

**MINUTES
FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025**

The Fairfield City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 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 Councilor Averhart.

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 Agenda

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

Adoption of Minutes: Regular Meeting of December 16, 2024

Councilor Foster offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 16, 2024. President Carnes seconded the motion. Councilor Oden-Jones abstained. Stated motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes: Special Call Meeting of December 19, 2024

President Carnes offered a motion to adopt the Minutes of the Special Call Meeting on December 4, 2024. Councilor Parks seconded the motion. Councilors Taylor and Oden-Jones abstained. Stated motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes: Special Call Meeting of January 2, 2025

President Carnes offered a motion to adopt the Minutes of the Special Call Meeting on January 2, 2025. Councilor Parks seconded the motion. Councilors Taylor and Foster abstained. Stated motion carried.

Mayor's Report

- Resident Ves Marable commended the Police Department on patrolling and having a presence in the community. He contributed this action to controlling the gun fire.
- Chief Perry gave a report on the call volume of the Fire Department for 2024. The Mayor asked him to include EMS transports in the volume report. President Carnes asked Chief Perry to make all efforts to keep Station #2 open at all times.
- Chief Hunter stated that the call volume report had been presented and asked if there were questions. He stated that there were no major problems in the city during the New Year's Eve celebrations. He announced that there will be 2 Police shifts on each half of the week starting 6am-6pm and 10am-10pm and they will rotate out on the weekends. He also announced that the Police Department has been awarded a 2016 Chevy Camaro through the DEA. President Carnes asked about the status of people parking in the front yards and Chief Hunter stated that will now start to write tickets for violators. President Carnes asked about the signs that are being placed on the right-of-ways. Chief Hunter stated that they are removing the signs and attempting to make contact with the people who place the signs.
- Magistrate Miller reported on the Court Call Volume for the month. President Carnes stated that there are residents who are not in compliance with having garbage service and requested that the environmental court cases show up on the monthly report.

Finance Report

The Financial Report will be given at the next meeting.

Extend Floor to Public (Three minutes each)

- Kevin Carter – 605 Greenbriar Road. He thanked the City and the workers for their service. He stated that the house at 800 Beacon Road has a collapsed roof and it is an eye sore and a safety hazard. He stated that there is excessive speeding in the Belwood

neighborhood and suggested that speed tables be put in place. Lastly, he spoke on the ordinances not being enforced throughout the city and that is causing his property value to decrease.

Report from Council Committees

- a. Councilor Norman announced that the Silent Auction given by the MLB raised \$220K to be used towards the renovations at Willie Mays Park.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- a. President Carnes offered a motion for unanimous consent on Ordinance 2024-1163; an Ordinance to Declare Firearms Surplus Property. Councilor Norman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Roll call:

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

Councilor Norman offered a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-1163; an Ordinance to Declare Firearms Surplus Property. Councilor Averhart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Roll Call:

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

Correspondence

Due to the MLK Holiday, the next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Announcements from Council Members

-Councilor Parks wanted everyone to Congratulate Councilor Oden-Jones on receiving her Doctorate Degree.

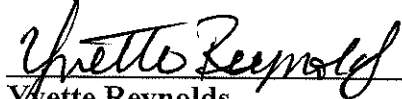
Adjournment

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