

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

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Mayor David Rafferty called the regular council meeting to order at 6:02 pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Alisha Anderson, Brady Collinson, Josh Boyd, BillENZler, and Amanda Blood. Others present were Pastor Debbie Cato, Devin Billington, and Jared Harward

**Public Hearing**

**Resolution 2024-04 – The 2025 Property Tax Levy**

Mayor David Rafferty opened the public hearing at 6:03pm to discuss the 2025 Property Tax Levy. Discussion included the 1% increase on last year's levy amount of \$103,894.45, and decreasing the 2024 Regular Levy amount to \$63,000 to negate the impact of Fairfield's annexation into Spokane County Fire District 2 on resident's property taxes. The public hearing was closed at 6:15pm.

**ACTION**

Alisha Anderson moved to approve the 1% increase on last year's levy amount (\$103,894.45) and to set the 2024 Regular Levy amount at \$63,000; this was seconded by BillENZler. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**Correspondence and/or Guest**

None tonight.

**Public Comments**

None tonight.

**Old Business**

**Seward Street Sewer Change Order 2**

The Seward Street Sewer Change Order 2 was discussed and agreed upon at the previous meeting. The town clerk was not aware that a motion was needed so it would be documented in the minutes of that meeting, so the mayor asked for a motion on the matter at this council meeting.

**ACTION**

Amanda Blood moved to approve the Seward Street Sewer Change Order 2; this was seconded by Alisha Anderson. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**Seward Street Sewer Process Payment #1**

The Seward Street Sewer Process Payment #1 was discussed and agreed upon at the previous meeting. The town clerk was not aware that a motion was needed so it would be documented in the minutes of that meeting, so the mayor asked for a motion on the matter at this council meeting.

**ACTION**

Brady Collinson moved to approve the Seward Street Sewer Process Payment #1; this was seconded by Amanda Blood. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**New Business**

**RR Rehab Project**

CenturyWest received concurrence from WSDOT with the agreement being approved for the design work and bid documents to repave Railroad Ave. from Ticknor to Main Street. The project is funded through a federal grant administered by WSDOT. The design phase will be completed over the winter with bidding occurring in early spring and construction in summer of 2025.

**ACTION**

Alisha Anderson moved to approve starting the RR Avenue Rehab Project; this was seconded by Josh Boyd. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**ARPA Funds Amendment**

The Town of Fairfield received notice from Spokane County that the use of funds from the ARPA program has been extended to the end of 2025.

### **ACTION**

Brady Collinson moved to approve the extension of the ARPA funds; this was seconded by Alisha Anderson. Motion passed 5 – 0.

### **PCIB**

After receiving additional complaints in regard to the rooster at 312 E Ticknor the town council reviewed the current animal and nuisance ordinances. It was decided to keep the ordinances as stated and not to add additional wording banning roosters within town limits. The offending party has until December 1<sup>st</sup> to remove the rooster, at which time fines will be assessed if action is not taken. The town clerk will send a letter notifying the party of the council's decision.

### **Public Works**

After recounting the successes and problems with the Fall Yard Cleanup Event, Devin suggested that the town no longer offer the Spring Yard Cleanup Event as it is less successful and reevaluate how the fall program is run prior to next year's event including changing the day from Saturday to Friday and/or offering pickup services at resident's houses.

Following the PW report, Devin requested the council approve the purchase of a CAT mini excavator (of those demoed over the last several weeks), and funds for a tilt trailer for transportation (this will be purchased used off of Craigslist or FB Marketplace).

### **ACTION**

Bill Enzler moved to approve purchase of the CAT excavator at a cost of \$95,000; this was seconded by Amanda Blood. The motion passed 5 – 0.

### **ACTION**

Brady Collinson moved to approve funds up to \$10,000 for a used tilt trailer to be purchased by Devin; this was seconded by Alisha Anderson. The motion passed 5 – 0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

### **ACTION**

Bill Enzler moved to approve the minutes (with 2 corrections made) from the regular council meeting on November 5, 2024; this was seconded by Alisha Anderson. Motion passed 5 – 0.

### **Approval of Claims**

### **ACTION**

Alisha Anderson moved, and Amanda Blood seconded to approve the November 19, 2024 claims with EFTs in the total amount of \$10,334.02 and checks numbered 21811 - 21822 for \$10,411.99. This motion was approved 5 – 0.

Date	11-19-2024
Claims	\$8,743.52
Payroll	\$12,002.49
Total Paid	\$20,746.01

Check register signed by Alisha Anderson, Bill Enzler, and Amanda Blood.

### **Compliments, Concerns and Complaints**

Jared Harward expressed his disappointment in Debbie Cato retiring from her position as Pastor of Fairfield Community Church, only because she has done such a phenomenal job and been a pillar in the community supporting town events and uplifting Fairfield residents with her ministry.

Brady Collinson also thanked Pastor Debbie and the Community Church for hosting the 2024 Gratitude Fiesta. It was a well-attended and fun event.

### **Dates to Remember**

Budget Workshop	November 26
Old-Fashioned Christmas	December 7
Christmas Tree Lighting	December 8

\*Alisha Anderson will not be in attendance at the next council meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Adjourn**

Brady Collinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm.

  
David Rafferty, Mayor  
Jared Harward, Clerk/Treasurer