

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting #FY 26-11
Thursday, April 9th, 2026, 7:00p.m.

Mayor Terry Lee called the City Council meeting to order at 7:01 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 came in at 7:03. Also, in attendance was Planning and Zoning Administrator Ed Reagan. In the audience were Geoff Schroeder, Jerry Scovill, Dennis Stitt, Margarett Horton, and Wendy Rice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Council President Ted Miller motioned to approve the agenda, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned to approve the consent agenda as a whole, second by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Set Budget Hearing Date:** Mayor Lee stated we need to set the budget hearing date in August during a regular meeting. It was decided to set it for the second meeting of the month, which would be Thursday, August 20th. **Councilmember Rodney Blount motioned to set the Budget Hearing for Thursday, August 20th, 2026 , second by Council President Ted Miller. Motion passed 4-0**

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution 2026-06 – ADU’s – ACTION ITEM:** City attorney Geoff addressed the most recent legislature passed and stated that it only applies to cities with a population of over 10,000 and does not apply to Fairfield. He spoke on the history of the automobile and how detached garages came about. He also spoke on ADU's and how they can affect current infrastructure, especially for small cities. Ed explained the proposed resolution that would limit where and when you can have an ADU. Ed addressed the concern of someone possibly converting a garage into an ADU that was on a separate lot from the main home and then later selling off the lot with the ADU as a stand alone dwelling. The attorney spoke on this concern and how it has affected other cities in the past. Ed spoke about nonconforming lots. Geoff said he would have to look more into nonconforming lots.
- B. Nuisance Ordinance Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** City attorney Geoff Schroeder presented council with a draft of the proposed changes to the nuisance ordinance. Geoff started with clarifying who can determine the nuisance with it saying city council or any city designated enforcement official. 3-1-8 Abatement Notice Procedure would be by the city clerk or designated enforcement official with a notice of removal to the owner or occupant at least 15 days before the time of compliance. This gives them the authority to ask for a hearing and time for due

process. In section 3-1-9 the fee amount was changed from \$25 to \$150, \$250, & \$1,000 as \$25 would not cover court costs. However, they would not be subject to jail time. Section 3-2-4 regarding junk, was changed to 15 days for compliance from 10 days. Section 7 4-5A-8 about redemption or disposition of impounded dogs was worded to reflect the contract with Mountain Humane. In order to pick up your dog you must have in writing from the code enforcement officer that you have paid all fees and are compliant with local ordinances. Section 8 4-5A-9 Obstructing Animal Control Officer this section states that interfering with the animal control officer or any other officer shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. There was discussion about the policy at Mountain Humane regarding vicious dogs and euthanasia with regards to due process and working that out with them. The Council also discussed licensed dogs vs. unlicensed dogs. It was said that a dog found at large that has a license and we are able to identify would be attempted to be returned to the owner. If a court hearing is needed regarding a vicious dog, the time limit of an animal impounded would need to be adjusted and council possibly have an emergency meeting. The owner would have a certain amount of time to request a hearing in front of city council. An at large dog with no license and unable to be identified would be taken to the pound. Geoff will continue to work on this section. Section 9 4-5B-1 livestock definition was kept the same. A slaughtering ban was added. Up to six laying hens and up to six rabbits were added with requirements of how and where they can be kept on the property. The attorney and council discussed a possible permit for Bonafide 4-H project animals and only for the term of the project. Rodney stated he was approached by a local resident who had concerns about the number of chickens each household can have and the ability to get enough eggs. He wanted to know if he is able to come and voice his opinion to city council. Geoff stated that these ordinance changes do not require a public hearing, but that the city can have public comment before adopting them. Amy brought up how to inform the public of the changes once they are made. Geoff suggested including it with the utility bill. He also said that we could publish it in the paper in its entirety.

- 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:** Ed Reagan looking into a general liability policy and stated it would be \$150 per year for normal operations. However, there's concern for the building liability while it is under construction. Balanced Rock stated that if a contracted company was doing the work, that they would have their own policy that would cover it. The board's concern is that if the materials are at the park and someone vandalized them, who would cover the damage. The city attorney suggested contacting ICRMP to ask them that question.
- G. **Sun Creek Discussion – Final Platt Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion

REPORTS

- A. **Mayor's Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Lee: Mayor Lee asked the city attorney about how to go about starting the Friends of Fairfield committee and the legalities. Margaret Horton and Wendy Rice were present for more information. Mayor Lee gave a brief history about the chamber and why there is no one to put on the local events that we have previously had. Geoff asked questions about what the purpose and job of the committee would be. Margaret and Wendy said they and their volunteers would be the ones doing the work under the city and its insurance policy. Geoff said we could adopt a resolution to put on events to promote tourism and economic development and define the committee appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. A line item would need to be added into the budget for the funds. The city needs to contact ICRMP to find out about insurance coverage and liability before moving forward.
- B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: No report
- C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: No report
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** Amy Martin: No report
- E. **Fire and Police:** Rodney Blount: Rodney is hoping to meet the deputies and do a ride along with the sheriff and see how the fire training works.
- F. **Code Enforcement:** Dennis Stitt: Dennis served the first notification for dogs at large. There had been three former complaints. It was served Friday and informed the owners that the dogs must be contained immediately and if they were found to be at large again, they would be impounded. They were also informed that they had seven days to have the dogs licensed. The notification was written in both English and in Spanish. The dog owner was out of town but another gentleman at the property signed the served notification. The city attorney was advising through this process. There was discussion about holding a clinic in Fairfield with Mountain Humane to offer vaccinations and microchipping.
- G. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: Jerry and Scott removed old trees from the school and removed the big stump at the park. Looking into purchasing a new tree with the Arbor Day grant.
- H. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan:
- I. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: Sonja applied for the Arbor Day grant for \$350 to purchase a large tree to plant at the school. She is also working with the soil conservation district for additional funds to purchase additional trees. She is also trying to put together a tree planting event with the school to celebrate Arbor Day on Thursday, April 23rd.

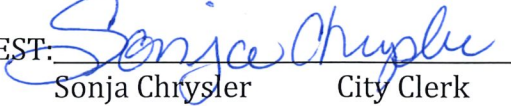
Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Next Council meeting will be on Thursday, April 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road



Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonja Chrysler City Clerk

