

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting #FY 26-9
Thursday, March 12th, 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, Rodney Blount, and Tyler Ballard arrived at 7:05. Also, in attendance was Planning and Zoning Administrator Ed Reagan. In the audience were Dennis Stitt, Charlie Kester, and Jill Frostenson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Council President Ted Miller motioned to approve the agenda, second by Councilmember Amy Martin. 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 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution 2026-06 – ADU’s – ACTION ITEM:** Ed Reagan presented council with proposed Resolution 2026-06 addressing ADU’s. This was done so the city could establish a policy for placement of ADU’s within the City of Fairfield. If it is a detached ADU it must meet all required setbacks. The ADU cannot be more than 70% sq ft of the existing primary home. It was discussed that state legislature is that an ADU cannot be more than 1,000 sq ft or 75% of the existing primary home, whichever is smaller. However, it is understood that that legislation only applies to cities with a population of over 5,000. Fairfield currently restricts total lot coverage to 60%. There was also discussion about lot lines and ADU’s. It was stated that the ADU must remain with the main dwelling. Mayor Lee added that this is something that could affect the city long term and the attorney needs to look at it once it is put together. Planning and zoning will continue to watch the legislation, and council will discuss ADU’s again in upcoming meetings.
- B. Community Pantry MOU – ACTION ITEM:** The MOU as written has been approved by the Community Pantry board and is ready for approval from the City. **Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to approve the MOU and authorize the mayor to sign it, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed with a rollcall vote 4-0. Ted Miller “Aye”, Rodney Blount “Aye”, Amy Martin “Aye”, Tyler Ballard “Aye”.**
- C. Amanda Hulme – Camas Country Music Festival – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

D. American Legion Events Permit & Bounce House Agreement – ACTION

ITEM: The American Legion submitted a Bounce House Agreement to use one of the city's bounce houses for the 4th of July. This would be used in the City Park. Mayor Lee stated that in the past, since it was being used for a public event, the city usually waives the fees. **Council President Ted Miller motioned to approve the Bounce House Agreement and waive the fees for the American Legion, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0** Mayor Lee stated there is also a Special Events Permit to use the park for the 4th of July celebration. He noted that the fees for this have also been waived in the past. The Legion is having cornhole, dunk tank, volleyball, possibly some music. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned to approve the Special Events Permit and waive the fees for the American Legion, second by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passed 4-0**

E. American Legion Fireworks Donation – ACTION ITEM: Mayor Lee stated that Charlie and Jill were present to request a donation for the Fourth of July fireworks display. He added that the City budgets an amount of \$1,500 each year. Charlie Kester addressed council and explained that the American Legion stepped in this year when they heard that there might not be a fireworks display this year. He reported that they were able to get in on the early bird special saved 32%. **Council President Ted Miller motioned to donate \$1,500 to the American Legion for the Fourth of July Fireworks, second by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passed 3-0**

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. Nuisance Ordinance Discussion – ACTION ITEM: Council addressed the livestock ordinance and discussed allowing up to six chickens but no roosters. It was also said that there would be no slaughtering within city limits. Rabbits were also discussed and it was decided that up to six rabbits could be allowed but there would also be no slaughtering of rabbits in city limits. It would be required that chickens and rabbits must be kept in the back yard and must be contained. It was also discussed that those parts of the ordinance that state city council declares a nuisance, should include the code enforcement officer and/or be worded to say the city meaning any designated person at the city. There would also be changes to those parts of the ordinance about notification of a nuisance violation and the time limit to correct it. This must match the warning hangers and citations. In addition, the wording in the ordinance about holding dogs at Mountain Humane must match the wording in the contract with them. Desired changes will be written up and sent to the attorney. Once it is received back, it will be reviewed by city council for any changes before moving forward with a public hearing.

- 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. **Sun Creek Discussion – Final Platt Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

REPORTS

- A. **Mayor’s Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Lee: Mayor Lee has been in contact with the Shoshone Bannock tribe and said they would like to get involved again with our Camas Lily Days celebration. He said they will be here this year. He said he told them we do not have anything planned this year, but they are always welcome and that while they are here maybe there could be discussion about bringing back the dancing or anything else they would like to do.
- B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: No report
- C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: There are many people storing stuff in the alleys.
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** Amy Martin: Met with John Pine and got some tips and tricks on how to do her job.
- E. **Fire and Police:** Rodney Blount: Nothing new this week with fire and police. Rodney is attempting to make contact with EMS - Dan Johnson, John Pine, and Cecil Swenson to open a communication channel with them.
- F. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: Jerry is out sick. Some tests from the well came back positive for coliform. Jerry has been working on that. Waiting for most recent test results. If they come back positive again, we might have to start chlorinating all the time.
- G. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: No report
- H. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: Sonja applied for a grant through Frontier Community Resources called a S.M.I.L.E.S grant. It awards up to \$5,000 for approved projects. She applied for funding to install poles on Soldier Rd. (main street) to put up event banners. These banners would be purchased by local businesses and organizations to advertise their upcoming events. When the business or organization is ready to have their banner hung across main street, they would fill out an application with the city with the dates to and from that they would like their banner hung. The grant application was approved, and the city will be receiving reimbursement for the project that will be completed between June and the end of August.

Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Council meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road



Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonja Chrysler

City Clerk

