave E. to Poplar Ave. E. and from Garnet Ave. W. to Poplar Ave. W. Continued sidewalks would provide pedestrian safety, especially for the local kids who walk to the store for lunch. **Council President John Pine motions to move forward with the South Sidewalk Project , second by Councilmember Josh Bovey. Motion passes 4-0.**

- C. **Fire Dept. Purchase New Truck - ACTION ITEM:** Fire department requests to purchase a fire truck in Utah from a private seller. Requesting to have purchase approved now, contingent upon a passing inspection in person. Fire department to pay private seller \$17,000 for the truck and provide them with donation paperwork in the amount of \$30,000. Truck would need be shipped to Fairfield after purchase, with shipping estimated roughly between \$2,000 and \$2,500. There will also be additional costs to cover expenses of the designated person traveling to Utah to inspect the truck. Total amount requested to acquire the fire truck would be up to \$21,000. **Council President John Pine motions to spend up to \$21,000 in the acquisition of the new fire truck, second by Councilmember Ted Miller. Motion passes 4-0.**
- D. **Food Pantry Walk-in Freezer - ACTION ITEM:** Ed Reagan addressed council about the food pantry's current upright refrigerator/freezer going out and informed them that he cannot get the parts to fix it, as it is obsolete. The food pantry would like to put in a walk-in freezer. Due to the size of the building, it would have to be built outside, so a door to enter it from the inside would be the ideal plan. Council brought up concerns that the building could be Historic, and that it would have to be confirmed that it is not, before proceeding. Ed will continue to gather information on cost, which side of the building is best, and find out if the building is historical or not. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motions to allow the food pantry to take the steps to see what it would take to put in a walk-in freezer in the old library building, second by Councilmember Ted Miller. Motion passes 4-0.**

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- A. **New Funding Opportunity for City - ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee attended the commissioner meeting where they discussed Tour De Force having their annual race in Fairfield. At that meeting they approved moving forward with getting public comment, and evaluate safety of the road. City and County will coordinate a date to hold a public comment meeting. Location to be determined by amount of interest in people attending. Meeting will be advertised in the local paper once date and location are decided. Representative of Tour De Force is getting in touch with the land owners along Soldier Rd. They would do their own advertising for the event. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motions to move forward and set up a public meeting, second by Council President John Pine. Motion passes 4-0.**
- B. **Nuisance Hearing – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion

- C. **Verkada Trial Cameras -ACTION ITEM:** Cameras in the park are installed and working great. Views in all four directions. Ice skating rink, playground, 4H building, bathrooms, and the bandshell. Camera project is complete.
- D. **Ziply Project 5520810 – North Fairfield Fiber Install - ACTION ITEM:** Ed Reagan presented council with the updated Public Right-Of-Way construction applications and bond documents. Ziply signed off on the special conditions and got rid of any reference to Mormon Reservoir Rd. Ziply's answer to the question of the amount of the bond document was that the figures came from their contractor. Ed informed Ziply that they would not be able to start the project now, due to winter conditions. Council brought up concerns about the location of junction boxes in the plans labeled as flowerpots, as well as the amount of the bond document. Another concern is the dig once policy and how they will get the lines from the power poles to the homes and how they will get fiber to the homes in the subdivision with no power poles. Concern that the map shows underground lines, especially in the subdivision. Question was raised as to why Ziply will not utilize the existing conduit. Ziply states that as a carrier of last resort they must own and operate their own facilities. Ed has made a couple of calls to the Public Utilities Commissions to find out if that is true but has not received a call back. He will continue to reach out to them for an answer. Council would like clarification on the actual cost of the project to verify that the bond amounts are appropriate. Council would also like to have a representative attend a council meeting to address the concerns and answer questions.
- E. **Ziply Project 5520819 – South Fairfield Fiber Install - ACTION ITEM:** Reagan presented council with the updated Public Right-Of-Way construction applications and bond documents. Ziply signed off on the special conditions and got rid of any reference to Mormon Reservoir Rd. Ziply's answer to the question of the amount of the bond document was that the figures came from their contractor. Ed informed Ziply that they would not be able to start the project now, due to winter conditions. Council brought up concerns about the location of junction boxes in the plans labeled as flowerpots, as well as the amount of the bond document. Another concern is the dig once policy and how they will get the lines from the power poles to the homes and how they will get fiber to the homes in the subdivision with no power poles. Concern that the map shows underground lines, especially in the subdivision. Question was raised as to why Ziply will not utilize the existing conduit. Ziply states that as a carrier of last resort they must own and operate their own facilities. Ed has made a couple of calls to the Public Utilities Commissions to find out if that is true but has not received a call back. He will continue to reach out to them for an answer. Council would like clarification on the actual cost of the project to verify that the bond amounts are appropriate. Council would also like to have a representative attend a council meeting to address the concerns and answer questions.
- F. **Sun Creek Discussion -ACTION ITEM:** Ed Reagan has communicated with the developer about the things they need to provide. Plans to move forward with public hearing for Thursday, December 12th. Ed will publish the notice.

- G. **Pickleball Courts Overlay -ACTION ITEM:** Discussed \$20,000-\$30,000 Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation grant opportunity that Frontier Community Resources contacted us about. Discussed whether we should apply for it ourselves or if we should have Frontier do it for us. We have had issues in the past getting quotes from more than one person. The only company that did give us a quote was for \$150,000. Sonja will find out the cost to have Frontier write the grant.

REPORTS

- A. **Mayor's Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Terry Lee: No report
B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: No report
C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: No report
D. **Parks and Recreation:** John Pine: No report
E. **Fire and Police:** Josh Bovey: No report
F. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: Tank inspection was good. Reinspect in 3 to 5 years and clean sand out of bottom of tank. Jerry will get information on sand removal.
G. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: No report
H. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: Reminder of City employee Christmas party


Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council President John Pine. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Regular Council meeting will be Thursday, December 12th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road.



Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sonja Chrysler City Clerk