

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Special City Council Meeting #FY 26-1
Tuesday, December 9th, 2025, 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 John Pine, Josh Bovey, Ted Miller, and Tyler Ballard. Also, in attendance was Public Works supervisor Jerry Scovil. In the audience was Antonio Conti and Rodney Blount.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: *Council President John Pine motioned to approve the consent agenda as a whole, with changes having been made to the minutes , second by Councilmember Ted Miller. Motion passed 4-0.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Transfer \$25,000 into Street Fund for the 2025-2026 Budget – ACTION ITEM:** This transfer comes from the general fund into the street fund –**Council President John Pine motions to transfer \$25,000 from the general fund to the street fund for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, second by councilmember Ted Miller. Motion passes 4-0**
- B. 2026 Liquor Licenses – ACTION ITEM:** Alcohol license applications along with applicable fees were submitted by the following establishments. The Cliff, Mama Mandie's, Soldier Creek Brewing, Iron Mountain Inn, Camas Creek Country Store, and Elmore Miller Post #19. **Council President John Pine motions to approve all alcohol license applications and waive the fees for the Elmore Miller Post #19, second by councilmember Josh Bovey. Motion passes 4-0**
- C. Area of Impact – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee stated that by state statute, since there were no changes made, there is no action that needs to be taken by the City. The County Commissioners are keeping it the same, so they will make a new ordinance by the end of the year. They will be having a special meeting about it on Monday, December 29th.
- D. The Cliff – Water Overage – ACTION ITEM:** Cheryl Hemke brought her water bill in for The Cliff to discuss an overage for water usage in August. She stated she was out of town at the time and had people there putting in new windows. She said there should have been no reason for the meter to read that high. When Sonja checked the meter usage in September and October, the meter read as

normal which would indicate it was not a leak. The reason for the high reading is unknown, and Cheryl has asked if the City would adjust her account for the overage amount of \$52.30. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motions to credit her account \$52.30, second by council president John Pine. Motion passes 4-0**

- E. **Main Street Banner Poles – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee announced that Todd McGinnis has donated two heavy duty poles to the City to use for the main street banner project. Jerry had originally found some in Nampa that he was going to go purchase, however, we do not need to purchase them now.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- A. **North Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- B. **South Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** Antonio Conti reported that Granite Excavation would be back up here in the spring to fix the slope issue at the intersection. There was also a sidewalk width issue in front of the scale house. The sidewalk there meets code, but not federal code of 4 feet minimum. The last payment of \$14,211.59 will be held until that work is complete. Antonio also presented payment request #3 in the amount of \$16,080.41. **Councilmember Josh Bovey motions to approve pay request #3 in the amount of \$16,080.41, second by council president John Pine. Motion passes 4-0**
- C. **Code Enforcement Officer – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee reported that there was a gentleman from Hagerman that stopped by the City office and filled out an application. This is the only application we have received to date.
- D. **Market Animal Building – Action Item:** No discussion.
- E. **Fire Department Contract Updates – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- F. **Sun Creek Discussion – Final Platt Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** The City did receive payment from the developer on both invoices sent for reimbursement for engineering review. Now that those invoices are paid Antonio will move forward with addressing the comments made on the plans. Once it is approved by the engineers it will have to be submitted to DEQ for their approval.

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: Tyler Ballard stated Main Street is looking absolutely amazing. Ted agreed that it was all looking great.
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** John Pine: Mayor Lee reported that the camera resolution at the park is looking better with the fiber connection.

- E. **Fire and Police:** Josh Bovey: No report
- F. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: Dan from Core & Main came by today and spoke to him about our water meters. They were installed in 2012 and have a 20-year life expectancy. Some have started to fail and have had to be replaced. When they do fail, the replacement cost is pro-rated, but only for the mechanical part of the head. Dan mentioned that there is a new meter out that is close in cost to the ones we currently have, but they come with an antenna and are satellite based. Each meter has a \$14 per year charge for satellite service. This would allow for remote usage. Meter reading would be done remotely and would no longer require driving around to each one. Shut offs could also be done remotely. In addition, the meter system has an alert system for meters that are constantly running. It would alert the office of possible leaks or waste of water.
- G. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: No report
- H. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: Sonja reminded everyone of the City Christmas party on Saturday the 13th at 6pm. She also reported that she received an invoice from ETS in the amount of \$4,550.00. The invoice stated that it was for removal of the cellular units from the park camera and the RV dump station camera for a total of 45.5 hours of work. Sonja emailed Case at ETS who said he would look into it. Shortly thereafter Sonja received a revised invoice for \$2,100.00. Following receiving the new amount, Sonja received a call from a gentleman named Steven, with ETS. Steven stated that the first invoice contained errors in the hours we were charged and that it was adjusted to 21 hours. Jerry called Chase with ETS who agreed that 21 hours seemed excessive to connect the cameras and remove the cellular boxes and that running the fiber to the cameras should have been included in the fiber grant. Currently the invoice is still being investigated. Sonja let council know that we received the signed lease with Verizon for the cell tower lease. Sonja also mentioned having online access to the general bank account. We currently do not see the bank status until after the month has closed and the paper statement arrives in the mail, which is typically 10 to 14 days later. This is something Sonja will bring up at a future council meeting in the new year.

Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Josh Bovey. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next Council meeting will be on Thursday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road

Terry S Lee

Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST: Sonja Chrysler
Sonja Chrysler City Clerk

