MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 8, 2011

The Fairfield City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Malloy presiding. Members present were: Halley, Adam, Silvers, Revolinski, Gookin, Hamilton, and Mottet.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Halley

AYES: Hamilton, Halley, Revolinski, Mottet

ABSTAIN: Adam, Silvers, Gookin

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 26, 2011 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Halley

AYES: Hamilton, Halley, Revolinski, Mottet, Adam, Silvers, Gookin

TO APPROVE OPERATING CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$480,359.51.

TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CASEY'S GENERAL STORE #1549.

TO APPROVE A CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 REQUESTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

TO APPROVE THE JUNE FINANCE REPORT AND TRANSFERS.

APPEARANCES

There was a lengthy conversation concerning a dog park in Fairfield. Laura Cohen, Dog Park Committee member, spoke to the council stating they have looked at every sight within the city limits and came up with 2 locations. One was the old BMX track at OB Nelson Park and the other location was Lamson Woods. After research, the committee discovered that the old BMX track had drainage problems. Cohen stated that the committee was in favor of placing the dog park in Lamson Woods. She stated it would be open from dawn to dusk, have a 5 foot chain link fence, double gated entrance, restrooms on premises, water provided, and that the parks department would maintain the park.

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Park & Recreation Director, Derik Wulfekuhle, stated that the dog park committee had been working with the Park & Recreation Board and had to meet certain criteria. They really liked Lamson Woods because it would be open all year long. Another sight was considered owned by FEDA, but it was rejected.

Rick Starr of 1209 Glenview Circle spoke against having the dog park in Lamson Woods. He stated it would change the character of the park and that there is limited parking in that area.

Carl Stone of 805 E. Fillmore also spoke against the location of Lamson Woods. He asked everyone to think of the park as a R1 zone. He was worried about the dog noise and also the dog clean up issue.

Laura McCormick of 1209 N. Court also stated that Lamson Woods is in a flood plain. She stated she has a copy of the petition stating the opposition to Lamson Woods. She doesn't want to lose the nature of the park.

Cathy Else of 1219 Glenview Circle stated she felt she didn't have a voice concerning this issue. She stated that a dog park would be inviting more traffic.

Jonathan Schwam of 500 Wedgewood Circle stated it comes down to Dogs vs. Humans. The park is intended to be used by humans, not dogs.

Mayor Malloy stated that the council should look at this as an "appeal" and asked the wish of the council.

Myron Gookin wants a dog park but believes it should not be Lamson Woods.

Susan Silvers thinks Lamson Woods is a problem.

Ray Mottet stated he has sympathy for the dog committee because they had put over three and one-half years into this study.

Daryn Hamilton stated he doesn't think dog excrement will change the ecology of the park. He feels this would be a good location but maybe we should take another look for a different location.

Mayor Malloy closed the public hearing at this time. The audience asked for a vote to take Lamson Woods off the list for consideration of a future dog park.

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Moved by Gookin, seconded by Revolinski

AYES: Gookin, Revolinski, Silvers NAYS: Adam, Halley, Hamilton, Mottet

TO TAKE LAMSON WOODS OFF THE LIST FOR A FUTURE DOG PARK.

MOTION FAILED.

RESOLUTIONS, ACTION ITEMS & ORDINANCES

Mayor Malloy announced this was the time and date set for a public hearing on the America Inn Development Agreement. There were no written or oral objections, so Malloy declared the public hearing closed.

Moved by Halley, seconded by Adam

AYES: Halley, Adam, Mottet, Hamilton, Silvers, Revolinski, Gookin

TO APPROVE THE AMERICA INN DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.

Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Mottet

AYES: Hamilton, Mottet, Gookin, Revolinski, Silvers, Adam, Halley

TO PASS FROM THE SECOND READING TO THE THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1070 REZONING THE AMHURST ADDITION.

Discussion was held concerning a request from Art Walk for additional funds from local option sales tax. Councilmember Gookin asked that this request to moved to the Ways and Means Committee.

Moved by Gookin, seconded by Hamilton

AYES: Gookin, Hamilton, Halley, Adam, Silvers, Revolinski, Mottet

TO ACCEPT THE 2ND AND BRIGGS PARKING LOT PROJECT AS FINAL.

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Mayor Malloy announced this was the date and time set for a public hearing on fixing a date for a meeting on the proposition to authorize a loan and disbursement agreement on issuance of notes to evidence the obligations of the city there under.

There were no written or oral objections, so the mayor declared the public hearing closed at this time.

Moved by Halley, seconded by Hamilton

AYES: Halley, Hamilton, Mottet, Adam, Gookin, Silvers, Revolinski

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2847 FIXING A DATE FOR A MEETING ON AUGUST 22 ON THE PROPOSTION TO AUTHORIZE A LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES TO EVIDENCE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY THERE UNDER NOT TO EXCEED \$4 MILLION DOLLARS IN SEWER REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN NOTES.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Gookin

AYES: Hamilton, Gookin, Revolinski, Silvers, Adam, Mottet, Halley

TO ADJOURN AT 9:07 P.M.

Submitted	by:

Joy Messer City Clerk