

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2024
6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER

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Mayor David Rafferty called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Alisha Anderson, Brady Collinson, Amanda Blood and Bill Enzler.

Others present were Terry Phillips, Diane Kooyman, Debbie Cato, Richard Ralidis, Devin Billington and Cheryl Loeffler.

Council absence

ACTION

Alisha Anderson moved to excuse Cynthia Davidson from tonight's meeting due to illness, seconded by Brady Collinson. The motion was approved 4-0.

Guest

Richie Brower, Fairfield Food Co-Op and Bandy York, Farmer's Market

Richie Brower returned to update the council on the progress of the Food Co-Op. There have been two workshops offered so far and both were very well attended. People are signing up to become members of the Co-op. The raised beds have been purchased and the Hope Task Force youth has the beds built and ready to deliver. We have purchased both steam and water bath canners, food dehydrators along with two sandwich boards that will be used to advertise each workshop plus they will be shared with the Farmer's Market later in the season. Only members and only after they have taken the workshop on the proper use of preserving equipment will be eligible to use it.

The Fairfield Library is excited about the Co-Op and will have displays set up with materials that will be relevant to each workshop.

One of the opportunities of this project is to open our arms to our neighbors and build community, which brought up the distribution of the raised beds. The council was asked to discuss again how the raised boxes should be passed out. The residents of Fairfield should receive theirs first and after those requests are met and if any boxes remain, would we store them or allow them to be handed out to nonresidents? Right now, about eleven boxes have been spoken for. Mr. Brower proposed that if there are more than thirty families requesting a garden box, he will personally seek donations from local businesses to purchase more.

The momentum is good. Great ideas for future workshops are being submitted. To continue this program into the future, Mr. Brower would like to find someone that would like to be trained to keep it growing.

Bandy York discussed the upcoming season for the Farmer's Market. The Facebook page has been updated and is now looking for vendors. She would like to run it the same way as last year and not charge the vendors to participate. The vendors will have to sign the waiver, same as last year also.

Public Comments

Madison Blood presented her idea of organizing a youth-led activity youth group that would meet monthly. She will get together with her friends and come back to the council with a proposal. There are funds in the Fairfield Youth Fund that could be used for their different activities. If she has her proposal ready, she will be added to the April 2nd agenda.

Old Business

Amanda Blood attended the Community Leadership Summit sponsored by Innovia. She gave a brief presentation tonight and will meet with the mayor and office staff on Wednesday, April 3rd. Amanda will give a full presentation about the program to everyone else later. The grant application is due in May.

Planning Commission Recommendations

#1 Animal noises from roosters and turkeys on property-312 E Ticknor

- Recommendation to enforce animal ordinance as written.
- Clarification on roosters within town limits

** The owner of the poultry was at both the Planning Commission meeting and tonight's council meeting. She stated that she has four turkeys and some chickens. Her rooster is quiet and does not crow just crow. Her neighbor has a crowing rooster, which instigates hers to crow. The council advised her to file a complaint about the neighbor's rooster.

The turkey is scheduled for butchering in June, but it will continue to be a nuisance to the neighbors until then.

ACTION

Alisha Anderson moved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission and direct the clerk to send a 10-day letter and a copy of Ordinance 334-A to Christine Tindell directing her to either relocate the bird or complete the abatement of the tom turkey 14 days after receiving the letter; seconded by Brady. Motion was approved 4-0.

The nuisance ordinance does not restrict roosters within town limits specifically but does state that poultry that causes a nuisance is not allowed. The brief definition of a nuisance:

Unreasonably annoys, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of the public or others, including unreasonably loud noises or continual dog barking.

#2 Accumulation of household garbage in yard next to house 306 E Norton

- Recommends town enforce the nuisance ordinance as written.

ACTION

Brady Collinson moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to send a notice to abate to the owner of 306 E Norton; seconded by Bill Enzler. The motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Public Works

Sewer

- Sewer samples this week.
- WWTF Lift Station #2 fault.
- Rates for septic pumping. – Next meeting

Streets

- Grading.
- Speed sign PV – April after potential sewer project.

Parks

Water

- Water Samples this week.
- Estimate for Hamilton water service in house vs outsourced. – Attache

General

- L&I (Labor & Industries) update. \$4,200.00

An Example of a Regular Task: ⁽⁰⁸⁾ Grading Roads (HRS.)

Fairfield Public Works grades roads in the spring and in the fall. When we grade in the spring, we focus on reshaping the roads in need. After a year's worth of driving on these roads, snow removal equipment working on the roads, and other factors, the roads can be in poor shape come spring. When the roads are in poor shape, they may not have proper crowning, leading to poor water drainage causing potholes, washboards, and becoming muddy or otherwise dangerous. The spring moisture allows for ideal conditions for grading and reshaping roads. As the town starts grading roads, please be sure your vehicles, trashcans, or other obstacles are off the road so our crew can work as efficiently as possible without the need to work around various items. We understand that roads appear muddy and there are potholes right now. Please bear with us as we work to improve the roads and maintain them to the condition they should be. Most

gravel roads are in poor condition currently and need maintenance around our area. This is just part of living in the PNW. Fairfield's gravel roads are in the best shape they have been in a long time. This is thanks to proper grading and reshaping of the roads over the past years allowing them to properly allow traffic to pass through and allow for proper drainage. The crowning and so on really benefits a road in the long run.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from March 5, 2024, regular council meeting

ACTION

Alisha Anderson moved to approve the March 5, 2024 regular council minutes as read; seconded by Bill Enzler. The motion was approved 4-0.

Claims

ACTION

Bill Enzler moved and Alisha Anderson seconded to approve the March 19, 2024 claims with EFTs for the total amount of \$11,299.40 and checks numbered 21582-21594 for \$10,116.87. This motion was approved 4-0.

Date	03-19-2024
Claims	\$ 8,320.61
Payroll	13,095.66
Total Paid	\$21,416.27

Check register signed by Brady Collison Cynthia Davidson, Alisha Anderson

Other

The amount of litter along both Highway 27 and Prairie View and the possibility of putting together groups to go out and safely pick it up was discussed. The Community Church is planning a 5th Sunday project in June to gather the litter also.


Compliments, Concerns and Complaints

Dates to Remember

- March 23** Bring your own craft to the Community Church
- March 30** Easter Egg Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt
- April 11** Next Food Co-Op Workshop at the Farm at UCA
 - Growing cold hardy plants

Adjourn

Brady Collinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm.



David Rafferty, Mayor



Cheryl Loeffler, Clerk/Treasurer