

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting
#FY 25-15
Thursday, May 15th, 2025, 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, councilmembers President John Pine, Josh Bovey, Ted Miller, and Tyler Ballard came in at 7:05. Also, in attendance were Planning and Zoning Administrator Ed Reagan, Public Works Supervisor Jerry Scovill, and city engineer Antonio Conti.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Council President John Pine motioned to approve the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Ted Miller. Motion passed 3-0.*

CONSENT AGENDA: **Council President John Pine motioned to approve the consent agenda as a whole, second by Councilmember Josh Bovey. Motion passed 4-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Flower Waterer – ACTION ITEM: Mayor Lee brought up the discussion about hiring a flower waterer and the associated costs. Sonja had figures showing a conservative cost for labor. If the City was able to find someone to work for \$20 per day, seven days per week for a conservative estimate of 126 days, the labor cost to the City would be \$2,520 per season. The cost per season to have Scott water the flowers at his current hourly wage would be \$5,241, and the cost for Jerry and Sonja to split the watering would be \$7,182. With those figures in mind, Mayor Lee and Sonja had a discussion to come up with a solution that was cost effective for the city to continue to provide the flowers on Main Street. Upon investigation into what other cities do, it was discovered that they use self-watering baskets that only require watering every two or more days. These baskets have water reservoirs in the bottom and wicks that carry the water up to the plant. These are filled using a spout on the side, which could also speed up the time spent watering. With these new self-watering baskets, the schedule would be to water once a day in the morning on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This would cut the number of waterings from fourteen per week, to just three, and eliminate the need for watering on the weekends. It was discussed that we would have Scott do these waterings each of those three mornings per week during his regular working hours. The cost for 27 hanging baskets and 4 vases, would be \$6,796 and come with a lifetime warranty. The company is currently having a spring sale that gives us a \$1,740 discount. This sale ends today, but they agreed to honor the quote until tomorrow after council has approved the purchase and they are ordered.

Councilmember Josh Bovey motioned to move forward with the purchase of the self-watering hanging baskets, second by Council President John Pine. Motion passes 4-0.

- B. Fire Department – Purchase Water Tender Truck – ACTION ITEM:** The fire department received a contract from the Gooding Fire Department for the purchase of the water tender truck which was then sent on to our city attorney for review. Upon reading the contract, our attorney discovered a few things that needed to be changed. He is currently making the necessary changes and will get it to everyone as soon as it is complete and then to Gooding for their review.
Council President John Pine motioned to approve the purchase of the fire truck once the agreement is signed, second by Councilmember Ted Miller. Motion passes by rollcall vote 4-0.

- C. 232 Willow Ave E. – Utilities Letter – ACTION ITEM:** No Discussion

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- A. Tour De Force Speed Trials - ACTION ITEM:** No Discussion.
- B. 708 Soldier Rd. – Utilities Letter - ACTION ITEM:** No Discussion
- C. Code Enforcement Officer – Action Item:** No discussion
- D. Nuisance Hearing – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- E. Ziplly Project 5520810 – North Fairfield Fiber Install - ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- F. Ziplly Project 5520819 – South Fairfield Fiber Install - ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- G. Sun Creek Subdivision – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- H. Pickleball Court Overlay – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion

REPORTS

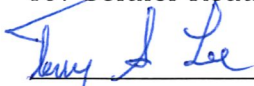
- A. Mayor's Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Lee: Mayor Lee invited Antonio to update about the bid opening for the south sidewalk project. Antonio stated we received one bid. He said there was a second bid, but unfortunately the deadline was 1pm and they came in at 1:05. The base bid which would run from the end of the city block on the west side, to the Wrangler, came in at \$340,240. Bid alternate #1, which would finish the sidewalk in front of the Longhorn, came in at \$222,707. Bid alternate #2 which is the east side of Soldier Rd. came in at 290,168.50. There are multiple options at this point. The grant we have is for \$250,000. Council can put the project out for bid again since the bid came in at well over the grant amount. They can make changes to the project, such as removing lights, which are the most expensive part of the project, to lower the cost to bring it closer to the grant amount, or they can approve the base bid and whichever alternative they

want. Council asked how much money would be saved by taking out the lights, to which Antonio stated would be \$26,000. They also asked what other changes could be made to bring the base bid closer to the grant amount. Mayor Lee mentioned that we do have funds in the franchise fee account (about \$100,000) that we could use. Antonio said that traffic control came in at \$17,000 and field testing came in at \$27,000. He also said we had 60 days to make a decision. Council brought up concern about making sure we had the funds to be able to cover both sidewalk projects. Mayor Lee said he would get ahold of Forsgren to find out exactly what our match amount will be, so that we know how much money we have left be able to put towards this project. Council again discussed the amount available in our franchise LGIP account. Council President John Pine said he was prone to moving forward with the project, but he would like to wait to find out where we are financially before making that decision. Council agreed to make a decision at the next meeting when we had numbers confirmed.

- B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: No report.
- C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: No report.
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** John Pine: No report
- E. **Fire and Police:** Josh Bovey: Josh announced that the Sheriff's office hired a new chief deputy.
- F. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: No report
- G. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: No report
- H. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: New city maps are ordered and are expected to arrive Monday. Sonja will be out of town from July 17th to July 28th. She will not be here for the city council meeting on the 17th. Council will have to decide with they will have that meeting without her with someone recording the minutes for her to type up when she gets back. The office will be closed during that time. Mayor Lee will also be gone during that time on July 19th for a wedding.

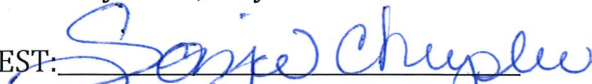
Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Josh Bovey. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Regular Council meeting will be Thursday, June 12th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road



Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sonja Chrysler City Clerk