

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting #FY 26-10
Thursday, March 19th, 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. Also, in attendance was Planning and Zoning Administrator Ed Reagan. In the audience were Dennis Stitt, Margarett Horton, Wendy Rice, Joe Mabbutt, and Josh Bovey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Council President Ted Miller motioned to approve the agenda, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Josh Bovey – Update on Fire Predictive Models:** Josh Bovey was here to update council about everything going on with the fire department. He showed council the certificates the fire fighters get after attending the annual SIFA training. He also stated that the discount on homeowners' insurance to locals was a result of that training. Federal mutual aid agreements come around each year at this time. We have one with BLM and one with Forrest Service. This year and especially next year will be different. The National Wildland Fire Service is trying to lump everything together. Starting this year BLM is now under the Wildland Fire Service along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Park Service and a couple of others. Name changes are the only things that have changed on the contract for this year. Next year they are planning to get the Forrest Service rolled into it which is a much bigger deal. Mutual aid agreements basically gives both the federal agencies and us an opportunity to request help from the other party for up to 24 hours for free. Once the 24-hours is up, the help and resources are no longer free and we are charged for it or if we are helping, we begin to charge. Josh also explained that they are responsible for all private property in Camas County, minus a portion of West Magic, as well as how we work with Forrest Service and BLM. He then went on to talk about predictive services for the forecasted fire season. We are close to normal snowpack and are currently at 87% snow/water equivalent. With not much snow at lower elevation the grass and brush is still standing (not knocked down or decayed by snow) and is dry, which makes it prime fire fuel. Surrounding states are in much worse situations with much less snowpack. The concern is if they have bad fire seasons, there will be no federal resources for us to call for

help if we have fires. With that knowledge the Fairfield Fire Department is getting ready early. They are getting the 5-ton truck that was given to them by the West Magic Fire District, ready for use. They are working on funding through some grants and as those funds are available, they will get everything they needed added to the truck. Once it is ready to be in commission, it will replace Heavy-1 and Heavy-2, and they will be auctioned off. They will also begin working on the old tender they got last year so that it can also be auctioned off. The time frame for that should be in the next month or two.

- B. Friends of Fairfield – ACTION ITEM:** Margaret Horton, Wendy Rice, and Joe Mabbutt were present to talk about forming a community organization to plan events. The Chamber of Commerce had previously planned certain events but is currently on pause and these events will not be held this year by them. They presented council with a written proposal for their organization that would be called “Friends of Fairfield”. They would like to operate under the City of Fairfield. They would have their own committee with a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. They also have a list of people who are willing to volunteer. Their thought is that in inviting more people in town to help, the more involved and invested they would become. Councilmember Rodney Blount asked how the financial piece of this would look. Wendy Rice replied that all monies raised would be turned over to the City to track in a budget line item. She said she would look to the City for how that would need to be set up. There was talk about how soon we could try to get this going so that they could try to have the annual fishing derby and Camas Lily Days. In addition, there was talk about meeting with the Shoshone Bannock tribe to get them to come back and perform their dancing like they used to do. Mayor Lee stated that we would need to speak with our attorney and ICRMP to make sure we can legally move forward with the idea and how we need to do that.
- C. Camas Country Fair – Special Events Permit– ACTION ITEM:** Special event permit for the Camas Country Fair at the City Park. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned to approve the Special Events Permit for the Camas County Fair and waive the fees, second by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passed 4-0**
- D. Live on the Longhorn Karaoke – Special Events Permits – ACTION ITEM:** The Longhorn submitted three special events permits for karaoke for nights 6/20, 7/18, and 8/15. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned to approve all three permits and waive the fees, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0**

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- A. **Resolution 2026-06 – ADU’s – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- B. **Nuisance Ordinance Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee stated the updates to the nuisance ordinance are going to be sent over to the attorney.
- C. **Proposed Changes to Subdivision Ordinance – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- D. **North Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- E. **South Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.
- F. **Code Enforcement Officer – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee stated that we should get the code enforcement officer hired and on payroll so that we can begin to educate the community about it and that there are some issues around town that need to be addressed. **Councilmember Tyler Ballard motioned to hire the code enforcement officer and put him on payroll, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0 by rollcall vote. Ted Miller - “Aye”, Rodney Blount - “Aye”, Amy Martin - “Aye”, Tyler Ballard - “Aye”.**
- G. **Market Animal Building – Action Item:** Sonja and Ed spoke to Jason Burgsma with Balanced Rock insurance. Ed stated that from his understanding, as long as the construction was being done by a contractor or company, they should carry their own insurance policy to cover anything. The only time we would need construction covered by our policy is if we had a volunteer day. Ed stated that the plan is to contract the work out and there probably won’t be volunteers doing the work. He will have more information after their next meeting.
- H. **Sun Creek Discussion – Final Platt Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

REPORTS

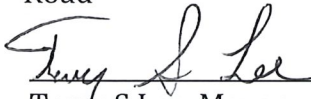
- A. **Mayor’s Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Lee: Mayor Lee stated we had a proclamation, The Week of the Young Child. **Council President Ted Miller motioned to have the mayor sign and read into record the proclamation The Week of the Young Child, second by councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passes 4-0. Mayor Lee reads the proclamation The Week of the Young Child and declares it adopted.**
- B. **Water and Sewer:** Tyler Ballard: No report
- C. **Streets and Alleys:** Ted Miller: Mayor Lee reported that the city was awarded one of the TAP grants that was applied for. This would be for sidewalks from Willow East to Spruce East. It is unknown at this time when that work would begin.
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** Amy Martin: Mayor Lee reported that Jerry took down the outside of the ice rink. The liner is still there and there are many places with

holes poked in it. It has been reported to the sheriff, and we will wait to see what happens with the prosecutor.

- E. **Fire and Police:** Rodney Blount: No report
- F. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: Mayor Lee reported that our last water samples came back clean.
- G. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: Ed reported on the food pantry stating that they are planning to replace the flooring. To do so they must remove everything inside. This means they must bring in a 40-foot storage container to hold everything while the flooring is being done. They are also going to paint the interior while everything is out. This will start April 11th and should be done by May 8th. Eventually they would like to replace the wooden ramp with a concrete one.
- H. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: No report

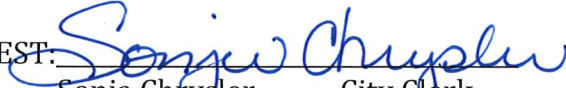
Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

