

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2026 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER**

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Mayor David Rafferty called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Council members present were Josh Boyd, Bill Enzler, and Amanda Blood. Richard Ralidis, Stephanie, Elyn, & Rory Rafferty, Bill Vasta, Tom Sills, Brad Veile, Diane Kooyman, Bruce Blood, Michael & Noah Rose, Devin Billington, and Jared Harward were also at the meeting.

Oaths of Office

David Rafferty was sworn in as Mayor of Fairfield, and Josh Boyd was sworn in as a Councilman for the Town of Fairfield.

Excuse of Council Absences

Alisha Anderson was unable to be at council tonight due to a family engagement.

ACTION

A motion to excuse Alisha from tonight's meeting was made by Bill Enzler and seconded by Josh Boyd. The motion passed 3 – 0.

Correspondence and/or Guest

William Vasta

Mr. Vasta is interested in converting the building he purchased on Main Street into housing and storage units. He also asked if the Town would be interested in adopting a resolution based on RCW 82.59 which centers around tax incentives for converting commercial spaces into housing. Jared will work with Bill on getting the resolution finalized and to the town attorney for review at a future meeting.

Michael Rose

Mr. Rose has taken responsibility of the property at 306 E Norton from Amanda Jonquet. He has secured a quick-claim deed with Spokane County and intends to get the site cleaned up and prepped for a doublewide. Mr. Rose has asked that the daily fines against the property be suspended, giving him time to remove the garbage and squatters that currently reside there. He also asked that the Town forgive the penalties assessed against the property. A discussion was had. The council agreed that the fines could be suspended for a period of 60 days and asked that Michael return in the future to discuss the remaining fines on the plot. Due to the amount of time and water resources that have been expended at that location the whole amount cannot be forgiven, but the council will see what forgiveness can be made in the future.

ACTION

A motion to suspend the daily fines being assessed against 306 E Norton for a period of 60 days to begin starting January 5th, 2026 was made by Bill Enzler; this was seconded by Amanda Blood. The motion passed 3 – 0.

Public Comments

Larry Sims

Mr. Sims followed up on his previous complaint asking if the council would reconsider their decision to not pay the vet bill for Mr. Sim's dog that fell into an open ditch on a waterline repair being performed by public works. The council regretted the event happening, but since all applicable safety measures were taken on-site, they informed Mr. Sims the decision stands.

Old Business

306 E Norton

All developments regarding the property were discussed when Mr. Rose gave his comments.

2026 Comp Plan – Climate Component Review

This will be discussed at the next council meeting when more council members can be in attendance.

SRF Scope of Work – Well Investigation by Century West Engineering

ACTION

A motion to approve the scope of work as presented by Century West Engineering was made by Josh Boyd; this was seconded by Amanda Blood. The motion passed 3 – 0.

New Business

Exchange – Switch to Valley Herald

Jared is still awaiting a response from his contact at The Exchange before the council wants to decide on whether or not to switch to the Spokane Valley Herald as its provider for publication services.

Deputy Clerk's Hours

Jared, Devin, and Mayor Rafferty will meet on Friday, January 9th to discuss hours and scheduling for the new year.

Public Works

Approval of Minutes

ACTION

A motion to approve the December 16, 2025 minutes was made by Amanda Blood; this was seconded by Bill Enzler. The motion passed 3 – 0.

ACTION

A motion to approve the December 30, 2025 special-meeting minutes was made by Josh Boyd; this was seconded by Bill Enzler. The motion passed 3 – 0.

Approval of Claims

ACTION

Josh Boyd made a motion, and Amanda Blood seconded to approve the December 31, 2025 claims with EFTs in the total amount of \$6,931.11 and checks numbered 22157; 22159 – 22168; and 22172 for \$20,854.21. This motion was approved 3 – 0.

Date	12-31-2025
Claims	\$19,077.51
Payroll	\$8,707.81
Total Paid	\$27,785.32

Check register signed by Josh Boyd, Bill Enzler, and Amanda Blood.

ACTION

Bill Enzler made a motion, and Amanda Blood seconded to approve the January 6, 2026 claims with EFTs in the total amount of \$7,901.17 and checks numbered 22158; and 22169 – 22171 for \$3,621.08. This motion was approved 3 – 0.

Date	01-06-2026
Claims	\$1,293.27
Payroll	\$10,228.98
Total Paid	\$11,522.25

Check register signed by Brady Collinson, Bill Enzler, and Amanda Blood.

Compliments, Concerns and Complaints

The mayor complimented the clerk on doing what it took to get through preparation of the Town's budget for 2026.

ACTION

Amanda Blood made a motion, and Bill Enzler seconded to nominate Alisha Anderson as mayor pro-tem. The motion passed 3 – 0.

Dates to Remember

MLK Jr Day (office closed)

Jan 19

Adjourn

Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.



David Rafferty, Mayor



Jared Harvard, Clerk/Treasurer