

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2024
6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER

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Mayor David Rafferty called the regular council meeting to order at 6:01 pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present were Richard Ralidis, Pastor Debbie Cato, Terry Phillips, Justin Gust, Lon Ottosen, Jerry Hoefs, Devin Billington, and Jared Harward

Public Comments

Lon Ottosen expressed concern over the recent acquisition of some 14,000+ acres by Cordelia to be leased for use in the SE Spokane County windfarm project. He urged the council to draft an ordinance to make it difficult for them to acquire land near the town boundary. Windfarms have several negative areas of impact with locals including a possible tax increase to residents, loud noise, impact on wildlife, and being unsightly. Jared will reach out to the County to establish a point of contact for options and resources in dealing with this issue.

Jerry Hoefs requested the council review its resolution and ordinance regarding town vs. owner responsibility of replacing sewer line. Mr. Hoefs has had continued problems with his sewer backing up due to a probable collapse of Orangeburg pipe that connects his home to the city sewer system. As the ordinance is now written, the responsibility falls to Mr. Hoef to replace the collapsed section, even though he has replaced his home's sewer line to the property line. Devin Billington clarified that town is only responsible to replace all the way to the owner's property line if it is a new connection.

Correspondence

Terry Phillips asked for permission to set up temporary water tanks near the creek in Thiel Park so the Service Club could host a fishing derby from 10am to 2pm on Saturday May 18th. All supplies are either being donated or provided by the Service Club. They will be serving lunch, payment by donation only, to fundraise for future activities

ACTION

Alisha Anderson made a motion to approve use of the park by the Service Club for a Fishing Derby event. This was seconded by Cynthia Davidson. The motion was approved 5-0.

Flag Day

Per Devin, vendors are allowed to set up booths along the pathway on the west side of the creek as long as no vehicles are driven on the grass. The beer garden, wrestling, bathrooms, and food trucks will all remain on the east side of the creek.

Old Business

Palouse Scenic Byway – Dan Walker is making special accommodation to be in town for Flag Day 2024 to shoot the update for the PSB video. New highlights will include the Farmer's Market and Food Co-Op program.

RMSU – The council opted to do the RMSU trainings as a group following council meetings. The first of these is scheduled for June 4th, 2024.

New Business

Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services – As a requirement of the SRTC grant, bids for new engineering services were opened up to the public. Only Century West applied, so the Town of Fairfield will continue to utilize them for engineering services.

1st Interstate Closure – The Fairfield branch of First Interstate is closing this summer. Jared Harward presented a pros/cons list for switching to State Bank vs. staying with First Interstate. Per the council's request, Jared will reach out for a formal offer and presentation of services from State Bank before making a decision.

Community Picnic & Movie in the Park – The council moved to do another movie in the park this summer and will purchase licensing through Swank Motion Pictures. Jared will reach out for specifics regarding titles and costs.

Public Works

Sewer: Sewer samples this week.

WWTF Lift Station #2 fault.

Waiting on asphalt repair Red Diamond.

Streets: Preventative ditch maintenance is taking place.

Parks: Sprinklers are being turned on.

Meeting with Garth, Conservation District and DNR- Options for trees and yard debris.

RV Dump open.

Water: Consumer Confidence Report sent out in newsletter.

Starting Annual WUE for Fairfield.

RCAC Opportunities for Water and WW Water plan update and GIS mapping.

General: Yard Waste Day May 18th, 2024, WWTF 08:00-2:00PM – Need pre-registration to allow event to happen.

Soil has been hauled in for Fairfield Farm Co-Op to distribute beds on Wednesday.

Looking into security cameras.

An Example of a Regular Task:

Water Use Efficiency Report (WUE) (3 HRS)

The WUE is a report that each water system fills out every year by July first. This report allows water systems and DOH to see how much water is being produced, sold, and approximate water loss. This helps the town to determine how to possibly alleviate some water loss issues. The town also can plan in this report how consumers can conserve some water. This report once completed is then submitted to DOH. Fairfield is constantly striving to improve and produce water more efficiently with less loss and less waste. This helps us in planning and to continue to progress in meeting this goal of more efficient water production. The meters that have been and are being installed are one of the many methods for improving our water loss numbers, as these meters are more accurate, and can account for even small amounts of water. These meters also assist with notifying consumers of potential leaks and water loss on their end of the meter, ultimately helping us all conserve more water.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION

Brady Collinson moved to approve the April 16, 2024 regular council minutes, seconded by Alisha Anderson. The motion was approved 5-0.

Claims

ACTION

Amanda Blood moved, and Alisha Anderson seconded to approve the May 7, 2024 claims with EFTs for the amount of \$9,946.24 and checks numbered and 21626 - 21648 for the amount of \$20,587.97. This motion was approved 5-0.

Date	05-07-2024
Claims	\$ 19,061.70
Payroll	\$ 11,472.51
Total Paid	\$ 30,534.21

Check register was signed by Alisha Anderson, Cynthia Davidson, and Amanda Blood.

Compliments, Concerns and Complaints

Amanda Blood complimented the Town Clerk on the appearance of the newsletter, and expressed her gratitude for assistance rendered with the 2024 Flag Day schedule.

Dates to Remember

Food Co-op: Beds placed (May 8th), W04 (May 14th), W05 (May 28th), W06 (June 11th), W07 (June 25th), W08 (July 9th)

Yard waste disposal May 18th

Cemetery Cleanup May 24th

Memorial Day program – May 27th

Jared WMC training June 2nd – 7th

Flag Day 2024 June 8th

Cheryl gone June 8th – 18th

Farmer's Market starts July 10th

Executive Session

RCW 42.30.110(f)

RCW 42.39.110(g)

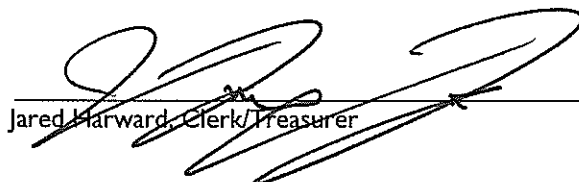
Mayor Rafferty called an executive session at 7:35 pm for RCW 42.30.110(f) to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee, and RCW 42.30.110(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of public employee. He estimated the session wouldn't last longer than 30 minutes. The council came out of executive session at 8:08 pm and Mayor Rafferty called the regular council meeting back in order. There were no members of the public present at this time. No actions were taken during the executive session.

Adjourn

Brady Collinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm.



David Rafferty, Mayor



Jared Harward, Clerk/Treasurer