

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 7:15 P.M.
Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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 Reeve; Dewey Eckleberry; Cody Attebery

Also Present: Tom Matthews, Wayne County Press; Mark Wells, WFIW Radio; Keith Colclasure, Public Safety Officer; Ben Lewis, Police Chief; Doug Skaggs; Terry Weedman; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2026 and the Executive Session meeting minutes of January 13, 2026 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the April 14, 2026 meeting and the Executive Session meeting minutes of January 13, 2026. Motion by Alderman Marsh, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve these minutes.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Mayor Moore asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the May 12, 2026 meeting. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve the bills for payment.

Vote yes: Reeve; Stahl; Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Public Comments – Charles Vanway had addressed the Council in October with complaints about the cemetery and how it was not being taken care of. He came before the Council this evening stating that the condition of the cemetery was much improved and he appreciates the work that has been done to make it look better.

Resolution Setting the Dates for Council Meetings – The resolution setting the dates for upcoming Council meetings was presented. Mayor Moore told the Council that all meetings will

be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve this resolution.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 26-0512-585 approved and adopted.

Resolution No. 26-0512-586 – Interfund Loans/Transfers between the General Fund, Electric Fund, and Gas Fund – Our auditors have asked us to approve a resolution each year authorizing interfund loans/transfers. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve the resolution forgiving loans between the City of Fairfield general fund, electric fund, and gas fund.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 26-0512-586 approved and adopted.

Resolutions – The following appointments were presented to Council for approval.

Resolution No. 26-0512-587 – Board of Fire & Police Commissioner for a 3 yr. term – Shirley Edgington and Dian Downs, Secretary

Resolution No. 26-0512-588 – Police Pension Fund for a 2 yr. term – Terry Weedman

Resolution No. 26-0512-589 – Library Board for a 3 yr. term – Jala Morris, Steven Lee, and Marcia Puckett

Resolution No. 26-0512-590 – Zoning Board Members for a 5 yr. term – Galen Dunn and KaRissa Miller

Resolution No. 26-0512-591 – Recreation Committee for a 3 yr. term – Henry Simmers and a 1 yr. term – Dena Stout

Alderman Marsh made a motion, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve the above appointments.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Absent: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 26-0512-587 through 26-0512-591 approved and duly adopted.

Pay Increase for City Treasurer – Mayor Moore told the Council that when Kayla Warren was first appointed city treasurer she was hired in at a much lower pay rate than the previous treasurer. Kayla is doing so much more added work than the previous treasurer and he feels she deserves a pay increase. He would like to increase her pay to \$28.81 per hour and make it retroactive to May 1. Alderman Dewey Eckleberry made a motion, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve this request.

Vote yes: Stahl; Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reeve

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Annual Report for Fire & Police Pension Funds – In accordance with the requirements of state statutes the annual report for both the fire and police pension funds was presented to the Council. The reports were prepared by City Treasurer Kayla Warren showing the money collected and expended by the City of Fairfield on behalf of both the pension funds.

City Band – A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman McKibben to set aside \$7,000 for City Band. The dates will be every Thursday in June and also a date will be set for a patriotic concert.

Vote yes: Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reeve; Stahl

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Recreation Fund Expenditure Request – The recreation committee is asking for \$6,500 to be set aside from the recreation fund for the July 2nd Fireworks at SW Park, the 250th July 4th Celebration at Leo French Park and the June & August Summer Saturdays events. A motion was made by Alderman Marsh, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve this request.

Vote yes: Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reeve; Stahl; Attebery

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

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

Miscellaneous – Mayor Moore stated that the wine festival held last weekend appeared to be a success.

Executive Session – A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McKibben to go into Executive Session to discuss Section 2(c)(21) – minutes of closed session meetings and Section 2(c)(1) – the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Vote yes: Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reeve; Stahl; Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Return to Regular Session – Alderman Dewey Eckleberry made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stahl to return to regular session.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Council returned to regular session at 8:08 p.m.

Approval to Hire a New City Firefighter from the Eligibility List – A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve the hiring a of city fireman from the current eligibility list. The hiring of Ryan Ellis is contingent upon his passing his polygraph test, his background check, and his psychological exam.

Vote yes: Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reeve; Stahl; Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Mayor