

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

The Fairfield City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, April 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. James Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Adoption of Agenda

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

Adoption of Minutes: Regular Meeting, March 17, 2025

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

Mayor's Report

- Mr. James Harris, owner of Carver-Jones Market, thanked the citizens and the city for supporting their business for the past 8 months. He expressed his gratitude and wanted to inform the citizens of several new changes to come in the near future. Some changes include bringing in new products such as beauty products and offering more services such as grocery delivery. The Mayor asked everyone to come join the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on April 26 at Carver-Jones to help encourage people to shop there more often.
- Mayor Penny made a presentation to the Street and Sanitation Department regarding clean up in and around the city. The Jefferson County Commission recognized Kennedy Lee and his department, at a separate event, for their efforts in keeping the city clean.
- Chief Perry- Fire Department- announced that the roof is repaired at station #2. He gave an update on EMS billing. He gave a report on the call volume for March. President Carnes inquired about the city being reimbursed for costs associated with Hazardous Materials spills on the interstate. Attorney Blankenship assured him that there are protocols setup by the State to pay for such things.
- Chief Hunter- Police Department- gave a report on the call volume for March. He announced that there would be a Hiring Blitz at the Cross Plex on Saturday and candidates will have the opportunity to do testing, written and physical. Also, they will be able to speak with police personnel to ask questions and get any information they need. It will also be open to those interested in being Dispatch Operators. President Carnes congratulated the Police Department in their efforts to be more visible and accessible around the city.
- Kennedy Lee – Public Works- gave a report on litter collection. Councilor Averhart asked to get the over growth at Glen Oaks Park cleaned up.

Finance Report

- The finance report will be given at the next meeting.

Extend Floor to Public (Three minutes each)

-Ms. Edreama Sutton – extended an invitation to the Mayor and the Clerk to come to her organizations event on June 21, 2025 @ 5:00 pm. Please RSVP by 4/30/25. She extended the invitation to those in the audience as well and asked them to bring the flyer as their invitation.

Report from Council Committees

- Councilor Foster – Streets, Lights, Transportation, ...Committee – Met on April 1, 2025 in the council chambers to discuss the pool at the community center and voted to get another leak test conducted.

Unfinished Business
None

New Business

- a. Councilor Norman made a motion to approve the Community Grant for the Police Department. President Carnes seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- b. Councilor Norman made a motion to approve the Jefferson County Commission’s Resolution for Debris Removal. President Carnes seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- c. Councilor Oden-Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 and 2025-02 for Emergency Demolition of Property. Councilor Averhart seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- d. Councilor Averhart made a motion for unanimous consent to approve Ordinance 2025-1164 to adopt the 2021 International Building and Fire Code. Councilor Norman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Roll Call:

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

Councilor Averhart made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-1164 to adopt the 2021 International Building and Fire Code. Councilor Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed. Roll Call:

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

- e. Mayor Penny opened nominations for Delegate to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) conference in May. Councilor Oden-Jones made a motion to nominate Councilor Norman to be a Delegate at the Alabama League of Municipalities conference in May. Nominations were closed. Councilor Averhart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayor opened nominations for Alternate Delegate to attend the ALM conference in May. Councilor Averhart nominated President Carnes as an alternate. Nominations closed. Councilor Oden-Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence

- a. The University Partnership for Alabama Continuing Education recognized Chief Julius Hunter for completing 160 hours of training in the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program.
- b. The Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation awarded the City of Fairfield the Gold Award for 2024 for having a loss ratio of 5%.

Announcements from Council Members

- a. Councilor Foster commended the owners of Citgo for their work to keep loitering under control at their establishment. He announced that Urban Hope Church will be having a Good Friday service and everyone is invited.
- b. Councilor Oden-Jones announced that School Board interviews will be conducted on Thursday, April 17, 2025 beginning at 5:00 in the Council Chambers.
- c. Councilor Averhart announced that Miles College will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- d. Mayor Penny announced that he would have the 2024 Audit report at the next council meeting.

Adjournment

Councilor Norman offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Oden-Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.


Eddie Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:


Yvette Reynolds
City Clerk/Treasurer