

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Voorhis

OPEN MEETING

Roll Call taken by Mayor Thomas Voorhis

Ben Lord PRESENT, Mark Stewart ABSENT, Sherry Veach PRESENT, Dennis Roe PRESENT, Kelly Petty PRESENT, Richard Icenhower PRESENT

Call to order at: 6:30 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA. Motion by Veach to approve agenda. Second Roe
Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower AYE

PUBLIC FORUM (Agenda items only)

Old Business

SECOND READING OF BILL NO 25-03 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE III: TRAFFIC CODE; CHAPTER 355 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON NORTH MAIN STREET. (Posted 3/4/2025)

Motion by Roe to have the second reading of Bill No. 25-03 by title only. Seconded by Veach
Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower NO

MAYOR READ BILL NO. 25-03 BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion by Roe to approve the second reading of Bill No. 25-03 by title only and assign it Ordinance number 273. Seconded by Veach
Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower NO

SECOND READING OF BILL NO. 25-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 405. ZONING REGULATIONS; SECTION 405.320 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING REGULATIONS RELATED TO OUTDOOR STORAGE FACILITIES. (Posted 3/4/2025)

Motion by Roe to have the second reading of Bill No. 25-05 by title only. Seconded by Veach
Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower AYE

MAYOR READ BILL NO. 25-05 BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion by Roe to approve the second reading of Bill No. 25-05 by title only and assign it Ordinance number 274. Seconded by Veach
Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower AYE

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE BIDS FOR SIDEWALK

Roe – Two weeks ago we received a bid from ARC Construction for 500 more feet of concrete sidewalk on south Orchard, to get the sidewalk up to the driveway to City Hall and Library. The bid came in at \$25,450.00. I got some clarification because I wanted to make sure he bid a

landing spot on driveway side so we can have a crosswalk, because the sidewalk is on the far side of the street. On the bid he has three handicap ramps as shown on plan. So that included two ramps for the driveway side and a single ramp for the opposite side of Orchard Street. So I got clarification on that, it's on the bid. We did talk about, he had \$2,500 for the silt sock that is for the erosion control. We talked through the benefits of that and he said Dennis, you can save \$2,500, it's a shallow ditch, it's all grass. It would be easier to do the final grading if they didn't have the silt sock. That's that black snack that you saw along the sidewalk going down Orchard hill and along Old Mill road. What it is, it's a sock full of bark to basically reduce the dirt that may be washed away from the excavation, but over in Teals Nursery, where the ditch is shallow they didn't put a silt sock there. So I'm going to propose that we approve the bid minus the \$2,500 for the silt sock and that will save us \$2,500, which could be spent towards the signs and painting of the white blocks that need to be done. So if you subtract \$2,500, the bid would be \$22,950.

Motion by Roe to approve the sidewalk bid from ARC Construction for \$22,950 by removing the \$2,500 charge for the silt sock. Seconded by Veach
Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower AYE

Roe – I will reach out to Allen tonight, after this is approved and encourage him to try and get this done this spring, so we can take advantage of it all summer. So with that said, I would like to have permission from the Board, because I'll rotate off next month. I would like to have permission from the Board to work with Allen to make sure this happens. If you're in agreement with that.

Veach – I think you need to finish up the project.

Roe – Thank you, I appreciate that.

Veach – Otherwise, things may get lost in the shuffle and it's something that we cannot afford to get lost.

Roe – Well, we've got good people and I can keep Kelly involved. I appreciate those comments.

Petty – Did you want to two the phase 2 and 3?

Roe – No, that's for you.

New Business

Business Meeting

SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Hokanson – I really haven't got a whole lot. Looks like Dennis covered the repair we had going on. Thanks Richard, a good council member, for getting parts to get the job done. Unless someone has questions? Ben, you good?

Icenhower – If you notice that Kennie got the new delineator, down here on the sidewalk.

Roe – Where the sidewalk crosses that concrete box culvert and you’ve got that concrete curb there. We had orange cones before now we’ve got the white delineator cone.

Icenhower – We were going to put them on the curb and the first concrete broke away. So we decided to put it out right against the curb.

Petty – The new concrete broke?

Icenhower – Yes, well he had to drill a hole and put the anchors down in. When he done that the deals were so close to the edge that it chipped off the edge.

Hokanson – We good?

Petty, Roe, Icenhower – Thank you Kennie.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Motion by Roe to approve financial statement as submitted. Seconded by Veach
Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower AYE

PARK BOARD

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sgt. Deckard – I just have a couple things to share. From last month, we’ve had approximately 112 incidents. The highest ones from that are traffic stops, juvenile situations, domestics, assaults, check well beings persons, we had a nasty dog bite on a juvenile. It was pretty gnarly and then there was something that kind of caught my attention, the Facebook post related to Highway 65 patrolling it. I just wanted to share that out of all of those incidents, 18 of those were related to 65. Whether that’s us making traffic stops, a majority of those are like, calls, most of it related to other drivers not maintaining their lanes, or something along those lines. Greene County gave Fair Grove PD a vest for Officer Long. The vest does expire in about a year. So he went and they were able to fit him with something that fits to his size. Since it’s going to expire in about a year, they went ahead and gave us that and they’re not requesting a payment in return for that. Other than that, I think that’s all I have for the past month. Any questions or anything?

Board – Thank you.

CITY CLERK

COMMITTEE REPORTS

See attached public works report.

Roe – What they have done for us, this is free. What they are learning and this is the first time the City has done this with the High School. Kelly Petty, our member, came up with this idea and it's been working, it's come together very well. We are very happy with the progress they've made.

Petty – Absolutely. Casey Overstreet and the students, their engagement with this have been phenomenal. I think the students themselves have said this is a really neat experience to work with real world things that impact them. A lot of the things that were shared, were that they had no idea that this was even a thing that existed. They don't think about the sewer or they don't think about storm water drainage. They don't even really think about what City Hall does and what Aldermen do. So it's a really cool introduction to the City, what we do, why it's important. A couple of neat comments, one student said "I'm not old enough to vote, but I've been talking to my parents about this. I've been telling them why this is so important and encouraging others around them, even though the students themselves can't vote for this yet, they're encouraging others in the community to pay attention. There was another one who was just grateful for the opportunity to have something real to put in their experience for as they move forward in their future career. There were several who were like, I want to go into Marketing and this was really cool to be able to experience.

Icenhower – Well Kelly put together a really good slide for the presentation to them and I was amazing at some of the questions they asked.

Roe – I was too.

Icenhower – and how many questions were asked. I mean there wasn't what you would think of your typical teenage question. I was really. Kelly put this all together. I could almost give her a hug.

Veach – Students in High School, if they're given the opportunity to think as adults and not be treated like children, they will come up with good ideas.

Icenhower – It worked out real great.

Petty – I mean, you should have seen Richard at the end of their presentations. He almost got ahead of himself and tried to express his gratitude before they were all done. There was almost tears in his eyes, because he was so proud of the students.

Icenhower – You didn't have to tell that part.

Petty – Proud of the work that they've done. Proud to be from Fair Grove and just super proud of everything. So, Dennis has been working just as hard. He's on all the emails with Casey and Sara as well. She's going to be the Coordinator. They've printed all of the labels to go on the fliers today. So it's been a team effort.

Roe – It's been a team effort. Sara has been very heavily involved in answering questions.

Petty – She's gets answers from the lawyer for us.

Roe- Getting address.

Petty – It's been a very fun project. I told Dennis this might be my favorite project we've done so far.

Roe – I said that too, didn't I?

Petty – Yes you did. You said maybe after the sidewalk project.

Roe – I said, "Yes, it's getting pretty close to the sidewalk project." I love sidewalk projects, but it is way up there.

Veach – That was teaching the students also that if they have questions. Sara is the one that can give them all those answers.

Petty – That's how I introduced her in the class. I said Sara is the one that holds all of us together and makes sure that we stay on the right path. Sara is the one that has been receiving emails from students. She has coordinated everything for us.

Dennis – Contacted the bond attorney to make sure that what we're saying is ok.

Petty – Once we've approve this billboard draft, she's going to the one that reaches out on behalf of the City, which the attorney has approved that we can spend money on to get this posted for a couple of weeks. Like I've said it's been a team effort and it's been a lot of fun and I appreciate the board supporting this. We don't know how the vote is going to turn out but I think that we did everything we could.

Icenhower – Where the handicap was, we couldn't put on the ballot "no tax increase". The school can do that, but the City can't

Roe – On our information sharing, we can do that. That's what we've learned. We'll talk about the billboard after I've finished this. Any other comments about that project, working with the school.

Roe - "Fix It Fair Grove" was the slogan that we chose from the 4 teams. We had four different slogans and we liked this one that best, "Fix It Fair Grove" in big capital letters, NO TAX INCREASE and it's showing a storm water concrete box that needs repair or replacement. So this is what they are proposing to put on the electronic billboard. Any questions about it?

Lord – I like the "no tax increase" written on there. I mean that's just on social media and the phone calls that I've got about it, it's hey no more taxes. It is misinformation out there, it's a no tax increase. So I like it in big, bold letters.

Roe – When the three of us reviewed the four presentations, this is what we were looking for. One group really nailed this, the "no tax increase". Like I said we took ideas from each group. The slogan actually came from a different group.

Lord – I've had a conversation with several people already on this and as soon as we get into this, it's like "well on Facebook, so and so, it's taxes" so as soon as we can get to this "no tax increase" part of it seems like that's news and it helps. So I like it right there on the billboard.

Petty – So it will be on the billboard and also be on the mailers that go to every registered voter household.

Lord – You just can't put it on ballot?

Roe – You just can't put it on the ballot.

Icenhower – You just can't put it on the ballot.

Roe – In the ballot language.

Petty – Trying to get that familiarity with the language of the actual ballot question connected to no tax increase, so when they see that, general obligation you know bond, they'll know, oh this is that thing that I got, no tax increase and hopefully.

Lord – You're battling misinformation on social media, is what you guys are battling.

Roe – Exactly.

Lord – So hopefully this will help with that. I think it will look good.

Roe – I think it will help a long ways towards stopping that. Hopefully.

Motion by Roe to approve electronic billboard as printed. Seconded by Veach

Petty – Do we have to approve the payment?

Roe – Let's don't bring that up in discussion.

Roe – I'm going to propose that we start this April 2nd. I don't want to start this April 1st for various reasons. Secondly, I would suggest that Sara works with the school. We've got a budget and I don't know how much is left in the marketing/publicity, but make sure whatever it costs, we can afford.

Petty – The plan was, the school as going to submit an invoice for the materials for printing to the city and that we would coordinate with the billboard company, getting this posted. The last I heard, the billboard was \$75 a week. So if we do it on the 7th, that's \$75 total dollars plus tax. So the budget, I think with what we have left, was a little over \$2,000. I think after the invoice for the materials, mailers and billboard, I think we'll be well beneath that budget.

Voorhis – Any more discussion?

Icenhower – Dennis, on that crosswalk deal, I don't think you want to pain them.

Dennis – We're talking about this billboard. We've moved on. You can talk to me afterwards.

Voorhis – Any more discussion?

Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower AYE

Voorhis – Any more committee reports?

APPROVE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MINUTES

Motion by Veach to approve Board of Alderman Minutes for February 25, 2025. Seconded by
Roe

Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower AYE

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Roe to go into Closed Session 610.021 (3) hiring, firing disciplining or promoting
particular employees at 7:00 p.m. Second Veach

Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower AYE

Motion by Veach to go back to open session at 8:20 p.m. Second Icenhower

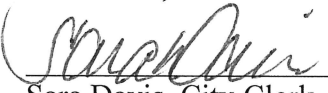
Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower AYE

Mayor Report

Adjournment

Motion by Icenhower to Veach at 8:22 p.m. Seconded by Roe

Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Petty AYE, Icenhower AYE


Sara Davis, City Clerk