

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2025 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER

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Mayor 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 Brady Collinson, Josh Boyd, BillENZler, and Amanda Blood. Others present were Richard Ralidis, Chris & Rachel Davis, Liam Davis, Devin Billington and Jared Harward.

Excusal of Council Absences

Alisha Anderson was not present at council this evening due to family obligations.

ACTION

Brady Collinson moved to excuse Alisha Anderson from tonight's council meeting; this was seconded by Amanda Blood. The motion passed 4 – 0.

Correspondence and/or Guest

Donovan Chase from WiFiber was present to answer any concerns regarding the infrastructure hut to be put on town property behind the shop, and any final contract questions.

ACTION

Brady Collinson moved to approve the WiFiber contract as reviewed by legal, with the caveat that the town (shop and town hall) receive service at no cost through fiber connection; this was seconded by Josh Boyd. The motion passed 4 – 0.

Public Comments

None tonight.

Old Business

Credit Cards – 1st Interstate

The town will move to “non-reward” credit cards. This program is not being utilized and doing so will remove the annual charge of \$50 from the 3 cards being charged (\$150 in total).

Fairfield Food Co-op

The Co-op had a good first meeting with 12 previous members in attendance. The first workshop of this year will happen on April 16th at The Farm at Upper Columbia Academy, 6pm start time.

Hamilton Drainage

Devin met with a local resident living on Hamilton prior to council and was able to resolve a lot of their concerns regarding the drainage issues occurring there. No specific solution has been reached yet, but Devin will continue to look at options.

New Business

Kids Program – Proposed Service Club New Storage Location

Rachel Davis shared a presentation on developing a new kid's program to benefit the youth in Fairfield. Discussion included the possibility of updating the basement at town hall to a multi-use space that could be utilized by this new kid's program (essentially a new “Levi's Room”) and potential meeting location for Council, as well as continue to be utilized by the Service Club for their meetings and activities. The current “Levi's Room” would be made available to the Service Club for locked storage, with any large items being stored in a shipping container. Mayor Rafferty asked Rachel to reach out to Terry Phillips, as President of the Service Club, to arrange a meeting to discuss possibilities and concerns.

Public Works

Sewer: Samples going in next week.
 Bio-Solids Final Coverage General Permit.

Streets: Drainage ditch throughout town working with WSDOT on potential dredging and cleaning out.
Grading roads and adding gravel to most needed areas.
211 W. Hamilton – drainage issue.

Parks: As the weather warms up the park bathrooms and RV dump site will be opened up soon.
Purchase of new mower.

Water: Water break and repair – 5th & Seward
Working with RMSA on SWAMP to update plan.
Updating inventory for the town's water system.
Applying for SRF to assist financially in solving the intermittent air issue in the wells.

General: Noon Whistle is functioning again.
Community Center ARPA Repairs;
Remaining ARPA \$71,055.15

An Example of a Regular Task:

Approval of Minutes

ACTION

BillENZler moved to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on March 4, 2025; this was seconded by Brady Collinson. The motion passed 3 – 0, with one abstention by Josh Boyd who was not present at that meeting.

ACTION

Josh Boyd moved to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on March 18, 2025; this was seconded by BillENZler. The motion passed 4 – 0.

Approval of Claims

ACTION

Amanda Blood moved, and Josh Boyd seconded to approve the April 1, 2025 claims with EFTs in the total amount of \$11,008.07 and checks numbered 21928 – 21942 for \$13,190.25. This motion was approved 4 – 0.

Date	04-01-2025
Claims	\$11,399.86
Payroll	\$12,798.46
Total Paid	\$24,198.32

Check register signed by Amanda Blood, BillENZler, and Josh Boyd.

Compliments, Concerns and Complaints

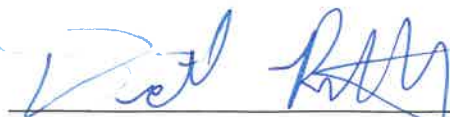
The mayor thanked Brady for covering as Pro-tem in the previous council meeting, so he could attend a family function. Chris Davis complimented the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for using personal time and resources to get office furniture and supplies at a good price.

Dates to Remember

Liberty Spring Break	April 7 – 11
Fairfield Food Co-op Workshop #1	April 16
Earth Day Park Clean-up	May 3
Declaration of candidacy	May 5

Adjourn

Brady Collinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm.



David Rafferty, Mayor



Jared Harward, Clerk/Treasurer