

**MINUTES  
FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025**

The Fairfield City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 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.

The Invocation was given by Ms. Valerie Moore.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The City Clerk called the roll with Councilors Taylor, Parks, Foster, Norman, Oden-Jones, President Carnes, and Mayor Penny present. Attorney L. Blankenship was absent for the meeting.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor Penny removed item C. on the agenda Declaring of 4420 Gary Ave as surplus, until the City Attorney could be present at the meeting. Councilor Parks offered a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Councilor Oden-Jones seconded the motion. Stated motion carried unanimously.

**Adoption of Minutes: Regular Meeting, July 7, 2025**

Councilor Norman offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 21, 2025. President Carnes seconded the motion. Councilor Foster abstained. Motion carried.

**Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Penny stated that Councilor Robert Averhart resigned from his District 6 seat.
- Chief Perry reported on the call volume for the Fire Department for July. He also noted that there were 81 ambulance transports. He stated that the Fire Department received a 2019 Ambulance from Vestavia and Jefferson County.
- Mayor Penny announced that there was a fire on Crest Ave in Forest Hills, and that the fire department was working with the Red Cross to get shelter for the resident.
- Magistrate Miller, Court Magistrate, asked that the report that was forwarded to them be accepted. President Carnes asked if we can implement community service to allow defendants to payoff outstanding fees. Magistrate Miller stated that she would ask the Judge about it.
- Mayor Penny reminded residents to vote at the Civic Center and stated that signs would be posted throughout the city. He also announced that the next budget hearing will be on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 5:30 pm.
- Presidents Carnes asked Public Safety if they could look into the safe streets ordinance and consider limiting street parking for residents. He stated that doing this would help to prevent accidents and limit potential dangers.

**Finance Report**

To be given at the next meeting.

**Extend Floor to Public (Three minutes each)**

None

**Report from Council Committees:**

- a. Councilor Oden-Jones – The Public Safety Committee met on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 5:00 pm. to discuss the budget and what cuts needed to be made in order to balance the budget.
- b. Councilor Foster – The Streets, Lights, Drainage, and Community Improvements met on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Hope Sports Academy presented a proposal for bringing youth sports to Fairfield. There was some discussions regarding this proposal and Mr. Daryl Oliver was asked to make some changes and forward a new proposal to be reviewed by the City Attorney. There was also discussion regarding painting the crosswalk at Ave D and 59<sup>th</sup> St as well as striping Gary Ave which was moved to full council. The tree located at 5117 Farrell was discussed and asked to be reviewed by the

attorney for an opinion. Councilor Norman asked if we could get a more detailed quote from USA striping as to what exactly they would be doing.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None

#### **New Business**

- a. Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-20: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Equipment Donation from Major League Baseball with a value of \$67,919.50. Councilor Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- b. Councilor Norman made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-21: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Ambulance from the City of Vestavia with a value of \$200,000.00. Councilor Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- c. Councilor Norman made a motion to purchase poll location signs not to exceed \$2,500.00. Councilor Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- d. Councilor Oden-Jones made a motion to table considering approval for painting the crosswalk at Ave D and 59<sup>th</sup> St as well as striping Gary Ave until we are able to get more clarification and pricing. Councilor Norman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

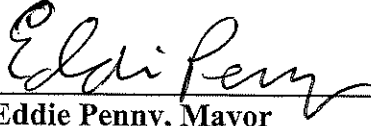
#### **Correspondence**

None


#### **Announcements from Council Members**

- a. Councilor Foster announced the Valley Creek Clean-Up on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 8:30 am meeting at City Hall.
- b. Councilor Norman announced a Candidate Forum at Fairfield High School on Tuesday at 5:30 pm.
- c. President Carnes asked residents not to blow grass in the street as it destroys the street and clogs the storm drains.

Councilor Norman offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

  
Eddie Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Yvette Reynolds  
City Clerk/Treasurer