

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 6, 2025 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER**

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Mayor 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, Bill Enzler, and Amanda Blood. Others present were Richard Ralidis, Jenny Waters, Sarah Phillips, Theresa Holmes, Chris & Rachel Davis, Devin Billington, and Jared Harward.

Excusal of Council Absences

There were no absences.

Correspondence and/or Guest

None tonight

Public Comments

A resident of Fairfield requested the town send an official letter to SCRAPS asking for help in addressing the issue of feral cats in town. Jared will follow up on this request next week.

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan Update

Jared, Rachel, and Devin met with representatives from JUB to discuss action items for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan update. It was recommended that the town form a committee made up of (no more than) 2 council members, Mayor Rafferty, Jared, Devin, and any other residents from the town. The purpose of this board being to review plan information proposed by JUB. Jared reached out to Justin Gust to see if he would like to join.

New Business

Summer Lunch Program – Request

LaDonna Kelley will be returning to run the Summer Lunch Program this year from June 23rd to August 8th (closed July 4th). Due to budget cutbacks Freeman School District will be unable to donate the usual \$1500 that they have in years past. Jared has reached out to Kim Creighton from Tenaska, who expressed interest in supporting the program. Also, a fridge at the Fairfield Community Center that was utilized by the program has broken since last summer. Brady Collinson offered to donate an extra fridge he has to the program.

Public Works

Sewer:

Samples going in next week.
Discharging effluent.
Lift station progress.
Solar Panels update.

Streets:

Drainage ditch throughout town working with WSDOT on potential dredging and cleaning out.
Mag Chloride Pricing.

Parks:

Park restrooms and RV dump site are open for the season.
Purchase of new mower.
Baseball field is ready for kids to begin practice.

Water:

Working with RMSA on SWAMP to updated plan.
Applying for SRF to assist financially in solving the intermittent air issue in the wells.

General:

Insurance building inspections completed – Waiting on summary.
Town Employee Handbook Updates.
Town Insurance Updates.

ACTION

Brady Collinson moved to authorize Devin to surplus a wastewater aerator and an old wood stove from Public Works; this was seconded by Josh Boyd. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Jared mentioned with everything going on in the office a major overhaul of the employee handbook would not be able to occur for a few months. Most likely September at the earliest.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION

Alisha Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on April 15, 2025; this was seconded by Josh Boyd. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Approval of Claims

ACTION

Alisha Anderson made a motion, and Bill Enzler seconded to approve the May 6, 2025 claims with EFTs in the total amount of \$8,204.62 and checks numbered 21952 – 21966 for \$19,843.57. This motion was approved 5 – 0.

Date	05-06-2025
Claims	\$18,253.18
Payroll	\$9,795.01
Total Paid	\$28,048.19

Check register signed by Amanda Blood, Alisha Anderson, and Josh Boyd.

Compliments, Concerns and Complaints

Brady complimented Public Works on their excellent work keeping our parks looking good.

ACTION

Brady Collinson made a motion, and Alisha Anderson seconded to authorize use of Thiel Park for the Service Club's Fishing Derby ex post facto that was held on April 26th. The motion passed 5 – 0. It was encouraged that the Service Club ask permission prior to events happening in the future.

ACTION

Alisha Anderson moved to use "community service hours (2)" for the Memorial Day event to be held on May 26th; this was seconded by Josh Boyd. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Dates to Remember

Fairfield Food Co-op Workshop #3	May 14
Fairfield Food Co-op Workshop #4	May 21
Memorial Day Event	May 26
WMCA Training – Jared	June 8 – 13
Flag Day	June 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 7:15 pm and closed it at 7:32pm.

Adjourn

Brady Collinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm.


David Rafferty, Mayor


Jared Harward, Clerk/Treasurer