CITY OF FAIRFIELD
Regular City Council Meeting #FY 27-2
Thursday, October 15th, 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 Ali Golden, Margaret Horton, Joe Mabbutt, and Wendy Rice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Amy Martin 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 Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed by rollcall vote 4-0. Ted Miller "Aye", Rodney Blount :Aye", Amy Martin "Aye", Tyler Ballard "Aye".

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Employee Health Insurance Plan – ACTION ITEM:** Council reviewed the health insurance plan options with the annual increases. The current plan has a zero deductible. When the city used to have a plan with a deductible, they would pay half of it for the employees. The zero deductible plan cost more, but it saved the city from paying the buy down for the employees. Jerry and Sonja have been very happy with the coverage. The other plans that are similar don't save much money and would offer less coverage and a deductible. We will also be adding Scott to the plan for this next year. With the addition of a third employee and the rate increase it puts us just slightly over the budgeted line item.
Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to go with the gold plan with a zero deductible, second by Councilmember Rodney Blount. Motion passed 4-0 by roll-call vote. Ted Miller "Aye", Rodney Blount :Aye", Amy Martin "Aye", Tyler Ballard "Aye".

B. **Friends of Fairfield Updates- ACTION ITEM:** Joe Mabbut addressed council about what has been done and what is to come with the Friends of Fairfield. He reported that they have been up at the ski resort three times now helping with fundraisers. They have received funding for that and donations. They worked on the Kids Pond project with funding from Camas County. The county had a budget line item specifically for Kids Pond in the amount of $3,500. They came in under budget at $2,045 and exceeded the expectations of both the county and Fish & Game. Volunteers ranged in age from 4 years old to 88 years old. On the

rainy clean-up day, they had 21 volunteers. The total number of volunteer hours for the entire project from start to finish from all 52 volunteers was 222 hours. Nine community members donated funds to purchase hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch for the volunteers on clean-up day. There were five Fish & Game employees that were part of the Kids Pond project, and they came back and said what a great job Friends of Fairfield did cleaning it up. Joe stated that the current existing footprint of the pond is three acres with the fence being very tight against the pond on the east side. The total area of usable state land is actually five acres. The landowner to the east is aware that his fence line is into the state-owned property. The State is going to speak with the landowner about that issue. In the spring Fish & Game will treat the water to get rid of the weeds that inhibit fishing. They are also going to donate a very nice dock. Friends of Fairfield is hoping to make the Kids Pond clean-up an annual event. Upcoming events include the Winter Wonderland music, and lights experience in the Pocket park. They are collaborating with Market Animal Sales to include the kids in organizing and creating the experience as well as utilizing the Market Animal Sales 501c3 status to receive donations to purchase necessary supplies to build it. Businesses that have donated so far are ETS and Idaho Power. Market Animal Sales will accept the donations and do the purchasing for Friends of Fairfield. Copies of all receipts will be provided to the city. Friends of Fairfield would like to use the city fire barrels to use for s'mores. Wendy Rice provided council with a tentative itinerary for the two-day events. She went over each item and explained them. They also spoke about the plans for events in 2027 which include what used to be known as Camas Lily Days and will now be known as Camas Prairie Days. They are hoping to have a farm equipment show in place of the car show from previous years. They have sent out a letter to the Sho-Ban tribe in hopes to have them there.

C. **New Ice Rink Liner – ACTION ITEM:** The minors that destroyed the ice rink liner last winder plead guilty to a lesser charge that was not a felony and were sentenced to write an apology letter to the city, pay restitution, and do community service. Unfortunately, the city has not received the letter or any restitution funds. With winter quickly approaching, a new liner needs to be purchased in order to get here in time for ice skating. The cost is down by a few hundred dollars in freight charges from the last time we replaced it. If we order before November 3rd, we get an early bird discount of 5% off. The total coast should be $2,579.94. **Councilmember Amy Martin motioned to approve the purchase of a new ice-skating rink liner in the amount of $2,579.94, second by Council President Ted Miller. Motion passed 4-0 by roll-call vote. Ted Miller "Aye", Rodney Blount :Aye", Amy Martin "Aye", Tyler Ballard "Aye".**

D. **Handicapped Parking Space at County Courthouse – ACTION ITEM:** The Camas County Courthouse has requested a handicapped space for their building. They stated that when people use the spaces to park to go to the local businesses, there are no spots left for anyone handicapped. Mayor Lee stated that the space needed to be at least 16 feet wide and cannot be more than a 2% grade. Mayor Lee suggested that the spot be placed on the south side of the building to avoid having to use two spaces on Main Street. **Council President Ted Miller motioned to place a handicap space at the courthouse on the south side of the building, second by Councilmember Amy Martin. Motion passed 4-0.**

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. **Caven Property – ACTION ITEM:** Mayor Lee is waiting for a call back from Mike Caven.
B. **Sheriff's Agreement – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

C. **Well & Water Rights – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

D. **ADU's – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

E. **Nuisance Ordinance Discussion – ACTION ITEM:** Council looked at a proposed ordinance Amy wrote up. When the attorney looked at it, he stated there were a few things that needed to be changed but he did not specify which things. He took a copy with him. There was a spot where the section and subsection numbers needed to be corrected. Council discussed the sections that talked about breeding projects. Ed stated that in the past there had only been one breeding project in 4H that he knew of. However, the proposed ordinance does not allow cattle. Ted mentioned that there might need to be more clarification that the animals cannot be kept in city limits after the end of the 4H project. There was concern about the enforcement of the ordinance. Mayor Lee stated that they would discuss it further once the attorney gets back with suggested changes.

F. **North Sidewalk Project – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

G. **Market Animal Building – Action Item:** No discussion.

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

I. **Bike Park – ACTION ITEM:** No discussion.

REPORTS

A. **Mayor's Report and Correspondence:** Mayor Lee: Mayor Lee reported on Ziply and their update emails. Sonja forwarded the first email from them stating that they anticipate starting work again on the 14th. Ziply should be sending out a daily morning email stating what they plan to do that day and a follow-up end of day email stating what they actually did. Sonja will check the emails while she is on vacation and make sure the Ziply updates are forwarded to the Mayor, Jerry, and Ed.
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 will be meeting with everyone in the next couple of weeks to get information on procedural changes for fall and winter operations.
F. **Code Enforcement:** No report.
G. **Public Works Superintendent:** Jerry Scovill: No report
H. **Planning and Zoning Administrator:** Ed Reagan: No report
I. **City Clerk/Treasurer:** Sonja Chrysler: Sonja will be gone from October 22nd to October 29th. She will have everything buttoned up at the city and the office will be closed. She will return to the office on the 30th.

Councilmember Tyler Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Amy Mertin. **Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.**

Next Council meeting will be on Thursday, November 12th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at 407 Soldier Road

Terry S Lee, Mayor

ATTEST: Sonja Chrysler
Sonja Chrysler City Clerk