

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**  
**6:00**

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Mayor Jamie Paden called the September 20, 2022 regular council meeting to order at 6:03 at the Community Center.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Council members present were Steven Walk, Valerie Rogers and Emily Thomas.  
Alisha Anderson is out sick.

Others present were Heather and Justin Gust; Angela Walk; Teresa Holm; Dawn Hillsbery; Debbie Cato; Richard Ralidis; Donald Harris; Gregg Wernz; Devin Billington and Cheryl Loeffler.

Cheryl Loeffler swore in appointed council woman Heather Gust to position #2.

**Old Business**

**EV Charging Station**

Cheryl Loeffler reached out to Lisa Garrett from Avista to get answers that the audience raised at the last meeting.

1. **Cost to the town-** The only cost to the Town of Fairfield is the ongoing energy expenses, which will be included in your normal Avista electric bill. Whatever dollars are paying for electricity, will fund the energy for the station.
2. **Is there going to be a signed contract and if is, how long of one?** Yes, but it doesn't take effect until installation is complete. Town of Fairfield or Avista can terminate the contract at any time. It is required to keep the station in for 24 months or we'd ask for reimbursement of our expenses for the installation.
3. **If this becomes an extremely expensive endeavor for the town, can we get out?** Yes, see above. In addition, if at some point you'd like a networked station instead, we can replace the station with one that communicates and can be set to require payment for use. At this stage of the market, it doesn't make sense to do so. Networked stations are less dependable (approximately 80% uptime) and network providers charge about \$300 per port per year for networking services. Avista does not cover the networking fees or maintenance related to keeping a networked station online (hardware/software/firmware updates, etc.) At the point we see higher utilization and reliability, this may be financially beneficial to the Town of Fairfield, but current state, it's a better driver experience, site host experience, and less expensive to use non-networked stations and request donations for use.
4. **Can we put a cap on how much a person can charge their car?** Unfortunately, no. Non-networked stations have no communications ability to limit use, require payment, track usage or drivers, etc. However, drivers will use about \$1.00 of electricity per hour of charging. Cars stop charging once they are full so a driver could be plugged in but not continuing to draw energy. More than likely, you'll see traveling drivers stop for an hour or two while they shop, eat, etc. and then continue on their journey.

Cheryl will notify Lisa that Fairfield will be happy to put in an EV charging station.

**FIB update**

Perry Paden resigned from the board on September 13, 2022. There is someone interested to fill Perry's place. With the new mayor taking over in October, the board will need to be reappointed so the new candidate will be appointed at the same time that the board is reappointed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Workshop**

The council will have the first budget workshop on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The public is welcome to come to the workshops.

### **Yard Debris & Chipping Event**

Since public works has closed the yard debris drop-off site due to people depositing garbage, plastic bags and not paying for their loads, the likelihood of it ever being offered again is extremely low. The date for the one-day yard debris and chipping event will be October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Public Works Report**

#### **Sewer**

- Wastewater lift station seal failed, will be looking into this week.
- Aerator 4 fault looking into this week.
- Application for Bio-Solids permit submitted

#### **Streets**

- No report

#### **Parks**

- Baseball field sprinkler quotes adjustment.

#### **Water**

- Devin in class October 4-6 for CEU's.
- Hydrant flushing and testing will start soon.

#### **General:**

- Food bank and shop drainage project is making progress.
- 1999 Dump truck purchased from Spokane County. Funds from Equipment replacement fund.
- Public works wage rate. Devin provided the AWC Salary Survey for comparison. Looking into possibly increasing the hourly wage paid to Jason and Cody before the first of the year. Devin will ask some pertinent questions of them and Cheryl will review the restrictions on COVID funds.

Council was given the budget position for general review and to review the salary line items.

### **An Example of a Regular Task:**

#### **Fire Hydrant Testing (HRS)**

The Town of Fairfield and Spokane County Fire District 2 work together in the process of blowing out and testing fire hydrants within the Fairfield water system. This is done twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. We do this for multiple reasons. The most obvious reason is that we need to ensure that all fire hydrants are in working order in the case of an emergency where the fire department may need to use them. This process of flushing hydrants does also benefit the water system though by flushing out the sediment that may accumulate in our water system. By flushing this out twice a year Fairfield is left with a higher quality product when the water reaches your faucet. This is a reminder that with Fall here fire hydrants will be getting flushed again soon.

### **Department Report**

Alisha Anderson was not present to give her report.

### **Approval of the Minutes from August 16, 2022 regular council meeting**

Emily noted a grammatical error in the minutes.

#### **ACTION**

Emily Thomas moved and Steve Walk seconded to approve the corrected minutes from the August 16, 2022 regular council meeting. The motion was approved 4-0.

### **Approval of the September 20, 2022 Claims**

Emily moved and Steve seconded to approve the September 20, 2022 claims with EFTs for \$7,511.22 and checks #21011-21024 for \$24,897.31.

	09-20-2022
Claims	\$23,740.85
Payroll	8,667.68
Total Paid	\$32,408.53

Signed by Steven Walk, Emily Thomas and Heather Gust

## **Other**

### **Leases**

The attorney sent back his suggested revisions to the NPC Food Bank lease. The council will review these and bring their suggestions for the next meeting.

### **Range Mobile Clinic**

Range Mobile Clinic would like to change their clinic day to Wednesday. The next visit will be September 28<sup>th</sup>. East Adams Rural Mobile Clinic is reaching out again stating that they have received funding and are ready to talk mobile clinic. They have a ZOOM meeting coming up with Teresa Holm of PCAL. Cheryl suggested that Dennis Crain be contacted to perhaps sit in on this meeting as he was part of the original group that searched for medical services when Fairfield lost the clinic.

### **Trunk or Treat**

There was discussion about closing the alley between Johnson and McNeil for the "Haunted Alley". The Service Club will contact all the neighbors about the event.

### **ACTION**

Steve moved to approve the closing of the alley that runs between Johnson and McNeil for the Haunted Alley on October 29<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Heather Gust. The motion was approved 4-0.

Liability insurance will be looked into.

### **Dumpster**

Valerie reminded Cheryl to call Empire Disposal to remove the dumpster from the Community Center.

### **Compliments/Complaints**

None tonight.

### **Dates to Remember**

October 1-12

Cheryl is on vacation. Has arranged for Heidi Turnbough to be in the office. She will post the hours/days she is available to be here,

October 4

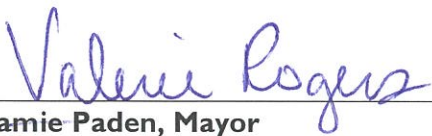
Steve Walk is gone for vacation.

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Alisha asked for excused absence.

### **Adjourn:**

With no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

  
Valerie Rogers

Jamie Paden, Mayor

  
Cheryl Loeffler, Clerk/Treasurer