

MINUTES
FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FAIRVIEW CITY HALL
1300 NE VILLAGE STREET
FAIRVIEW, OREGON 97024

MARCH 21, 2001 -- 7:30pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER/
ROLL CALL**

Mayor Vonderharr called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Vonderharr
Councilor Ken Quinby
Councilor Sherry Lillard
Councilor Steve Owen
Councilor Len Edwards
Councilor Barbara Jones

ABSENT: Councilor James Raze

STAFF PRESENT: Marilyn Holstrom, City Administrator
Gilbert Jackson, Chief of Police
Jeffrey Sarvis, Public Works Director
Roy Wall, Finance Director
John Andersen, Community Development
Director
Caren Huson, City Recorder

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Quinby seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Public Works Equipment Purchase; an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County Sheriff's Office; and, the Minutes of January 29, February 27, March 7, 2001.

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

**III. CITIZENS WISHING TO
SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA
ITEMS**

Mayor Vonderharr called for persons wishing to speak on non-agenda items. As there was no response, the session continued.

IV. COUNCIL BUSINESS

**A. ANNUAL CRIME
REPORT**

Gilbert Jackson, Chief of Police, reported that the Fairview crime statistics as presented only covered the past two years of history as in 1998 the Council had asked him to change the format of how he presented the statistics; all non-criminal activity has been removed from the report. Chief Jackson stated that the Annual Crime Report included graphs which depicted City growth activity vs. population, distribution of work hours, and annual police car miles.

Mayor Vonderharr commented that he noticed that no arson problems were reported. Chief Jackson responded that that was correct. Mayor Vonderharr questioned if there was a description in the Annual Crime Report which pertained to vandalism. Chief Jackson responded that it was on the second page of statistics. Mayor Vonderharr asked if Multnomah County Sheriff deputies were referring traffic citations they wrote in Fairview to our Municipal Court. Chief Jackson responded no, that they had been invited to do such, but the normal citation written by a Sheriff Deputy goes to Circuit Court in Gresham.

Councilor Owen questioned if Chief Jackson knew how many traffic citations had been written into Fairview Municipal Court. Chief Jackson responded no.

Councilor Lillard mentioned that the second highest police response was for alarm calls, and questioned whether there was a charge to property owners after a certain number of false alarms. Chief Jackson responded that the first response to an alarm is a free call, but there is a fee if continual responses are needed. Councilor Lillard asked if there was a record as to how many of the alarm calls were repeat alarms. Chief Jackson responded that repeat false alarms were not really a problem as property owners are charged a fee beginning with the second false alarm call.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police

Chief Jackson provided an update on DUIIs, stating that Fairview has had two more this year than at the same time last year, and that if the trend continues, Fairview will have more than last years 22 DUIIs.

B. Public Works

Jeffrey Sarvis, Public Works Director, reported that staff would be accepting bids in early April for sewer cleaning, videoing, etc., and stated that the house on Halsey Street which the City purchased for a reservoir site had been demolished and that fencing would soon be secured around the entire property. Councilor Lillard asked if it was out of the question for the City to purchase its own sewer cleaning/video equipment. Director Sarvis responded yes, as the equipment was very expensive.

Councilor Jones questioned how the potential drought could affect Fairview. Director Sarvis responded that staff was currently working on a summer conservation plan, but that a water shortage was not anticipated for Fairview and that Multnomah County was not considered a drought county in Oregon.

C. Community Development

John Andersen, Community Development Director, reported that staff has been receiving more complaints from residents on various violations, and that the Sandy Boulevard Corridor Study continues to move forward and is on track. Director Andersen commented that much of the staff work has recently been focussed on parks, and congratulated the Public Works crew for the outstanding job they had done in creating Marilyn's Park. Director Andersen mentioned that wood carvings would not be done in Langley Park as the wood from the remaining trees was too bad to carve.

Councilor Quinby asked why the sidewalk did not go all around the "holiday tree" in Marilyn's Park. Director Andersen responded that flagstone would be installed around the back side of the tree.

Marilyn Holstrom, City Administrator, reported that Director Andersen had received the very high honor of being named a Fellow of the American Planning Association, being only one of 200 to have this title. Council congratulated Director Andersen and stated that they were proud to have him as an employee of Fairview.

D. Finance

Roy Wall, Finance Director, reported that the second billing for the Fairview Lake Local Improvement District had been mailed and that the City had received all but three payments. Director Wall reminded the Council that the first Budget Committee meeting would occur on April 2, 2001, 7:00pm, in the Council Chamber.

E. Administration

Administrator Holstrom reported that the 2000 Census figures had been released with Fairview's population estimated at 7,561. Administrator Holstrom stated that she had been to Salem several times since her last report, and that the League of Oregon Cities was focusing on bills which threaten city franchise fees; it happens every session, and they work hard each time to make the legislators understand how important these funds are to small cities. Administrator Holstrom commented that the closing for the Target store land sale had encountered several small minor glitches, but things were moving along.

Councilor Lillard mentioned the threat of rolling black-out's and asked how Fairview has prepared for that. Administrator Holstrom responded that the City, as part of its Emergency Operations Center, has always been prepared for electrical failures and precautions have been taken to ensure that City Hall would operate on back-up generators.

**VI. MAYOR/COMMITTEE
REPORTS AND COUNCIL
CONCERNS**

Councilor Lillard reported that she had reviewed the plans for the Community Park, and that she and Director Andersen had met with the Chair of the Fairview Village Homeowners Association to discuss the tree removal in Langley Park. Councilor Lillard stated that she and Councilor Quinby had begun working on their Council Goal on citizen involvement.

Councilor Edwards voiced his concern and anger about local newspapers referring to the City of Fairview as the City of Fairview Village.

Councilors Quinby, Owen, and Jones had no reports or concerns.

Mayor Vonderharr reported that he had met with Portland officials regarding the Bureau of Emergency Communications (BOEC) as Fairview is heavily involved in the administration of BOEC and our costs have risen greatly. Mayor Vonderharr commented that the growth which Fairview has encountered is phenomenal and that the City staff and officials were doing in 10 years what most cities do in 50 years. The major portion of the growth burden has been upon City staff and he wished to recognize them for their dedication.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Owen moved and Councilor Lillard seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Vonderharr adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm.

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Roger Vonderharr

Dated:

Caren C. Huson Quiniones
City Recorder