

FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
November 1, 2023
25 N. Main St, Fredonia AZ, 86022
7:00 pm

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.01, notice is hereby given to members of the Fredonia Town Council and the Public that a Special Meeting will be held on November 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order – 7:06 pm Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order

Roll Call-

Councilor Ballard
Councilor Banks
Mayor Christy Riddle
Vice Mayor Johnson
Councilor Johnson

Invocation - Vice Mayor Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance- All in Attendance

Public Comment (*The council shall not discuss or take legal action on matters unless the Matters are properly noticed*)

The Town Office thanks all those who attend the meetings and comment.

Jimmy Lathim:

Wanted clarification on the mass communication that was sent re trailers on private property. Per code, a trailer can be hooked up to a house for family/friends to stay for a maximum of 30 days.

A. Consent Items: (The following items may be approved by a single motion, unless a member of the Town Council requests that any item be considered separately and acted upon accordingly. Each item considered separately may be approved by motion of the Council as though originally listed as an action item)

1. Agenda for November 1, 2023
2. Minutes from October 17, 2023 regular meeting and October 19, 2023 special meeting
3. Payment Register

Motion to approve all consent items by Vice Mayor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Johnson. All in Favor.

B. Reports (*The council shall not discuss or take legal action on matters unless the matters are properly noticed*)

1. Mayor

- a. Mr. Casselman with ADOT will be meeting with the Mayor on 11/29/23 to discuss issues raised by Council re reopening the MVD office. Council asked that they be included in that meeting.
 - b. Police Department Fees as listed can be charged currently to ensure recouping expenses until the new fees become official in December.
 - c. Police Department will auction the 2 Chevy trucks in order to purchase a new vehicle Council did not want it on the next agenda. Felt if that is what the department wants to do, then do it.
 - d. Notice went out to Residents re “cleaning up of town”
 - e. Meeting with Colorado City police Chief Radley re: dispatching and other items. Chief shared that the AZ Gov’t of Highway Safety has funds available for the police department and he would be happy to work with us to apply for those grant funds and to help grow the department.. There is a rumor that Utah State legislation is coming down the line where there will no longer be dispatching services across state lines.
2. Fire department - no update at this time
 3. Town Clerk - no comments or questions on the Clerk’s report

C. Action Items

1. Discussion and possible action- Greenhouse proposal for the town’s tennis courts

Mr. Norm Warren brought forward for discussion the addition of a Greenhouse to be built on one half of the abandoned tennis court or other options such as Pickle Ball, etc to make use of the former tennis courts. Councilor Ballard asked that Mr. Warren follow up at one of the next upcoming council meetings bringing with him exact costs, community interest and who would be on the committee for the project(s.)

2. Discussion and possible action- Sewer easement for sewer extension. Council may vote to convene in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3) for legal advice.

Council reevaluated how the sewer line was drawn on the map and will look into if the sewer line path can be redrawn to stay on the end of property lines as much as possible. Councilor Ballard will work with Kelvin. Vice Mayor will work with the Tribal Council to see if he and Councilor Ballard can attend their next council meeting to review the why, how and when (grant time coming to close) to gain a greater understanding and better alignment around the project.

Mayor Riddle made a motion to allow Councilor Ballard to visit with Kelvin with Civil Science to adjust the line to go straight across the property line of the Taitts to go to the manhole. Seconded by Councilor Ballard. All in Favor.

3. Discussion and possible action- Veterans Memorial Wall

Council agreed to build a Veterans' Memorial wall at the cemetery first and then look into building a second one by the Town Office.

Councilor Ballard made a motion to move forward with the Veterans' Memorial at the cemetery now and then look into building one at the Town Office. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All in Favor.

4. Discussion and possible action- Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Town of Fredonia

The agreement needs point of contacts for signature purposes.

Councilor Ballard makes a motion to appoint the point of contact to the town clerk and accountant. Mayor Riddle seconds the motion.

Mayor Riddle amends the motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the primary contacts as the Town Clerk and the Accountant and the Mayor can sign as well. Council Ballard seconded the motion. All in Favor.

5. Discussion and possible action- Election for May 21, 2024

While no one is up for election next year, a good idea to post the positions on the website and when they are due for reelection.

Mayor Riddle makes a motion that there is no need for an election for May 21, 2024. Councilor Banks seconded the motion. All in Favor.

6. Discussion and possible action- Reopening and/or moving the limb pile

Mayor suggested that Fire Chief and Public Works Director work together to come up with solutions on how to manage all of the items being dumped in the former limb pile. Councilor Ballard suggested that they burn the limb pile one more time and dig trenches around it to place the ashes and then level off the ground. Councilor Johnson suggested that we buy a chipper and set the chipper up in a fenced area between the roll off and the city yard and have it managed by the city. Councilor Ballard brought his concern of placement of the chipper for when the Rodeo Grounds get reopened.

Councilor Johnson will look into possibility of getting a grant to pay for an industrial grade chipper. Vice Mayor Johnson suggested that we look into getting roll offs on a specific day and place them throughout town.

Councilor Ballard made a motion to leave the limb pile closed as is and to pursue a chipper with town office posting on social media accounts, etc. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. All in Favor.

7. Discussion and possible action- Widening and/or paving second west, south side of Pratt street

Council reviewed the bid Public Works Director provided and said that if they do move forward with the paving option to widen the road, they will need more than one bid. Councilor Ballard suggested that instead of paving and spending the \$50,000 plus for 5 residents, they spend that money elsewhere where more residents would get the benefit of the money, he would like to see crusher fines and compaction vs. pavement.

Councilor Ballard made a motion two culverts put in. One by Ms. Goodies old property and one by Brooksby's property, then using crusher fines on the 7' road to expand the road down 2nd west. Motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson. All in Favor.

8. Discussion and possible action- Reviewing the electric code on billing procedure; code 50.46

Council reviewed the current code and agreed that we should send out a notice via FB, express bill pay, etc before the next billing cycle so people are aware we will implement the code as written.

No action required.

9. Discussion and possible action- Resignation of town manager

Mayor Riddle makes a motion to accept the resignation of the Town Manager effective 10/19/23. Councilor Ballard seconded the motion. All in Favor.

10. Discussion and possible action- deputy clerk. Council may vote to convene in executive session pursuant A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(1) for personnel matters.

Council moved into (A)(1) executive session at 9:01 pm.

Council moved into regular session at 9:17 pm. No action taken.

D. Discussion

1. Contract with Thomas Holms for scrap metal at the transfer station site

Mayor Riddle shared that she has heard from the residents that Trenety is doing a great job and is really cleaning up the roll off area. Mayor Riddle and Councilor Johnson visited with Trenty to let him know the feedback from the community and also got Trenty's input on how he thinks the roll off area can be better. Page Steel will pick up scrap metal as long as the bin is full. Trenty should have access to the clam bucket so that he can put all of the scrap metal in the bins. Councilor Johnson will work with Skyler and Trenty and Traci to get the process worked out - maybe work with Page Steel to see if they can come out every two weeks

whether the bin is full or not. Vice Mayor Johnson suggested that we have a day or two/year where people can get rid of the cars and also any large appliances. Mayor Riddle mentioned that Chief Peterson has contact info for someone who will go to people's homes to collect large items as well.

2. Future Agenda Items:
 - a. New form for land combination/split/lot line adjustment
 - b. Evaluation of Magistrate's Wage
 - c. Town Committees and departments; council representation
 - d. Sawmill Estate Subdivision progress
 - e. General Plan
 - f. 911 Readdressing the streets
 - g. Emergency preparedness-backup generators, get quotes
 - h. Secure water supply
 - i. Utility Board
 - j. Model City tax code
 - k. Port of Entry
 - l. Equipment and vehicle policy
 - m. Dike repairs
 - n. Easy Street easement signed
 - o. Travel policy
 - p. Purchasing policy

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Riddle at 9:26 pm and seconded by Councilor Ballard. All in Favor.

Approved

Attest

Christy Riddle, Mayor

Traci Goodall, Town Clerk

Certification- I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

Traci Goodall, Town Clerk