

CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
May 11, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Fairfield Bay City Council was called to order by Mayor Seth Connell.

ROLL CALL:

Bella Comas, Roger Hooper, Sandra Crowder, Ruth Krotz, Richard Matthews, Patti Leitner Counsel was also present.

Approval of agenda

Treasurer asked for the removal the Resolution of payment of utilities from the Community Club.

Councilmember Krotz made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Councilmember Comas seconded the motion.

Discussion: Counsel asked that the Resolution to amend the budget be added.

Councilmember Krotz made a motion to approve the motion as modified.

Councilmember Comas seconded the motion

Roll Call: Bella Comas YES Roger Hooper YES, Sandra Crowder YES, Richard Matthews YES, Patti Leitner YES, Bella Comas YES.

Rules for Public comment were read.

Mayor Connell presented his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Krotz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilmember Crowder seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

Roll Call: With a voice vote of six ayes and none opposed, motion carried

Councilmember Krotz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special meeting on April 28, 2026.

Councilmember Comas seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

With a voice vote of six ayes and none opposed, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Councilmember Hooper made a motion to approve the Financials as reported.

Councilmember Comas seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

Roll Call: With a voice vote of six ayes and none opposed, motion carried.

Departments presented their reports.

Planning recommended the application of the Short Term rental at 303 Mountain Ranch Drive
Councilmember Hooper made a motion to accept the planning recommendation to approve the Short term rental.

Councilmember Leitner seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

Roll Call: Roger Hooper YES, Sandra Crowder YES, Ruth Krotz abstain, Richard Matthews YES, Patti Leitner YES, Bella Comas YES.

Planning recommended the of the approval of the C&R for the Preserve at the Bay

Councilmember Hooper made a motion to approve the subdivision at the Bay named the Preserve at the Bay.

Councilmember Comas seconded the motion

Discussion: Bill Brown spoke on the Preserve as he is the property owner and developer.

Roll Call: Roger Hooper YES, Sandra Crowder YES, Ruth Krotz YES, Richard Matthews YES, Patti Leitner YES, Bella Comas YES.

New Business

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS DECLARING A PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 334 WESTWOOD ROAD; PROVIDING NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CONDEMNATION OF THE STRUCTURES AT 334 WESTWOOD ROAD AS A RESULT OF THE NUISANCE THEREON; IMPOSING A STATUTORY FINE IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE TO ABATE THE NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Counsel read the Resolution.

Councilmember Comas made a motion to adopt the Resolution.

Councilmember Leitner seconded the motion.

Discussion: Counsel explained the process with the steps that will be taken.

Roll Call: Roger Hooper YES, Candra Crowder YES, Ruth Krotz YES, Richard Matthews YES, Patti Leitner YES, Bella Comas YES.

This will be Resolution 2026-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS, APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AN ARKANSAS TRAIL SOLUTIONS, LLC, AN ARKANSAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR THE PROPOSE OF DESIGNING PUBLICLY- ACCESSIBLE BIKE TRAIL IN THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, VAN BUREN AND CLEBURNE COUNTIES, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Counsel read the Resolution.

Councilmember Comas made a motion to adopt the Resolution.

Councilmember Leitner seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Matthews asked if this was the Grinder Trail? Yes it is. Richard asked if the Club had donated any funds. Mayor commented that we not concerned with where the other funds are from this a MOU with the trail company.

Roll Call: Roger Hooper YES, Sandra Crowder YES, Ruth Krotz YES, Richard Matthews YES, Patti Leitner YES, Bella Comas YES.

This will be Resolution 2026-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING CITY TO PAY FOR UTILITIES INCLUDING ELECTRICITY, SEWER, AND WATER AT THE NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED STAGE AND PUBLIC REST FACILITIES ON THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT; FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Counsel Read the Resolution.

Councilmember Comas made a motion to adopt the Resolution as modified.

Councilmember Krotz seconded the motion.

Discussion: Council discussed security. After much discussion, council came to mutual understanding to revisit the issue when festival attendance exceeds expectations.

Roll Call: Ruth Krotz YES, Roger Hooper YES, Sandra Crowder YES, Bella Comas Yes, Patti Leitner YES, Richard Matthews Yes.

This will be 2026-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS, AMENDING REFERRAL TO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR, OF AMENDED COMPLAINT OF A CITIZEN CONCERNING THE GRANTING OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY ON DAVE CREEK PARKWAY, AT HIGHWAY 16; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Counsel read the Resolution.

Councilmember Hooper made a motion to approve the Resolution.

Councilmember Leitner seconded the motion.

Discussion: discussion was heard about the resolution and the timing and posting.

After much discussion Councilmember Hooper called for the question.

Counsel explained that a yes vote would be to end discussion and call for the vote on the resolution. A no vote is to continue the debate.

Councilmember Comas seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Roger Hooper YES, Ruth Krotz YES, Sandra Crowder YES, Richard Matthews YES, Patti Leitner YES, Bella Comas YES

Vote on the Resolution

Roll Call: Roger Hooper YES, Ruth Krotz YES, Sandra Crowder YES, Richard Matthews YES, Patti Leitner YES, Bella Comas YES

This will be Resolution 2026-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING CITY TO SEEK GRANT FROM FAIRFIELD BAY COMMUNITY FUND FOR BOAT DOCK REPAIRS AND IMPROVMENTS FOR THE FAIRFIELD BAY (CAMPGROUND); FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Counsel read the Resolution.

Councilmember Hooper made a motion to approve the Resolution.

Councilmember Leitner seconded the motion.

Discussion: much discussion was had to the timing of the meeting, and other issues.

Roll Call: Bella Comas YES, Ruth Krotz YES, Sandra Crowder YES, Richard Matthews YES, Patti Leitner YES, Roger Hooper YES

This will be Resolution 2026-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS, PROTECTING MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TO HELP COMPLY WITH STATE LAW; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Counsel read the Ordinance. First Read.

Councilmember Comas made a motion to adopt the Ordinance.

Councilmember Leitner seconded the motion.

Discussion: some discussion was had to the use of the municipal parking lot. Counsel explained when it would be allowed, and when it would not be allowed.

Roll Call: Sandra Crowder YES, Ruth Krotz YES, Richard Matthews YES, Patti Leitner YES, Bella Comas YES, Roger Hooper YES.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FAIRFIELD BAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF THEIR BUILDING AS A TORNADO SHELTER IN THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Counsel read the Resolution.

Councilmember Patti Leitner made a motion to approve the Resolution.

Councilmember Comas seconded the motion.

Discussion: Roger thanked Ruth for all her hard work on getting this accomplished.

Roll Call: Bella Comas YES, Ruth Krotz YES, Sandra Crowder YES, Richard Matthews YES, Patti Leitner YES, Roger Hooper YES

This will be Resolution 2026-28

Resident suggested that the shelter should be for any type of disaster. Tracking supplies for reimbursement from FEMA. Other people commented on this matter.

Ruth reported on the low cost shot clinic.

Public Comment.

Adjournment

Councilmember Hooper made a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Comas seconded the motion.

Discussion; none

With a voice vote of six ayes and none opposed.

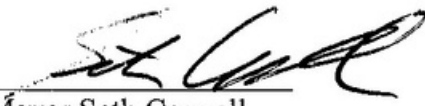
APPROVED DATE 6/8/2026

ATTEST

Recorder/ Treasurer

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APPROVED


Mayor Seth Connell