

**MINUTES
FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FAIRVIEW CITY HALL
1300 NE VILLAGE STREET
FAIRVIEW, OREGON 97024**

April 17, 2002 -- 6:15pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER/
ROLL CALL**

Mayor Vonderharr called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Vonderharr
Councilor Ken Quinby
Councilor Sherry Lillard
Councilor Steve Owen
Councilor Len Edwards
Councilor James Raze
Councilor Barbara Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator
Gilbert Jackson, Chief of Police
Roy Wall, Finance Director
Stacie Perry, Municipal Court Clerk
Caren Huson, City Recorder

II. DISCUSSION

A. Charter Amendment

Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator, stated that the City's Charter allows the Council to appoint the City Recorder and Chief of Police; however, the City's Municipal Code allows the City Administrator, acting as Personnel Officer, to hire the City Recorder and Chief of Police. Administrator Briggs asked the Council if they would like to consider a Charter Amendment to remove the appointing authority of those two positions from the Council.

Councilor Quinby stated that since it was the voters who would decide on the Charter Amendment, that staff should go ahead and prepare the materials to place the item on the November 2002 ballot. Council consensus was to move forward with the Charter Amendment.

**B. Municipal Court
Annual Report**

Roy Wall, Finance Director, reported that the Municipal Court exists to handle traffic infractions such as exceeding the basic speed limit, driving without wearing seatbelt, illegal stops and turns, etc. The Court also handles City Ordinance violations such as uncut grass, debris in yards, etc. The court serves all citizens, whether inside or outside of Fairview, by upholding the motor vehicle laws of the State of Oregon. Director Wall stated that the Fairview Municipal Court provides special services to professionally operate the court: the courtroom was physically set up to be handicap accessible; a

Spanish translator is present during each court session; a translator for the deaf is on call as needed; and, the Court Clerk was available during normal business hours to assist people with their Municipal Court questions, process all transactions, and to manage judicial correspondence. Director Wall introduced Stacie Perry, Municipal Court Clerk.

Ms. Perry explained that a new court computer program was recently purchased which will improve staff's efficiency. Also, the Municipal Court has implemented a new system with the Department of Motor Vehicles called D.A.V.E so that we may access DMV and order certain driving records and vehicle records. In addition, Ms. Perry has been re-certified in the Law Enforcement Data System which assists the judge in setting fines.

C. Annual Police Crime Report

Gilbert Jackson, Chief of Police, presented the Annual Police Crime Report, stating that the five most frequent police calls in Fairview in 2001 in descending order, were: thefts, disturbance, alarms, vandalism, and family disturbance. Chief Jackson reviewed growth in crime activity vs. population growth and the distribution of Officer work hours.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Quinby moved and Councilor Edwards seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Vonderharr adjourned the meeting at 7:23pm.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Roger Vonderharr

Dated:

Caren C. Huson Quiniones
City Recorder