

October 4th Fairfield Council Minutes

Council Members in Attendance: Alisha Anderson, Emily Thomas, Valerie Rogers, Heather Gust-Meeting ran by Valerie Rogers-Mayor Pro-Tem. **Steve Walk attended by phone to approve the mayor appointment and then left the line. **Absent-Steve Walk-Vacation

Others in attendance: Devin Billington Public Works, Cody Powell, Erica Warren, Teresa Holm, Anthony Schurr, Bill Enzler, Debbie Cato, Melanie Anderson and Richard Ralidis.

Meeting was brought to order at 6 PM, Pledge Allegiance immediately following.

Excused Alisha Anderson from Sept 20th council meeting due to illness. Motion to approve absence-Emily Thomas second-Heather Gust Passed 3-0, with Alisha abstaining. No discussion.

Appointment of Mayor to fill in vacant position: Motion to appoint Council Member Valerie Rogers as Mayor-Emily, Seconded by Alisha. Passed 4-0. Discussion: Valerie couldn't be officially sworn in until Town Clerk returned from vacation next week. Per MSRC the swearing in does not need to be in a public forum, so this will be done at Town Hall following the return of Cheryl (Town Clerk). This will open Council Position #4, which will be advertised right away.

Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem: Moved to next council meeting, due to not being able to swear in new Mayor. Council Valerie Rogers will remain Mayor Pro-Tem until she is officially sworn in.

Old Business

Insurance for October 29th events (Trunk or Treat and Haunted Alley). Last council meeting insurance coverage was brought up regarding the events on October 29th. After inquiring with the town insurance, it was suggested for the town to become Co-Sponsors of the two events taking place on October 29th. This will cover the town's liability. Either group can still acquire liability coverage on their own, but the town is not requiring it. Motion by Emily for the town to become a Co-Sponsor of the Trunk or Treat and the Haunted Alley and utilize the town's liability insurance but reminding each organizing groups (Fairfield Service Club Haunted Alley) (Valerie Rogers Trunk or Treat) that in the case of an accident during one of the events, they could still be at fault and as a group or person and the town's insurance will not cover individuals. The motion was second by Alisha. No further discussion-Motion passed 4-0.

FIB: Appointment of members: moved to next agenda because new mayor has not been officially sworn in.

New Business

Fairfield Community Church Monthly Events: Pastor Debbie Cato asked the council if the church could use the community center for monthly community gatherings that would be free and open to the community. Alisha made motion to approve the use of the Community Center by the Fairfield Community Church for a monthly Game/M meal Night that is open to the Community and no charge to the attendees. There will be no charge to the Fairfield Community Church, instead the town will have the church use the hours that have been marked for free use of the community center for this type of event. The church will work with the town in the event that schedules conflict with a paid use of the community center. Motion was seconded by Heather and passed 4-0.

Military Wall of Honor-we will reach out to see if we can find a community member that would enjoy taking on this project. In the past there have been 2 events, Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

Public Works Report:

2nd oil application didn't get applied and 50 ft of Lake Street didn't get covered (seemed to be a misunderstanding regarding Lake Street). It was discussed that the oiling company was contacted in an attempt to get the 2nd application done, but the job was never completed. The oiling company will be contacted for a reimbursement of the money that was already paid for the missed 2nd oiling. The town will reimburse the Lake Street resident 100% of the fee the residence paid for the oiling that was never completed. The town will reimburse the other residents that paid for oiling, 50% of the amount the resident paid since the second oiling was never completed.

The Pit sprinkler system project. The bid came significantly higher than the current grant and town's match. Discussion was made to increase the grants size, but that would also substantially increase the size of the town's matching funds. It was decided to proceed with installing a smaller sprinkler system in order to stay within the current grant financial parameters.

Public Work pay increase request

As requested, Devin presented the council with the dollar amounts that he feels is comparable to other same-size communities to compensate the current 2 additional Public Work employees. \$22 and \$23. Immediate pay raises will be discussed at our budget meeting that is scheduled for October 25th. The council seems to be in favor of the raises because of the importance of the retention of our public works department. Emily made a motion to give our Public Work department employees a one-time \$1000 Retro-Active Premium Pay using ARPA funds. The motion was seconded by Heather and passed 4-0.

Anthony Schurr asked Devin about the progress of moving the baseball field. Devin said he would contact him as soon as they're ready to arrange for volunteers.

Department report: Alisha-Streets Dept-see attached.

Heather made a motion to approve the Minutes from our September 20th council meeting, seconded by Emily. Motion passed 3-0, Alisha abstained due to absence.

Approval of the October 4, 2022 Claims

Emily made a motion to approve the claims with EFTs for \$17,498.96 and checks #21025-21042 for \$48,585.45.contingent on Devin submitting his receipts for October 4th, seconded by Heather. Motioned passed 4-0.

	10-4-2022
Claims	\$48,864.01
Payroll	17,220.40
Total Paid	\$66,084.41

Signed by Alisha Anderson, Emily Thomas and Heather Gust

Devin has receipts and Heidi (acting town clerk) will have him sign an affidavit of lost receipt on Tues 10/11 if he doesn't provide them.

Other:

Acknowledged receipt of Erica Warren's letter, asked the council to review and can be discussed further at the 10/18 meeting.

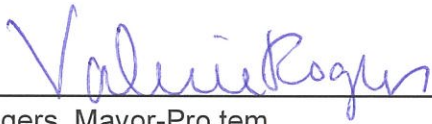
The council was asked to review the lease agreement for the Food Bank so it can be discussed at next meeting, specifically removing wordage that doesn't necessarily pertain to our situation. A community member suggested that the town charge a very minimal amount due to the service that the Food Bank provides to the community. This was acknowledged and will be discussed further.

Teresa Holm asked about who the new contact person is for the Range Clinic, I advised her that I will try to find out and get the information to her.

Future Dates to remember in addition to the one listed on agenda.: Budget Meeting October 25th at 6 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at

Minutes taken by Valerie Rogers due to clerk's absence.



Valerie Rogers, Mayor-Pro tem