

**MINUTES  
FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025**

The Fairfield City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, April 21, 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, Averhart, Council President Carnes, and Mayor Penny present. Attorney L. Blankenship was present for the meeting.

**Adoption of Amended Agenda**

Councilor Parks offered a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilor Foster seconded the motion. Stated motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilor Foster offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 17, 2025. Councilor Oden-Jones seconded the motion. Stated motion carried. Councilor Taylor abstained.

**Mayor's Report**

- Ms. Connie Shephard, Auditor, gave an overview of the 2024 City Audit.
- Chief Perry announced that the fire department is conducting hydrant testing. He also reported on apparatus maintenance and billing for EMS.
- Chief Hunter gave a report on call volume for the police department. He stated that the Public Safety Blitz at the Bill Harris Arena was a success and that there were a number of potential candidates.
- Kennedy Lee thanked the AKA sorority for planting trees and for the clean-up project they are conducting on Saturday, April 26, 2025. President Carnes asked to get a quote for striping the roads.
- Mayor Penny announced that Milo's will be breaking ground for their new location in May.

**Finance Report**

- Ms. Andria Strozier gave the finance report for March 2025.

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

None

**Report from Council Committees:**

- a. Councilor Parks – Health, Education, Welfare, and Community Resources- The committee met on April 27, 2025 to fill the vacancy on the School Board. The committee recommended Willie L. Rodgers for the vacant position.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

- a. Councilor Oden-Jones offered a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 Demolition of Unsafe Structure. Councilor Averhart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Councilor Norman offered a motion to approve Resolutions 2025-04 thru 2025-10 Fix Costs of Demolition Liens. Councilor Averhart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. President Carnes offered a motion to approve the Animal Control contract and Resolution 2025-11. Councilor Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Mayor Penny opened the floor for nominations to fill the vacancy on the School Board. Councilor Norman nominated Willie L. Rodgers. Nominations were closed.

The Mayor called for a roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously. Roll Call:

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

### Correspondence

- a. Announcement of 2025 Rain Barrel Workshop on May 17, 2025 from 9am-12pm.

### Announcements from Council Members


- a. Councilor Oden-Jones announced that the event held by Chef Joyce Davis at the Civic Center was a success.
- b. President Carnes encouraged citizens to shop local.
- c. Councilor Parks asked for any volunteers to assist with the clean-up project.

### Adjournment

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