

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 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 Joe Schmick, Chris & Rachel Davis, Richard Ralidis, Pastor Debbie Cato, Devin Billington and Jared Harward.

Correspondence and/or Guest

Shane Monroy from WiFiber presented the council with a franchise agreement that would allow WiFiber to put in infrastructure on existing power poles, working under the Broadline program, for cable internet. This agreement would not limit residents to WiFiber as the only ISP. Jared will send the agreement to the town lawyer for review, and further discussion will happen at the next council on August 20th.

Public Comments

Joe Schmick, State Representative for the 9th Legislative District, spoke to the council regarding updates he suggested the town make to the comprehensive plan and the town's public record ordinance. These updates include implementing a requirement for public hearings to occur prior to any mental health or substance abuse facility being erected in Fairfield, and the fees associated with production and staff time of public record requests (to discourage serial abusers). Jared will reach out for specific verbiage from other local government entities to be included in these policy updates.

Old Business

Bank Update

The closure of the First Interstate Bank in Fairfield has made it necessary for Jared to run deposits to Rockford's branch. He is trying to limit the number of trips made, currently averaging 2 per week. Jared spoke to the town clerk in Latah, who suggested the town avoid STCU as a potential replacement for First Interstate as they have had numerous problems and equipment issues using them as their primary financial institution.

New Business

Payroll Correction

An error was discovered in a previous paycheck for Jason Pestana while Cheryl and Jared were reconciling the bank accounts. The amount Jason was shorted was added to the current pay cycle, and Cheryl asked that Jared add it to the council agenda so the error could be documented for the sake of transparency in the council minutes.

Renewal of IT Contract with KBITs

The current IT service contract with Kayla Billington is set to expire this month. After some discussion surrounding concern with VC3 and the current security pilot program, the council decided to retain Kayla's services. Jared will reach out to her for an updated contract to be reviewed at the next council meeting.

Movie in the Park Review

The town sponsored "Movie in the Park" event happened on Saturday, August 3rd. Estimated attendance was around 100 to 120 people with roughly 60 burgers and 30 hot dogs served. Efforts to start "The Goonies" early failed, due to it still being too bright outside and multiple technical issues with streaming the movie. Moving forward the town will acquire a hard copy of whatever movie is being shown to prevent these issues and will put up more physical advertisements to encourage greater attendance.

Council Report – Alisha Anderson

Alisha Anderson gave her report on the town parks, complimenting Public Works for doing an excellent job in maintenance and keeping our parks looking their best, and emphasized the importance of parks as a space for community interaction.

Public Works

Sewer: Sewer samples went in this week.
WWTF Lift Station #2 fault.

Streets:

Parks: Sprinkler adjustments took place.
Park Vandalism – Thursday July 25th

Water: RCAC GIS mapping completed will be ongoing changes and will function as a live map.
Frequent well changes to mitigate air issues the town has experienced until we receive funding to further inspect.

General: LNI ROPS – Informal Conference
Hiring for Public Works Department
Solar Panel Vandalism – claim started
Security cameras and appropriate hardware purchased with Loss Control Grant.

An Example of a Regular Task: *Park Checks (15MIN - 1 HR)*

Park checks are done daily, taking approximately an hour to check on Mondays and Fridays to clean bathrooms, check trash, and clean up anything out of place at the parks. Throughout the week we check parks daily and if there is no mess this only will take about 15 minutes. This year we have fortunately not been finding much vandalism or damage to our parks. Thank you, Fairfield, for taking pride in, and respecting our community. By taking less time on this when checks go well, we are able to accomplish other tasks to further benefit our community.

Unfortunately, on the evening of Thursday July 25th someone decided to climb on top of the restrooms in Theil Park and tamper with security cameras, causing permanent damage to the cameras and internet services within the park. Then proceeded to discharge fire extinguishers from a local business in both the men's and women's restrooms. An act such as this is not appropriate and is unfortunate that some do not have more respect for our community, stealing from local business and vandalizing Town property. This is costly and inappropriate costing the Town in property repairs and time for cleaning and repairing these damages.

Thank you, Jason Pestana, for working hard to clean the mess and taking pride in our park to ensure it is functional and looks its best.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION

Brady Collinson moved to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on July 16, 2024; this was seconded by Cynthia Davidson. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Approval of Claims

ACTION

Cynthia Davidson moved, and Amanda Blood seconded to approve the August 6, 2024 claims with EFTs for the total amount of \$11,381.33 and checks numbered 21714 - 21735 for \$24,174.20. This motion was approved 5 – 0.

Date	08-06-2024
Claims	\$18,667.87
Payroll	\$16,887.66
Total Paid	\$35,555.53

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

Compliments, Concerns and Complaints

Pastor Debbie expressed disappointment that the Movie in the Park was not better attended by the council.

Dates to Remember

Fairfield Farmer's Market	August 7
Co-op Appliance Library Orientation	August 13
Fairfield Farmer's Market	August 21
Back to School Splash Bash	August 24
Cheryl's Retirement Party	August 24
Co-op Workshop 10 – TBD	August 27

Adjourn

Brady moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.


David Rafferty, Mayor
Jared Harward, Clerk/Treasurer