

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Gary Moore at 6:00 P.M.

Prayer led by Doug Skaggs followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft called the roll:

Mayor: Gary Moore
City Clerk: Tina Hutchcraft
City Attorney: Darrin Rice
Aldermen: Terry Stahl; Allen Marsh; Sheryl Eckleberry; Eugene McGill; Bruce McKibben; Clifford Reever; Dewey Eckleberry

Absent: Alderman Cody Attebery

Also Present: Tom Mathews, Wayne County Press; Jeremy Doty, WFIW Radio; Ben Lewis, Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Keith Colclasure, Public Safety Officer; Claire Vaughan; Doug Skaggs; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2025 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the September 9, 2025 meeting. Motion by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Marsh to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2025.

Vote yes: 7

Vote no: 0

Absent: 1

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Mayor Moore asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the October 14, 2025 meeting. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve the bills for payment.

Vote yes: Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reever; Stahl; Dewey Eckleberry

Vote no: none

Absent: Attebery

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Public Comments – Charles Vanway addressed the Council about Maple Hill Cemetery. He had previously spoken with the mayor and a couple of aldermen about a section of the cemetery that had not been mowed. Since that time the mowing has been done and that section looks good. He asked the mayor and Council to take proper steps to make sure the cemetery continues to be taken care of. Mayor Moore assured him that we will do everything possible to make sure it is maintained properly.

Proclamation – Mayor Moore read a proclamation for the Fairfield Rotary Club Centennial Month from October 14 through November 13, 2025. Many from the Rotary Club were in attendance and Mayor Moore thanked them for the many contributions they have made to our community.

Mayor Moore also proclaimed the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Award Bid for Water Filter Chemicals – Bids were opened for chemicals for the water filtration plant and we received bids from four different companies. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to accept the bids for chemicals at the Filter Plant as recommended by Leadman Tyler Kamp.

Vote yes: Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reever; Stahl; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry

Vote no: none

Absent: Attebery

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Resolution Approving the Wayne County Mitigation Plan – A motion was made by Alderman Reever, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve this resolution.

Vote yes: 7

Vote no: 0

Absent: 1

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 25-1014-572 approved and adopted.

Discussion Concerning the Fairfield Tax Levy – Mayor Moore stated the finance committee will be meeting to discuss the upcoming tax levy. Mayor Moore distributed two options for the tax levy, one being a 4.99% increase and the other one is a 7.99% increase. He asked the aldermen to review both options.

Pension Fund Requests – We have received letters from both the Fairfield Firefighter Pension Fund Board and the Fairfield Police Department Pension Fund Board. The letters stated the total amount of tax levy necessary to be funded into the pensions. Mayor Moore reminded the Council that we are behind in funding our pensions.

November Meeting Date – Mayor Moore reminded everyone that the November meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th. The Council has previously voted to move the November meeting to Thursday because the regular meeting date conflicted with Veteran's Day.

Financial Report – Mayor Moore presented the financial report for the month of September.

Miscellaneous – Mayor Moore stated that we are planning to change the way we take requests for distribution of Business Tax funds. Right now, the request is made before the committee and then the committee makes a recommendation to the Council. Now we are going to ask a business to appear before the full council as the first step. They are to present their project and the cost associated with the project. After the council has an opportunity to ask questions, it will

then go to the committee for review. The committee will then make their recommendation to the full council concerning the project.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Reever reminded everyone that the Veteran’s Parade is scheduled for November 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting – Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to adjourn the meeting.

Vote yes: 7

Vote no: 0

Absent: 1

Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Mayor