

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2025 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER

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Mayor Rafferty called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 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 Layne Merritt, Brian and Diane Kooyman, Jenny Waters, Terry and Sarah Phillips, Avery Phillips, Kimberly Bicknell, Hunter Pederson, Randy and Tracy Larrison, Cheryl Loeffler, Mick and Julie Medel, Richard Ralidis, Theresa Holm, Geri Knott, Brandon Crume, Charlie Cory, Elizabeth Sainsbury, Chris & Rachel Davis, Liam Davis, Devin Billington and Jared Harward.

Excusal of Council Absences

There were no absences.

Correspondence and/or Guest

Layne Merritt was present to follow up on the bid for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan by JUB. There were no additional questions.

ACTION

Brady Collinson moved to approve the bid and select JUB to contract with on the 2026 Comprehensive Plan; this was seconded by Alisha Anderson. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Jared reviewed an email from Bryan at Century West giving an overview of all current and upcoming engineering projects. There were no questions.

Public Comments

None tonight.

Old Business

Kids Program – Proposed

Rachel Davis shared a presentation on developing a new kid's program to benefit the youth in Fairfield that would better utilize the spaces owned by the Town (i.e. Town Hall, Community Center, etc.) There was a discussion. Mayor Rafferty suggested a meeting between the Town Elected Officials, Employees, and Service Club to discuss details at a future date.

Monthly Billing Results

Jared gave an update on how people were adjusting to monthly billing, reporting additional past due funds that had been collected, number of water shut-off notices, and payment plans made.

New Business

Annual Report

Jared has attended 2 workshops (both virtual) in preparation to start the process of the annual report for 2024. There is a group workshop being held in Tekoa on May 9th that he plans on attending that will allow for collaboration and a Q&A session between the different town clerks of Southeast Spokane County.

Public Works

Sewer:

Samples going in next week.
Purchased sewer snake.

Streets:

Drainage ditch throughout town working with WSDOT on potential dredging and cleaning out.
Grading roads and adding gravel to most needed areas.
211 W. Hamilton – cost potentials.

Parks:

As the weather warms up the park bathrooms and RV dump site will be opened up soon.
Purchase of new mower.

Water: Working with RMSA on SWAMP to updated plan.
Applying for SRF to assist financially in solving the intermittent air issue in the wells.
Bacteria samples went in today.

General: Pickup purchase – nothing yet.
Insurance building inspections completed – Waiting on summary.
Community Center ARPA Repairs.
Remaining ARPA \$71,055.15

An Example of a Regular Task:

Approval of Minutes

ACTION

Josh Boyd moved to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on April 1, 2025; this was seconded by Amanda Blood. The motion passed 4 – 0, with one abstention by Alisha Anderson who was not present at that meeting.

Approval of Claims

ACTION

Bill Enzler, and Alisha Anderson seconded to approve the April 15, 2025 claims with EFTs in the total amount of \$7,583.01 and checks numbered 21943 – 21951 for \$6,646.84. This motion was approved 5 – 0.

Date	04-15-2025
Claims	\$6,846.84
Payroll	\$7,383.01
Total Paid	\$14,229.85

Check register signed by Alisha Anderson, Bill Enzler, and Josh Boyd.

Compliments, Concerns and Complaints

There was a complaint regarding the dust starting to build up on unpaved roads. Public Works reported the application truck is ready to go, but the chemical is cost prohibitive. Brady Collinson thanked Rachel for giving a very passionate presentation at tonight's meeting on the need to have a more active kid's program in Fairfield.

Dates to Remember

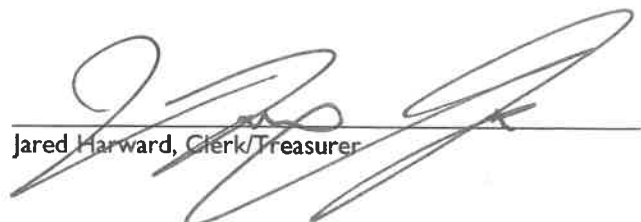
Fairfield Food Co-op Workshop #1	April 16
Service Club Fishing Derby	April 26
Earth Day Park Clean-up	May 3
Declaration of candidacy	May 5

Adjourn

Brady Collinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm.



David Rafferty, Mayor



Jared Harward, Clerk/Treasurer