

CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY

Council Meeting - City Office Complex- 7:00 P.M.

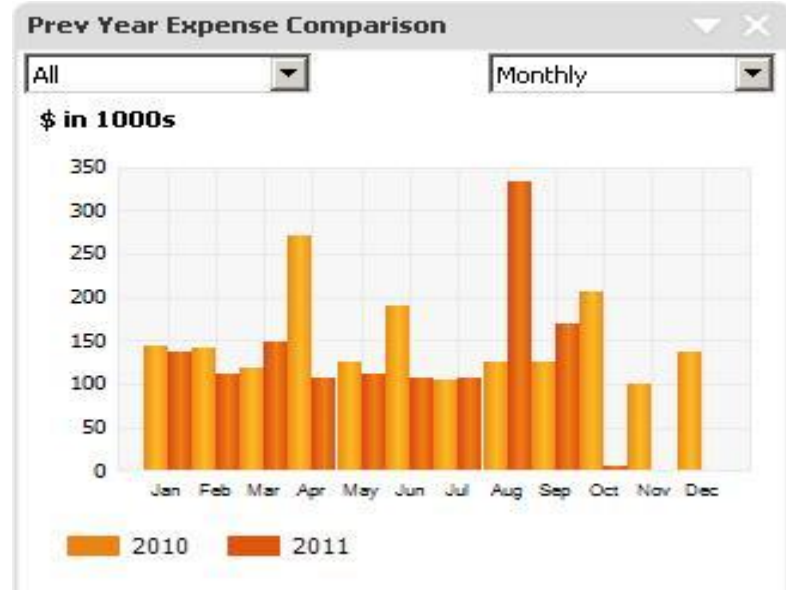
October 10, 2011

Agenda

- Call to Order:
- Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approved Minutes:
- Financial Report:
- Correspondence:
- Reports:
 - Police
 - Fire
 - Rescue
 - Animal Shelter
 - Public Works
 - Emergency Management
 - Planning and Zoning
 - Senior Center
 - City Campground & Park
 - Community Education Center
 - Economic Development
 - A&P Commission
 - Building Official
- Unfinished Business
 - Grants in progress
 - FEMA damage repair award
- New Business
- Announcements:
 - Mayor's Report
- Audience Questions and Comments

Treasurer's Report

- General Funds are at 67% of yearly Budget.
- Expenses for September reflect 3 pay period month.



Reconciliation's September, 2011

| Account Balances | Previous | Cleared | Ending |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| General | 99,270.74 | 79,662.83 | 68,187.84 |
| General CMT | 173,649.57 | 173,694.26 | 173,694.26 |
| Emergency Relief | 2,094.27 | 2,094.27 | 2,094.27 |
| DPS CMT | 1,034.20 | 1,034.20 | 1,034.20 |
| Rescue | 70,944.28 | 64,544.41 | 59,481.48 |
| Rescue CMT | 134,101.23 | 133,135.48 | 133,135.48 |
| AEDC | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |

Reconciliation's September, 2011

| Account Balances | Previous | Cleared | Ending |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Street | 351,076.45 | 113,135.48 | 113,227.98 |
| Street-CMT | 18,566.74 | 18,569.29 | 18,569.29 |
| Fire Department | 31,531.67 | 19,071.65 | 17,572.15 |
| Fire CMT | 10,033.07 | 10,034.45 | 10,034.45 |

Police Dept / Status Sept 2011

- Accomplishments
 - Fewer # calls – seasonal slow down
 - Concentrating on House/Watch
 - Bow Hunt Going Well
 - Continuing certifications with L / E Commission
 - Officer applications taken
- Plans
 - Replace Officer
- Issues
 - Vehicle Out of Service

DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR SEPTEMBER, 2011

- Department of Public Safety

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Number of Calls | 214 |
| Arrests | 5 |
| Citations | 14 |
| 911 Calls | 688 |
| Fuel | 338 |
| Miles Driven | 4375 |
| ACO | 50 |

Dispatch Status

- Accomplishments
 - We had **668** 911 calls.
 - Shirley Centennial Parade float
 - Mini grant for car video was approved
 - Submitted another grant for a police car
- Plans
 - Dispatch is participating in the Fall festival soup contest
 - We are doing a haunted house for the kids on Oct. 29.
 - Work on our “Public Awareness Program” has made progress.
 - Training/Classes are scheduled
- Issues
 - Hiring a dispatcher
 - Our 911 equipment is being worked on
 - Getting budget approval

Fire Department Status September 2011

- **Accomplishments**

- We had **3** calls for Sept
- Held training at The IRV
- Prep all portable generators
- Completed grant with county for new radios
- Working on wildland gear grant
- Helped dispatch with their float

- **Plans**

- Auto extrication class
- Control burn city park
- Working on our next golf tournament
- Radio Class for firefighters
- Working with Lazer Tag on Haunted House

- **Issues**

- None at this time

FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2011

- Fire Calls 3
- Traffic Calls 0
- Search/Rescue 0

FAIRFIELD BAY EMS

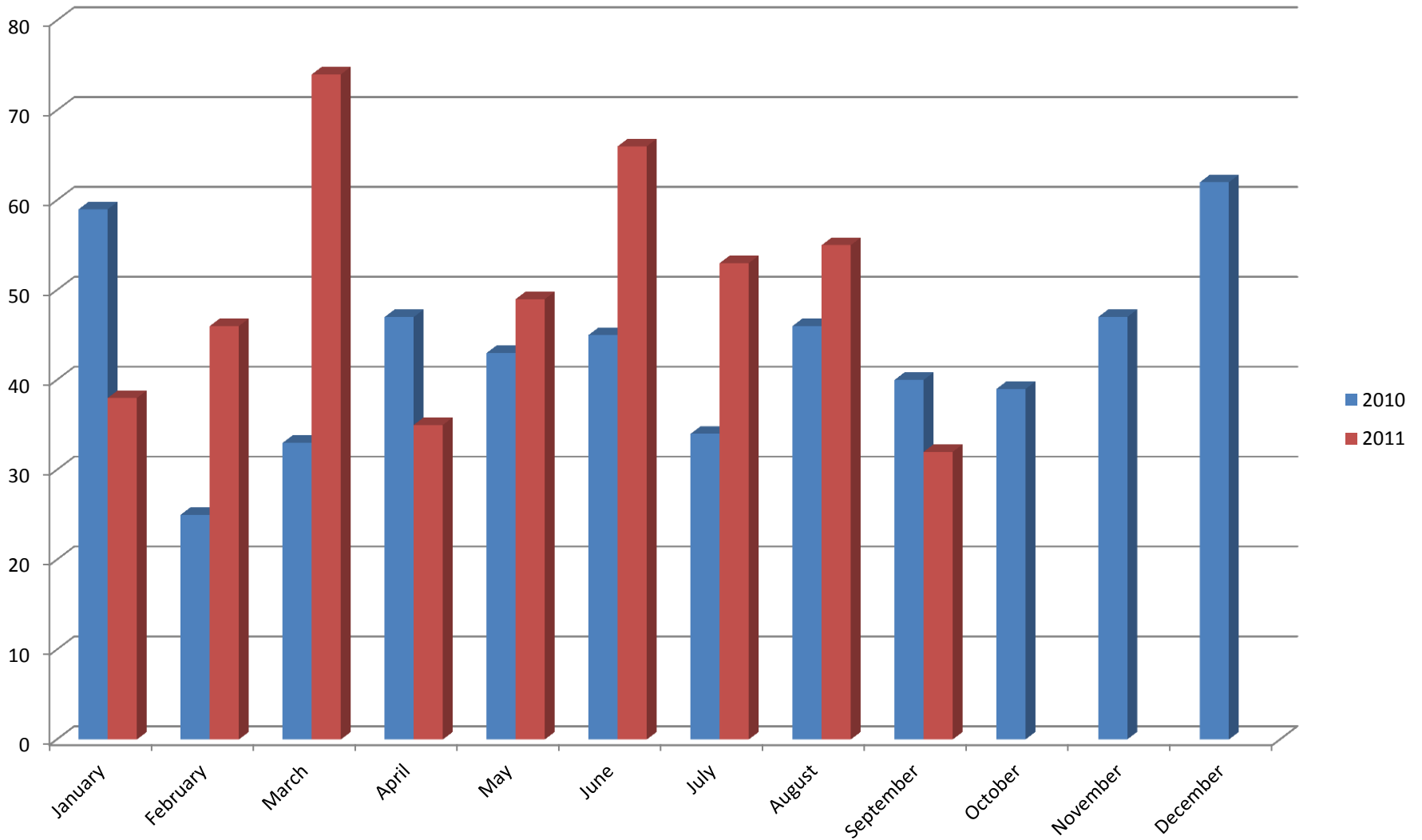
- Accomplishments
 - Light month – only 32 runs
 - Continuing education on “spinal immobilization”
 - Had the HVAC repaired in Rescue 1
- Plans
 - Conduct continuing education on “splinting techniques”
 - Begin construction of second floor sleeping area
 - Conduct CPR class for EMS team members
 - Attend the October AR Trauma Committee meeting
 - Complete the 2012 budget
- Issues
 - Recruit additional EMS team members

Monthly Run Recap

September, 2011

| Description | September | | YTD |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--|-----|
| Emergency Runs | 27 | | 358 |
| Non - Emergency Runs | 5 | | 90 |
| Total Runs | 32 | | 448 |
| | | | |
| Both Ambulances Dispatched | 2 | | 32 |
| | | | |
| Assist to ALS | 0 | | 7 |
| Assist from ALS | 1 | | 9 |
| | | | |
| Average Response Time (minutes) | 6.1 | | 6.6 |
| | | | |
| To OHMC | 19 | | 273 |
| To Baptist Heber | 1 | | 19 |
| To Other Hospitals | 1 | | 9 |

YEAR-TO-YEAR COMPARSION



FAIRFIELD BAY ANIMAL SHELTER

September 2011 Totals

| | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| Received ACO | Dogs and Puppies | 15 | Claimed Dogs and Puppies | 5 |
| Received ACO | Cats and Kittens | 1 | Claimed Cats & Kittens | 0 |
| Received Non-ACO | Dogs & Puppies | 9 | Died Dogs and Puppies | 0 |
| Received Non-ACO | Cats & Kittens | 15 | Died Cats and Kittens | 0 |
| Adopted | Dogs & Puppies | 6 | | |
| Adopted | Cats & Kittens | 6 | | |
| PetSmart | Cats & Kittens | 3 | | |
| Rescue Group | Dogs & Puppies | 1 | At Shelter | |
| Euthan. | Dogs & Puppies | 2 | Dogs | 18 |
| Euthan. | Cats & Kittens | 1 | Cats | 10 |

Public Works

- Accomplishments
 - Road striping contract awarded. Three bids received.
 - Time Striping \$43,592
 - Arkansas Sign and Barricade \$38,800
 - Contractors Specialty \$42,173
 - ‘You are here’ map installed at the entrance
 - Closing gate modifications were completed on West Cliff. Much safer.
- Plans
 - Complete road striping (about 35 miles, over 400,000 feet)
 - Receive bid from engineering company for raising Lynn Creek crossing to dam level. Next step will be to work out plan of attack with County Judge. Our portion may be substantial
- Issues
 - None, other than everybody’s street won’t get striped.

Emergency Management

- No activity to report
- Planning to have a run through the Presbyterian Church facility

Planning and Zoning

- Accomplishments
 - Regular meeting was held on September 22, 2011 with 4 members present.
 - Approved the replat of Lots 120 & 121, Block 1, Mountain Ranch into Lot 121R, subject to the owners signing the replat application. Owners are Jason E. Cowell & Andrea C. Cowell.
 - Mr. Clark presented an issue with a property owner wishing to develop a paved driveway to the back of the lot that is adjacent to his dwelling but has not been replatted with the dwelling lot. Suggested Mr. Clark take the issue to the Community Club for direction.
- Plans
 - Replat reviews
 - October will most likely be the last meeting of 2011

SENIOR CENTER

- Plans:
- They are working on getting the extra cleaning done (windows and blinds). Also, doing some trimming of scrubs around windows.
- Planning a Spaghetti dinner for next year. The funds will go to the VBC Aging Program.
- They are discussing with the VBC Aging Program that after the dinner all funds raised by our senior center be used at our facility.
- Working on the 2011 Budget with Bettye

SENIOR CENTER

- Issues:
- Getting bids for sign above building, they have decided to keep other sign and use it to advertise events.
- Cancelled the indoor garage sale as no one rented a table.

Community Education Center

- ***Accomplishments***

- Over 96 students have now registered, paid, and most have completed (or will complete this week) their classes; workshop evaluation forms furnished.
- Certificates of Completion have been prepared for all computer classes;
- Received a \$1,000 donation from the Fairfield Bay American Legion;
- Brochure and Fall II Class schedules have been produced (furnished to Council Members);

Community Education Center

- The GED Program is set up in Suite 2A, and now has seven (7) students tutored 3 days a week;
- Allowed timeshare visitors to audit classes with the fee sent to the City;
- Cooking classes have been scheduled with different chefs and menus per session for the holidays.

The fee is set to be charged per session, to help raise funds for the Center.

Community Education Center

- ***Plans***

- Complete staffing for new classes, i.e. horticulture, piano lessons, and more;
- Conduct Fall Registration on October 12 and begin classes week of October 17. Classes will run up to Thanksgiving week.
- Winter classes begin November 28 – December 16.
- Add new classes beginning January 9, 2012;
- In process of developing classes for FFB guests.

City Campground and Parks Status

- Accomplishments
 - Courtesy Dock getting great reviews- unloading and loading boats as well as catching fish
 - 161 scouts and scout leaders had a great Camporee October 7,8, and 9
 - Have put staff on an as needed basis- no regular hours
- Plans
 - Petit Jean is donating a pole with light to illuminate the courtesy dock area (400 watt directional light)
 - Continue FEMA repairs
 - Church group and others camping in October

Economic Development

- Accomplishments
 - Conference Center/Hotel
 - Pinnacle Hotel Group has completed acquisition in Little Rock. Major renovation required. Not ready to tackle another project at this time.
 - No definitive word from David Barron.
- Plans
 - Fairfield Bay will have participants in Jobs Panel with Congressman Griffin
 - Follow up with Chuck Davis, US SBA on additional hotel prospects
 - Van Buren County Economic Development strategic planning expected to pick back up

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY

- ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
 - Three new home permits have been issued.
 - Thank you, to Bud wells for helping me while I was out.
 - Converted used guard shack to a material and equipment shed for B.O. and A.C.O., special thanks to Ron and Linn Milligan for heading that up and doing most of the work.
- PLANS:
 - Pipe line safety course.
 - Working with a joint Community Club/City team to identify innovative ways to improve the look of Fairfield Bay while maintaining 'easy to live in' atmosphere.
- ISSUES:
 - There are several changes to the Building Code, Electrical Code that will need to be passed on to all effected contractors to be aware of.
 - Illegal dumping on our back roads is in wonderful decline. Thank you, to all residents that have been looking out for our beautiful city and reporting on dump sites so that the City and Community Club could get it cleaned up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grants in Progress

- Fire protective gear and radio grant submitted- Lou Workman coordinating
- Wildlife Observation Trail grant submitted (Ed Leamon Park)- Rawlins Collerain coordinating
- JAG Grant 1- Video equipment for police car- grant award notification received- waiting check- Kim Manville coordinating
- JAG Grant 2- Police car grant request submitted- Kim Manville coordinating
- Courtesy Dock- Work is done, invoice submitted for payment
- Greif Grant for conference center- \$20K received. Waiting to expend funds. Must be spent on roofing and/or mold removal
- County level
 - Working on quotes for Lynn Creek improvement
 - County wide radio upgrade request in for all fire departments
- FEMA repairs at campground in progress

NEW BUSINESS

- Arkansas Municipal League
Presentation
 - Gas Severance Tax





The Natural Gas Severance Tax Act of 2012

Photos of Damage in Arkansas

Enormous Pot Holes



Dangerous Rutting



Total Asphalt Erosion



The Severance Tax Initiative

- Increases severance tax to 7% (flat rate)
- Eliminates the subsidy to gas companies for their production costs
- Eliminates existing severance tax rates of 1.25 – 5%
- Brings Arkansas' severance tax rate in line with neighboring states---TX-7.5%, OK-7%, LA-equivalent 7%
- Current severance tax rate brings in only \$54.6 million based on \$3.6 billion in sales
- 95% of severance tax proceeds will be dedicated to construction/repair of Arkansas highways, city streets and county roads
- At a natural gas price of \$4.00, the new tax rate will generate more than \$250 million dollars ANNUALLY
- Generate a projected \$33 million for cities/towns, plus \$20 million in State Aid Street funds

How Will the Tax Proceeds Be Divided?

- \$12.6 million to State Treasury (general revenues)
- \$20 million to newly enacted State Aid Street Program (Act 1032 of 2011)
- \$33 million to cities under Highway Distribution Law (70-15-15) - street turnback
- \$47.50 to \$70.00/capita increase for cities/towns
- \$33 million to counties
- \$153.6 million to Arkansas Highway and Transportation Dept.

Will the Tax Rate Increase Force Gas Companies out of Arkansas?

- Southwestern Energy---37% increase in second quarter earnings over last year
- BHP Billiton bought Chesapeake Energy's Fayetteville Shale play in Ark. for \$4.75 billion dollars, acquiring 487,000 net acres
- Exxon Mobil bought XTO Energy in 2009 for \$41 billion dollars, including their Fayetteville Shale play
 1. Dec. 2010, XTO purchased 150,000 acres in Fayetteville Shale from Petrohawk for \$650 million
 2. Brought XTO's total acreage to 560,000 acres

The State Aid Street Program (Act 1032)

- Projects to be selected by a committee of 9 mayors serving a four year term
- 3 mayors selected by Governor, 3 by the Speaker of the House and 3 by the Senate Pro Tem
- Project approval/oversight provided by State Aid Engineer of AHTD
- To qualify, cities/towns must agree to maintain streets once complete, pay for ROW costs as well as costs of util. relocation
- Projects will be 100% funded for cities/towns <25,000 in population
- Cities >25,000 in population, a 10% match will be required

Major Damage That Could Be Fixed with Severance Tax Proceeds



Petition to Place Severance Tax on the November 2012 Ballot

- Volunteers must be in compliance with state law:
 1. Instruction page must be attached to signature page at all times
 2. Must be 100 feet away from the front door of polling place
 3. Each petition should contain only registered voters residing in same county
 4. Must be signed in the presence of the person circulating the petition
 5. After gathering signatures, person circulating petition must sign in front of a Notary and have each petition notarized
 6. Return completed petitions to the AR Municipal League or mail to address located on last page of petition

Arkansas Ethics Commission Rule

Section 616—Prohibition Against Public Servants Circulating An Initiative or Referendum Petition

“It shall be unlawful for any public servant, as defined in § 600 (q), to circulate an initiative or referendum petition or to solicit signatures on an initiative or referendum petition in any public office of the state, county, or municipal governments of Arkansas or during the usual office hours or while on duty for any state agency or any county or municipal government in Arkansas.”

Simply put, city officials and employees CANNOT circulate or solicit signatures on the petition:

- In any public office;
- During usual business hours; or,
- While on duty



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Mayor's Report

- Preparing first cut at 2012 budget. Targeting having something to bring to council at November 14 meeting. Priorities include:
 - Need to give raises- We haven't in several years.
 - Need to buy a new police car- We have one with well over 140,000 miles
- We received nice letter for support of Alzheimer's walk
- We received \$980.46 from Arkansas Department of Emergency Management to reimburse us for overtime paid during snow storms. Thanks Roger Hooper.