

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday September 22, 2025. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Members present: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: R. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Nick Kuker, Public Works Director; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by T. Woods to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public hearings.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Gruetzmacher to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: September 8th Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

There was no one present for the informal public comment section.

The house was removed at 506 Patterson Street during the past week. Everything went very well and there were just a few stumps left to clean up. The council all agreed that it would be best to sell the lot for future development. Catherine Street runs north and south on the east side of the property. It has never been a street, and it was discussed to possibly vacate the street and divide equally to the surrounding properties leaving an easement for a sewer main. The attorney said she would start gathering information for everyone about starting that process. More information will be discussed, set, and passed at future meetings.

Attorney Prendergast stated that the final draft of the proposed 28E agreement regarding the EMS Tax Levy was a good, finished product. One thing to note is that the agreement cannot bind any future council or supervisors. Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by Williams to approve the proposed 28E agreement regarding the EMS Tax Levy and to approve execution by the mayor. Roll call vote- Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Mayor Kayser wanted to discuss the yard waste area. He explained that the original use of the current location was acquired for a campground, and he was thinking the yard waste area needed to be moved. Since the yard waste area is finally running smoothly and the campground project is years away, it was thought for now to keep it where it is located currently.

Williams, second by Erickson to set the Trick-or-Treat hours for Friday October 31st, 2025, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. If there are school events the evening of October 31st then the make-up day will be Saturday November 1st from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

During the council/mayor reports, Councilwoman Erickson stated that the inside portion of the fence located at the Fairbank Cemetery was in bad shape. Not sure if it was hit by the lawn mowing company. That will be investigated.

During the department reports, Nick discussed the power outage from Friday night with the council. A porcelain cutout broke, and a spark started the top of the pole on fire. The town was back up and running fast given the situation. He also stated that they would be finishing up Christian's Trail later in the week and that the IUC's Natural Gas inspection brought back zero violations. Councilman Gruetzmacher stated that he was asked to ask the council why the council meetings weren't recorded because the individuals would like to watch them.

Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Motion carried.

Jason Kayser, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk