

**MINUTES  
FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025**

The Fairfield City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, July 7, 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 Mr. Herman Jones.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

**Adoption of Minutes: Regular Meeting, June 16, 2025**

Councilor Foster offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 16, 2025. Councilor Norman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor's Report**

- Chief Perry reported on the call volume for the fire department for the month of June.
- Chief Hunter reported on the call volume for the police department for the month of June. He also updated the council on the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday fireworks activities.
- Kennedy Lee gave a report on grass cutting and cleaning up around the city. He shared information regarding what and what not to do when it comes to bulk waste pick-up.
- Mayor Penny and Councilor Parks recognized Ms. Lillie Mae Morning Burroughs for being names Ms. Super Senior of Jefferson County.
- Mayor Penny commended W. Clyde Williams Terrace residents on their beautiful garden.
- Garrett Smitherman of Retail Strategies gave an update on their progress at the one year mark of the 3 year contract. They have made contact with several prospects.

**Finance Report**

Will be given at the next meeting.

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

- a. Daryl Oliver of Hope Sports Academy would like to bring a youth sports program to Fairfield.
- b. Kyadraine Powell introduced herself as a candidate for district 5.

**Report from Council Committees:**

- a. Public Safety – Councilor Oden-Jones' committee met on June 26, 2025 to discuss hiring 3 additional police officers.
- b. Councilor Foster's committee met on June 26, 2025 and recommended to dedicate a street sign to Ms. Carolyn Thomas.
- c. Councilor Taylor's committee met and they asked for quotes for an appraisal of 4420 Gary Ave. At this time we are still waiting on quotes.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

- a. Councilor Parks made a motion to approve hiring 3 officers for the Police Department. President Carnes seconded the motion. Motion passed. Roll call vote:

Councilor Taylor	Abstain	Councilor Oden-Jones	Abstain
Councilor Parks	Yes	Councilor Averhart	Yes

Councilor Foster      Yes  
President Carnes      Yes

Councilor Norman      Abstain  
Mayor Penny      Yes

- b. Councilor Norman made a motion to table approving a vehicle lease until after the Budget Hearing. Councilor Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed
- c. Councilor Foster made a motion to approve Street Dedication Sign for Carolyn J. Thomas. Councilor Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- d. Councilor Norman made a motion to approve a 20% match for USDOT Safe Street Grant Awards. President Carnes seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- e. Councilor Norman made a motion to approve emergency purchase of AC unit for the Police Server Room. Councilor Averhart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### Correspondence

- a. Mayor Penny reminded citizens of the new polling location at the Fairfield Civic Center. He asked residents to look for the mail out coming soon.


#### Announcements from Council Members

#### Adjournment

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

  
Eddie Penny, Mayor

#### ATTEST:

  
Yvette Reynolds  
City Clerk/Treasurer