

**MINUTES  
FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 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 Valton Johnson.

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**

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

**Adoption of Minutes: Regular Meeting, January 6, 2025**

President Carnes offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 6, 2025. Councilor Foster seconded the motion. Stated motion carried.

**Mayor's Report**

- Chief Perry spoke about EMS billing company processing payments for transporting. The fire department will begin health screenings for fire personnel this month. He also spoke on training for personnel. He announced that The Mission Continues will continue work at the Municipal Building with painting. He acknowledged that the mall personnel are working on the water leak to restore the sprinkler system.
- Chief Hunter stated that the police department was receiving E-911 calls and everything was going smoothly. He stated that a direct E-911 line needs to be installed as well as replace old and outdated dispatch equipment. He is having a meeting on Tuesday to discuss a timeframe for installing new equipment. He stated that he would be presenting information regarding body cameras and tasers.
- Kennedy Lee spoke on illegal dumping and stated that it is a serious problem and needs to be addressed. The street department sanded the roads during the snow event. He stated that several stop signs had been ordered to replace signs that are faded and have been torn down. He asked citizens to please call when they see someone dumping.
- Mr. Michael Miller spoke briefly about a report he had on the redistricting of the city. He agreed to stay to the end to give a more detailed report.
- The Mayor stated that the former Urban Smoke Restaurant would become a new Mexican Restaurant and that Milo's has completed the closing process and would begin construction soon. He also stated that the old Walmart has been condemned and would be demolished. Councilor Taylor asked that the city put pressure on the property owner to get the building demolished as soon as possible.

**Finance Report**

The Financial Report was given for December by Andria Strozier, Principle Accountant.

**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 as mold could be growing due to the moisture. He stated that there is excessive speeding in the Belwood neighborhood and suggested that speed tables be put in place. Lastly, he stated that residents want to be assured that their property values are increasing with the enforcement of ordinances.

**Report from Council Committees**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

- a. Councilor Averhart made a motion to table the Approval of the Jefferson County Inmate Housing Agreement and refer it to the Public Safety Committee. President Carnes seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- b. Councilor Averhart made a motion to table the Approval of the Enhanced Law Enforcement Agreement and refer it to the Public Safety Committee. Councilor Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- c. Councilor Norman offered a motion to approve the A.G. Gaston Land Survey. President Carnes seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- d. Councilor Norman offered a motion to approve the use of the Municipal Court Room by The Johnson Management Group pending the creation of a terms agreement. President Carnes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Correspondence**

- a. A State of the City Town Hall meeting will be held January 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Fairfield Civic Center.
- b. Valerie Moore, President of District 1 Neighborhood Association, announces that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in February, all offices will be vacated for a new officer election.

**Announcements from Council Members**

None

Councilor Norman made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Michael Miller to address the council regarding the redistricting map. Councilor Parks seconded the motion.

- a. Michael Miller gave a breakdown on how he apportioned the districts with equal residents. He gave a total of voters in each district as well as the demographics of each district. He said that he can meet with the council members individually to get input regarding their district.


Councilor Norman made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Councilor Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Adjournment**

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

  
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Eddie Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Yvette Reynolds  
City Clerk/Treasurer