

**MINUTES
FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025**

The Fairfield City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Fairfield City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eddie Penny.

Invocation prayer was given by Council President Herman Carnes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Acting City Clerk called the roll with Councilors Parks, Foster, Norman, Oden-Jones, Averhart, Council President Carnes and Mayor Penny present. Councilor Taylor was absent.

Attorney L. Blankenship was not present for the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Parks offered a motion to adopt the agenda. Council President Carnes seconded the motion. Stated motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 2, 2025

Councilor Foster offered a motion to adopt the minutes of June 2, 2025. Councilor Norman seconded the motion. Stated motion carried with Council President Carnes abstaining.

Mayor's Report

- Chief Perry, Fire Department, provided helpful information to everyone to prevent heat emergencies.
- Chief Hunter, Police Department, provided an overview of plans to prevent and address fireworks usage in the City during the upcoming holiday.

Mayor Penny reiterated plans to address fireworks usage in the City during the upcoming holiday. He also provided an overview of past and current street paving and the major repair on Martin Luther King Drive regarding flooding. The Mayor provided a review of dilapidated houses that have been addressed in the City. He also announced the ribbon cutting ceremony at Willie Mays Park on June 19th at 9:30 am.

The Mayor read into the record a letter from Jefferson County Department of Health regarding U.S. Steel Seamless Tubular Operation, LLC. The letter gives notice that U. S. Steel Seamless Tubular Operation, LLC-Fairfield Works, Pipe Mill has applied for renewal of its Title V Operating Permit for its facility, located at 5700 Valley Road, Fairfield. The public comment period regarding the renewal is from June 14, 2025 thru July 14, 2025. This notice has been posted in the established posting places in the City.

Finance Report

The finance report for the month of May 2025 was presented by Andria Strozier, Principal Accountant.

Extend Floor to Public (Three minutes each)

Ves Marable, Fairfield, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding fireworks concerns during the upcoming Independence Day celebrations.

Report from Council Committees

- a. *Finance and Revenue Committee*—In the absence of Councilor Taylor, Councilor Norman presented a brief overview of the Finance and Revenue Committee meeting that was held on June 5, 2025. He stated that the Committee met to discuss the possible sale of property located at 4420 Gary Avenue. Due to the current condition of the property, the Committee recommended that the property be appraised by an independent appraiser.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- a. *Approval of Opioid Settlement Fund Grant Agreement with Jefferson County*
Councilor Averhart offered a motion to approve the agreement regarding the Opioid Settlement Fund Grant. Councilor Parks seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows:

Councilor Taylor	Absent
Councilor Parks	Yes
Councilor Foster	Yes
Councilor Norman	Yes
Councilor Oden-Jones	Yes
Councilor Averhart	Yes
Council President Carnes	Yes
Mayor Penny	Yes

The agreement was approved.

b. Approval of Resolution No.: 2025-19: A Resolution Approving Acceptance of Opioid Grant Monies from Jefferson County

Council President Carnes offered a motion to approve Resolution No.: 2025-19. Councilor Oden-Jones seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows:

Councilor Taylor	Absent
Councilor Parks	Yes
Councilor Foster	Yes
Councilor Norman	Yes
Councilor Oden-Jones	Yes
Councilor Averhart	Yes
Council President Carnes	Yes
Mayor Penny	Yes

Resolution No.: 2025-19 was approved.

Correspondence/Announcements from Council Members

- a. Councilor Oden-Jones thanked the Mayor and Administration for the demolition efforts regarding Serenity Apartments.
- b. Council President Carnes announced the Fair Oaks Get to Know Your Neighbor Day will be held on June 21st from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. He also praised the Police Department for their great work that can be verified by noticing the high number of vehicles at the Court Department on Thursdays. He addressed an anonymous letter regarding dumping issues in the City.
- c. Councilor Norman acknowledged the Fairfield Mighty Tigers for winning their league championship. The team was in attendance and congratulated by the Mayor and City Council. Councilor Norman invited the team to attend the upcoming Ribbon Cutting at Willie Mays Park.
- d. Councilor Parks announced the District Two Neighbor Meeting at 6:00 pm on June 20th at Christ Episcopal Church. All Mayoral Candidates are invited.
- e. Councilor Averhart encouraged homeowners to participate and take advantage of board vacancies within the City when available.

Councilor Averhart offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Norman seconded the motion. Stated motion carried unanimously.


Eddie Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becountiss T. Lawrence
Administrative Analyst/
Acting City Clerk