

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, August 11, 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; Doug Skaggs;
Keith Colclasure; Ben Lewis, Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; and other citizens from
the community.

The minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2026 were sent out to those entitled to receive them.
Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the July 14, 2026 meeting. Motion by
Alderman Marsh, seconded by Alderman McKibben 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 August 11,
2026 meeting. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to
approve the bills for payment.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Ordinance to Rezone Property at 306 SE 8th Street – A public hearing was held at 5:50 p.m.
concerning a request to rezone property at 306 SE 8th Street. The property is currently zoned R-2
and the request is to rezone the property to R-3. This would permit the placement of a mobile
home on the property. The zoning board has recommended Council approval of this request.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 26-0811-398 approved and adopted.

Ordinance to Rezone Property at 609 W. Delaware – A public hearing was held at 5:50 p.m. concerning a request to rezone property at 609 W. Delaware. The property is currently zoned B-3 and the request is to rezone the property to a P zone. This would permit the church to operate a Christian School at this location. The zoning board has recommended Council approval of this request.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 26-0811-399 approved and adopted.

Award Bid for Water Line Project – Bids were opened today for the Leininger Rd. Water Line Project. This project is funded by a grant the city received in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Two bids were received. Kieffer Bros. Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$975,990.80 and Haier Plumbing & Heating submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,047,297.00. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the bid from Kieffer Bros. Construction.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Business Tax Presentation – Clothesline – Representatives from the Clothesline told the Council that they would like to beautify the front of their store. They want to paint the front and make repairs to the soffit and gutters as well as repairs on the side of the building where the drop off area is. They are asking for assistance with those costs.

Business Tax Presentation – CC Nails – Representatives with CC Nails told the Council that they are opening a nail salon in the shopping center in front of Walmart. They have completely renovated the space and they will be creating five to seven jobs. They are asking for assistance with the costs of the renovations.

TIF District Presentation – Fairfield Laundromat – Jason Robinson, owner of the laundromat, spoke to the Council and said the laundromat is now open and operating. He is asking the city to consider helping with the associated costs of the construction of the business through TIF.

Revolving Loan Request – The Reserve - Mayor Moore stated this request is removed from the agenda at this time.

Approve the Price Adjustment for the Water Distribution Dept. Truck – At the last meeting the Council approved the purchase of a 2026 truck for the water distribution department in the amount of \$56,407.63. When it came time to order the truck the 2026 models were no longer available so they will need to order a 2027 truck instead. The price for this truck is \$63,365.63. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve the cost for the 2027 truck in the amount of \$63,365.63.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Resolution – Street Closing Request for the Fall Fun Fest – We have received a street closing request for the Fall Fun Fest. The closing will be from Tuesday, September 15th at 5:00 p.m. and will reopen Sunday, September 20th at 6:00 a.m. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve this resolution.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 26-0811-601 approved and adopted.

Resolution - Street Closing Request for the Halloween Trunk or Treat Event – The Chamber of Commerce is requesting a street closing for the trunk or treat event Friday, October 30th from 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman McKibben, seconded by Alderman Marsh to approve this resolution.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 26-0811-602 approved and adopted.

Resolutions – Supplemental Resolutions to Appropriate MFT Funds for Sec. #24-00063-00-RS and Sec. #25-00064-00-RS – The final costs for these street projects came in higher than originally estimated. As a result, Council needs to approve these supplemental resolutions to appropriate additional motor fuel tax funds for the projects. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve these resolutions.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 26-0811-603 and Resolution No. 26-0811-604 duly approved and adopted.

Animal Control Discussion – A discussion was held concerning animal control within the city. Mayor Moore has met with representatives with the Wayne County Humane Society and Critter Fixers from Cisne. The topic of the discussion is the trouble we are experiencing with feral cats. Unfortunately, no matter what action is taken, we are not going to be able to make everyone happy. There are some residents that don't want the cats roaming free and others want them to be able to run at large. We do have some residents that are causing a problem by putting out food and large amounts of cats come to those areas to eat and neighbors in those areas are voicing complaints. The humane society is asking for more money to be given to them each month but before we can agree to that we need to make sure of what they are willing to do to help with the feral cat problem. Mayor Moore isn't opposed to perhaps giving them more money monthly nor is he opposed to working with Critter Fixers in order to get this problem resolved. After Council discussion, they were in agreement to have an ordinance drafted to prohibit residents from feeding stray cats. Mayor Moore instructed Attorney Rice to draft an ordinance, and it will be presented to Council at the next meeting. This at least will be a step toward

helping to resolve this issue. Talks with the humane society and Critter Fixers will continue and this will also be discussed at the next meeting.

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

Miscellaneous – Mayor Moore believes the proposed hotel owner and a construction company is scheduled to be in town this Thursday.

Mayor Moore gave an update on the power plant. We are still working with the EPA and there will still be a lot to do in order to mitigate this problem. Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission is also looking to see if there are any grants available to help with the costs associated with the mitigation.

The old filter plant out by river was also discussed. There may be an offer coming from someone to buy this property.

We are still in contact with the owners of the Mexican restaurant downtown about the need for this building to be taken down.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Mayor