

Fairfield Town Council Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2023

Council President Ron Dauwalder called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Those Present: Council President: Ron Dauwalder; Council Members: Chuck Brown and Scott Hoyt; Public Works Department, Chuck Dale; and Clerk/Treasurer, Tammy Comer.

Also Present: Vonnie Jacobson, Choteau Acantha; and community members Roman Clayton, Katie Dailey, Greg Dailey and Ryan Dailey.

Councilor Brown made a motion and Councilor Hoyt seconded the approval of the June 12, 2023, regular meeting minutes. The motion carried by a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays. Councilor Hoyt made a motion and Councilor Brown seconded the approval of the June 12, 2023, short-term rental survey results special meeting minutes. The motion carried by a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Public Comment: Roman Clayton presented his interest to install a skate park on the northwest corner of the park in place of the volleyball area. He explained that a skate park is a great physical activity and makes kids happy. He stated that it would give kids a safe place to play, skateboard, roller skate, roller blade, and ride a scooter. Roman stated it would get kids off the sidewalks, streets and parking lots. He said that a skate park is relatively low maintenance and there were grants available to fund the project. When asked what the cost of a skate park, Roman stated that a 3,000 square foot skate park would cost approximately \$150,000. The average skate park costs around \$55 per square foot. Fencing and liability were brought up and would need to be looked at. Greg Dailey stated that he had an engineer friend that would do the engineering for free. Councilor Brown suggested writing a letter to Jeff Ament of Pearl Jam or Tony Hawk to see if they would like to fund Roman's skate park idea. Council thanked Roman for his presentation and looks forward to more details and funding from him in the future.

Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Additions to Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A) Mrs. Comer explained that the updated water system PER would cost \$50,000 and could be funded completely by grants if the town were successful in getting grant funding. The updated PER is needed to move forward with phase two of the water project. Councilor Brown made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve Resolution No. 440 authorizing the submission of an MCEP planning grant to DNRC for the water system PER. The motion carried by a vote of 3 ayes, and 0 nays.
- B) Mrs. Comer explained that a wastewater PER would cost \$85,000 and could be \$80,000 funded by grants with only \$5,000 town match if the town were successful in getting grant funding. The PER is needed to move forward with fixing the wastewater project. Councilor Hoyt made a motion seconded by Councilor Brown to approve Resolution No. 441 authorizing the submission of an MCEP planning grant to DNRC for the wastewater system PER. The motion carried by a vote of 3 ayes, and 0 nays.
- C) With the new short-term rental ordinance in place, there needed to be a few updates allowing them in residential zoning and violations and penalties. Councilor Brown made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve Resolution of Intent No. 442 amending Ordinance 11.06 short-term rentals. The motion carried by a vote of 3 ayes, and 0 nays.
- D) Chuck Dale reported that Hard Rock should be done with 4th Avenue North this week and moving to 3rd Ave. Mrs. Comer explained that she had received the contractor's third draw application for payment. The project draw had been submitted and waiting for MCEP grant funding payment. She asked council for

approval of the draw so she could pay the contractor and the Department of Revenue (for gross receipts tax) as soon as the grant payment was received. Councilor Brown made a motion and Councilor Hoyt seconded the approval of the contractor's third draw application. The motion carried by a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Committee Reports:

- A) Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department: Fire fighter, Chuck Dale stated that all was going well and they getting ready for Swim Days.
- B) Teton County Sheriff's Report: No one was present and no reports were submitted from the Sheriff's Office. No report from the Prosecuting Attorney, and the JP had zero cases for the month of June.

Business Licenses and Zoning & Encroachment Permits: There were two zoning permits submitted, including construction of a new 70' x 70' store to replace the existing Mt. View Store, and a fence remove and replace at 612 3rd Avenue North. After Nick and Chuck made sure all setbacks were met as set on the permits, they approved the permit listed above.

Mayor's Report: None

Department Reports:

- A) Public Works Department, Chuck Dale reported they are still working on the telemetry at the north water tower and getting a few of the bugs worked out of the new system.

Chuck said the towers are pumping about 550 gallons per minute and running fourteen hours per day. During the winter months they pump about 350 gallons per minute and run for three and a half hours per day.

- B) Clerk/Treasurer, Tammy Comer stated that she would discuss fiscal year 22/23 budget to actuals at the August meeting since the Mayor and Councilor Staigmiller were gone this meeting.

Town Council Reports: Councilor Brown mentioned that he was getting calls and comments about potholes and the tree that was cut down and not picked up at 212 6th Street South.

Approval of Monthly Claims: Councilor Brown made a motion and Councilor Hoyt seconded the approval of claims 965696-965697 (contractor pay app #1) for \$101,552.72; claims 965698-965699 (contractor pay app #2) for \$203,404.98; and claims 965700 through 965748 for \$147,041.92. The motion carried by a vote of 3 ayes, and 0 nays.

Public Comment: None

Councilor Hoyt made a motion and Councilor Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 3 ayes, and 0 nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

The next regular Town Council meeting will be Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Town Office.

Loren B. Tacke, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy L. Comer, Clerk/Treasurer