# CITY OF FAIRFIELD Regular City Council Meeting

#FY 24-21

Thursday July 11, 2024, @ 7:00p.m.

Mayor Terry Lee called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Stacy Westbrook took roll call. In attendance were Councilmembers: President John Pine, Josh Bovey, Ted Miller, and Tyler Ballard. Also in the audience was Jerry Scovill.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion by Councilmember Tyler Ballard to approve items on the consent agenda as a whole, seconded by Councilmember President Josh Bovey. Motion passed 4-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Budget Review- ACTION ITEM-We have budgeted for new grant with the City matching funds of \$2500. Will need to apply by fall 2024. Stacy discussed the interest generated by investments has substantially increased. One of TVI investments will expire in September and will need to be moved or re-invested. Pedestrian grants funds put together will generate income until we have the sidewalks constructed. These have been combined/adjusted on the budget. Highway funding was discussed. Interest was increased in the budget. Currently Highway user funds is only at 57%. Highway money can be rolled over. Money can be moved over to Contingency fund. Mickey explained the labor formula in payroll and how it broken out is in percentages across how the labor is used (ex. Streets, sewer, etc.). Raises and Persi increases have been added. We will transfer money into the Highway fund (\$2,500). It was noted that the \$500 insurance deductible will be added back into the budget. Council President John Pine asked that we add the new tree grant of \$14,000 awarded from the Feds (General fund) be added to the budget. Mountain Humane yearly contract of \$250.00 was added to the budget. Code Enforcer position discussed and will not be budgeted for this next year. We will need to be ready to approve budget next Council meeting.
- B. Special Events Permit Live on the Longhorn permit application-ACTION ITEM-Very good turnout. No issues or safety concerns from the event. Motion by Council President John Pine to grant the Special Events permit, seconded by Councilmember Ted Miller to grant permit and waive all fees for the July Live on the Longhorn event. Motion passed 4-0.
- **C.** Back hoe budget discussion and bids-ACTION ITEM-Jerry explained we have a tentative quote for new back hoe. Still working on the final quote from dealer. Estimated cost is \$155,000 with \$25,000 trade-in value of current back hoe. Use this bid for 2024/2025 Budget numbers. Ted asked if lease is a possibility. Lease is not a preferred way to obtain a tractor for the City. We need to show the state how we plan to use funding in our budget and transparency Idaho.
- **D.** Application for the Iron Mountain Inn-Approval of transfer of Liquor License #131-ACTION ITEM-To transfer the Alcohol permit to Gustavo from Iron Mountain Inn.

Need Council to approve transfer. The State has already approved and issued. Question about special license permit explained by Mayor Lee. Can use all property on map. Motion by Councilmember President John Pine, seconded by Councilmember Josh Bovey to transfer the liquor license from Iron Mountain Inn to Gustavo Rivera. Motion passed 4-0.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

- **A.** Verkada Trial Camera's-ACTION ITEM-Mayor Lee discussed that we now have the cameras. Working with Verizon to add additional phone number and transfer old Mickey number to park camara. Will get lines attached and get a local electrician to come in and do the wiring required to install camera.
- B. Ziply Fiber- Crown is still trying to get Bond. They may wait until ETS does the other line installs.
- C. ETS -Public right of way construction permit-Ed discussed the meeting with ETS breaking ground after Fair. Need a right of way construction permit and needs to be approved by Council. B Jackson Construction is doing the construction work. Will need to be approved by next Council meeting.
- D. Sun Creek Discussion Public meeting was held on July 9th, 2024. Outcome and some follow up will be shared with Council. We are in the preliminary plat stage. Then we will be in the final plat process. Not likely that any building will happen this year. We can schedule a preliminary plat hearing for the first council of August. Still need the Findings and Facts put together. Council wants to see the Findings and Facts before we move forward. Some discussion on Annexation process. We can do concurrent.
- E. Code Enforcement position-ACTION ITEM-None
- F. Pickleball Courts-Overlay-have not heard back from Gustavo on bid for overlay on the train park or the tennis court.
- G. ARPA Funds Obligated discussion-we can designate the back hoe. Have to obligate funds by December 31st, 2024.

### **REPORTS**

- **A.** Mayor's Report and Correspondence: Mayor Lee- Moved next Council meeting from Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>. Soil conservation meeting is Tuesday night July 16, 2024 @ 6:00pm for cleaning out Soldier Creek. Need Application filed. ETS Broadband will start after the Fair. The project will start at Sheriff's office and head east. City should be installed by November. You can sign up to get fiber to your home by opting in and sign up for installation and will increase home value. You can opt in but don't have to sign up for service. There will be flyers and you can go to access Idaho to sign up. There is NO contract.
- B. Water and Sewer: Tyler Ballard: None
- C. Streets and Alleys: Ted Miller: None Vehicles still parked in alley ways.
- D. Parks and Recreation: John Pine-Tree grant official will be here on July 24th, 2024. Do we have GIS layer maps of town? ETS will create overlay mapping during the Fiber Optic installations. John is looking at doing a Sprinkler concept at the park and will work with Jerry.
- E. Fire and Police: Josh Bovey-Busy month for fires, six fires so far. Projected fire risk is expected to be extreme. Fire team has been quick to contain fires. Average of 5-

- 6 trucks on each fire to contain. Need to share fire safety with public on Fire Dept website.
- F. Public Works Superintendent: Jerry Scovill- IRWA Seepage test has started. Cost will come out of ARPA funds. It's all remote. Ponds are dropping with heat. The ponds have to be full. Million dollars to clean out ponds. Can put in for grant from Simpsons office. Craig will do sludge test after the seepage test is done.
- G. Planning and Zoning Administrator: Ed Reagan-None
- City Clerk/Treasurer- Stacy Westbrook-None

Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Councilmember John Pine. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Next Regular Council meeting will be Wednesday July 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at 407-Soldier Road

Terry S Lee, Mayor

Stacy Westbrook

City Clerk