

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2025 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER

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Mayor Rafferty called the regular council meeting to order at 6:03 pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Alisha Anderson, Brady Collinson, Bill Enzler, and Amanda Blood. Others present were Bryan Hicks, Richard Ralidis, Diane Kooyman, Jimmy & Tiffany Rinehart, Ken & Betsy Fuchs, Alex Fuchs, Devin Billington, and Jared Harward.

Excusal of Council Absences

Josh Boyd was out sick, and his excusal will be approved at the next council meeting.

Correspondence and/or Guest

Bryan Hicks presented different funding options that are currently available and will pursue funds to rehab the Main Street bridge, as suggested by Spokane County. Bryan will also look into funding through the Dept. of Ecology to update Fairfield's sewer plan. Historically this has been only 50% covered with the Town providing the other half through a low interest loan. Estimated project cost is around \$200K.

Jim Rinehart attended council explaining the situation around the complaint that was made about the horse on his property. The mayor will discuss further with the PCIB for a suggested course of action.

Ken Fuchs presented information on the benefits of road oiling. A discussion was had regarding the town's responsibility of costs for this service.

Public Comments

None tonight.

Old Business

Pay Date Policy – 5th & 20th Draft

ACTION

Amanda Blood made a motion, and Alisha Anderson seconded to approve the new policy for town employees and council members to be paid bi-monthly on the 5th & 20th with the verbiage guaranteeing payment on that date removed. The motion passed 4 – 0. Jared will have a copy of the edited policy in the council packets for the next meeting.

New Business

2026 Comprehensive Plan Kickoff – July TBD

The second half of the comprehensive plan update will begin with a kick-off meeting currently TBD. Jared and Devin will be in attendance, Brady offered to come if his schedule allows.

Tekoa Swim Bus – 2025 Season

Jared will create a series of FB posts promoting the Tekoa Swim Bus program that is happening again this year. Admission costs will not be required due to a donation from Cordelio Power.

Summer Movie in the Park - TBD

Cordelio Power has also donated \$1000 to the movie in the park event for 2025. Discussion was had about potentially moving the location from Thiel Park to The Pit, as well as what movie would be shown this year.

Public Works

Jared will post items to be auctioned off by Public Works on FB to try and generate interest. Also the lease on Hahner Field is up and the town needs to decide if we want to renew it or not.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the council meeting on May 20th were not available at the time of this meeting and will be approved at the next council.

Approval of Claims

ACTION

Amanda Blood made a motion, and Alisha Anderson seconded to approve the June 17, 2025 claims with EFTs in the total amount of \$6,277.13 and checks numbered 21989 – 21991 for \$2,761.54. This motion was approved 4 – 0.

Date	06-17-2025
Claims	\$1,267.06
Payroll	\$7,771.61
Total Paid	\$9,038.67

Check register signed by Alisha Anderson, BillENZler, and Amanda Blood

Compliments, Concerns and Complaints

BillENZler thanked the Service Club for all the work they put in throwing another great Flag Day this year.

Dates to Remember

Juneteenth (office closed)	June 19
Summer Lunch Program Starts	June 23
Tekoa Swim Bus	June 25
Independence Day (office closed)	July 4
Food Co-op Workshop	July 9
July Farmer's Market	July 10
August Farmer's Market	August 14

Executive Session

RCW 42.30.110(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

Mayor Rafferty opened the executive session at 8:00 pm and closed it at 8:24 pm.

Adjourn

Brady Collinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm.

David Rafferty, Mayor

Jared Harward, Clerk/Treasurer