

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting #FY 26-6
Thursday, January 15th, 2026, 7:00p.m.

Mayor Terry Lee called the City Council meeting to order at 7:03 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. Also, in attendance were Public Works Supervisor Jerry Scovil, and Planning and Zoning Administrator Ed Reagan. In the audience were Antonio Conti, Josh Bovey, and Nora Bovey.

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 Council President Ted Miller. Motion passed 4-0.

TABLED ITEMS:

- A. Ice Skating Pary – ACTION ITEM:** The rink is set up and in the process of freezing. We will continue to monitor the weather and the condition of the rink and move this item to continued business for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- B. Resolution 2026-02 Grant Application for Soldier Rd. Sidewalks – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee explained to council that we are applying for two grants to finish the sidewalks. Two grants are needed because the amount to do the sidewalks is more than one grant. LHTAC needs two resolutions saying we are applying for these grants and that we understand there is a match that the city would be responsible for if we are awarded and accept the grants. Our match portion would be seventy-two thousand to seventy-four thousand. However, there is also another grant that we can apply for that would help pay our portion. This is the same thing we did with the grants we received for the sidewalks we just finished. We have money set aside in our franchise sidewalk account that would cover our portion. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned for the reading of Resolution 2026-02, second by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passes 4-0 Mayor Lee reads Resolution 2026-02. Council President Ted Miller motions to allow the mayor to sign and adopt Resolution 2026-02, second by councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passes 4-0 by rollcall vote, Ted Miller – “Aye”, Amy Martin – “Aye”, Rodney Blount – “Aye”, Tyler Ballard - “Aye”. Mayor Lee reads Resolution 2026-02 and declares it adopted.**

- A. Resolution 2026-03 Grant Application for Soldier Rd. Sidewalks – ACTION ITEM:** Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned for the reading of Resolution 2026-03, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passes 4-0 Mayor Lee reads Resolution 2026-03. Councilmember Rodney Blount motions to allow the mayor to sign and adopt Resolution 2026-03, second by councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passes 4-0 by rollcall vote, Ted Miller – “Aye”, Amy Martin – “Aye”, Rodney Blount – “Aye”, Tyler Ballard - “Aye”. Mayor Lee reads Resolution 2026-03 and declares it adopted.
- C. TAP Grant Application – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion
- D. Cloud Seeing – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee stated that we have donated to cloud seeding in the past, however, his concern was that the cloud seeding was being done in Chimney Creek and East of town. Knowing that it takes several miles for the clouds to build and the snow to fall, he didn’t feel that it was benefiting our community. Since then, they have done cloud seeing out by Cat Creek. Mayor Lee stated that the way he looks at it is that if we have snow it bring people into town and helps the businesses. This year they are requesting \$300. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motions to donate \$300 to the cloud seeding project, second by councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passes 4-0 by rollcall vote, Ted Miller – “Aye”, Amy Martin – “Aye”, Rodney Blount – “Aye”, Tyler Ballard - “Aye”.**
- E. Will Serve Letter – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee stated that the Sun Creek Subdivision needed a Will Serve letter from the City in order to move forward with DEQ. The letter states that the City will provide water and sewer to the subdivision. Mayor Lee read the letter to council. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motions to approve and authorize the mayor to sign the Will Serve letter, second by council president Ted Miller. Motion passes 4-0**
- F. Community Pantry MOU – ACTION ITEM:** The Community Pantry drafted up a MOU as there has not been one in the past. There was discussion back and forth about good faith understanding about shared responsibility of the building. Ed stated that he would go back to the Community Pantry and discuss it with the board. Once he has done that, it will then be sent to the attorney to look over.
- G. Online Banking Access – ACTION ITEM:** Sonja has been in contact with US Bank about having online access to our bank account. She presented the

information to council that US Bank sent her with an average cost per month of \$12.94 and with fraud protection \$28.34. Having online access would allow the City to put stop payments on checks that are lost with no fee. It would also allow the City to be able to add signers on the account when we get new council members in a more efficient way and without all the glitches we have had in the past. It allows the treasurer and the mayor to be able to see the accounts in real time. This lets us know where our account balance is when we must make large payments. Previously we did not know what checks had cleared and where our account was at until we received the statement in the mail 9 to 14 days after the end of the month. The fraud protection **Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved and Council president Ted Miller seconded to update our banking to online banking with fraud protection. Motion passes 4-0.**

- H. Letter Regarding Utilities at 120 Sage Ave. E. – ACTION ITEM:** The resident at 120 Sage Ave. E. wrote a letter to council requesting an additional month for utility payment in a time of family hardship. **Council president Ted Miller motioned to forgo the water shut off at 120 Sage Ave E. for one month, second by councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passes 4-0**

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- A. **Proposed Changes to Subdivision Ordinance – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- B. **North Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- C. **South Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** Antonio addressed council about a payment owed to Granite Excavation. The south sidewalk project came in above the bid amount in the amount of \$34,321.83. There is an outstanding balance of \$20,020.24 that is due now, that does not include the amount we are holding until the project fixes are complete of \$14,211.59. After we have paid Granite, we can ask LHTAC for additional funding to help cover those costs. Antonio has spoken with them numerous times about this, and they have asked us to pay it first and then to ask for additional funds.
- D. **Code Enforcement Officer – ACTION ITEM:** We had a second application come in for the position and Mayor Lee will be meeting with him.
- E. **Market Animal Building – Action Item:** Ed Reagan stated that the plan for the building is to break ground in 2026 right after the county fair is done. They will be doing some more fundraising in the meantime. Ed explained that they have changed the plans for the building. Where originally the building was presented as a 60'x100' inside space with outside 20-foot overhangs on each side, it has now been changed due to concerns of possible vandalism. The new plan is to enclose the

entire building making the total inside space 100'x100'. The south facing side of the building would be enclosed using a series of roll-up doors, allowing that entire side to be completely open when desired.

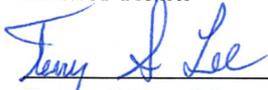
- F. **Fire Department Contract Updates – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- G. **Sun Creek Discussion – Final Platt Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

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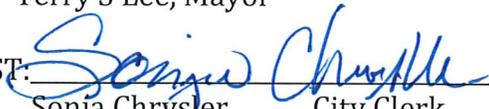
- A. **Mayor’s Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Lee: No report
- B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: No report
- C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: Jerry sixed the stop sign and it looks great.
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** Amy Martin: No report
- E. **Fire and Police:** Rodney Blount: Rodney met with Josh Bovey and learned all about how the fire department works and established lines of communication.
- F. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: Jerry reported that well #3 is down. One of the packing studs snapped off when he attempted to tighten in. He had to contact Lane Pumps. They worked on it for several hours and could not get it out. They had to pull the motor to take back to Twin to work on it but when they pulled the inner flange of the well, they discovered that the center shaft and packing was completely worn out. He is hoping to hear from them next week for them to come back out and pull the well up about 10’ to replace the center shaft. Jerry also informed council that the water pump in the road grader went out. He called CAT to arrange for them to come and get it to have it fixed.
- G. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: No report
- H. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: No report

Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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



Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Sonja Chrysler City Clerk

