

FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC AND SPECIAL MEETING
December 19, 2023
25 N. Main St, Fredonia AZ, 86022
6:30 pm

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.01, notice is hereby given to members of the Fredonia Town Council and the Public that a Public and Special Meeting will be held on December 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Meeting

Call to Order – 6:35 pm, Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order

Roll Call

Councilor Banks
Mayor Christy Riddle
Councilor Johnson

The Town would like to thank the residents for attending the public meeting and sharing any concerns they may have.

A. Discussion Items

1. New and altered police fees on the Town Fee Schedule

Mayor Riddle asked the public for any concerns they may have re the new fee schedule. Public questioned how much the fees were increasing and the Mayor confirmed that the fees were not increasing as much as that new services and fees were being added – mostly around digital technology– ie, body cam footage, photos, background checks, whole storage hearings (impounded vehicles.) The only fee change was for animal impound fees where a daily care fee of \$5.00/day was added.

Public asked what the vision for the growth of Fredonia was and the Mayor recommended we add to a future City Council Meeting.

B Adjourn: 6:44 pm Mayor Riddle made a motion to adjourn the public meeting which was seconded by Councilman Johnson. All in Favor.

Special Meeting

Call to Order – Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order

Roll Call

Councilor Ballard (via phone)
Councilor Banks
Mayor Christy Riddle
Vice Mayor Johnson
Councilor Johnson

Invocation – Councilor Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance – All in Attendance

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 December 19, 2023

Mayor Riddle made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Councilor Banks. All in Favor.

C. Action Items

1. Discussion and possible action- Resolution 2023-015; New and altered police department fees on the new fee schedule

As there were no public concerns re the new and altered police department fees, Mayor Riddle made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-015 with a change to \$46.00 for body camera footage. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All in Favor.

2. Discussion and possible action- Resolution 2023-016; Travel Policy

Mayor Riddle reviewed the concerns that were raised from last City Council meeting re the proposed Travel Policy and the changes that were made based on those comments specifically the ability to use the credit card for unplanned circumstances such as the transport of prisoner(s) with the understanding that appropriate documentation would need to be provided when using the credit card.

Mayor Riddle said that she had shared the Travel Policy with all Department Heads and only the Library responded that the document looked fine with no comments from any of the other Department Heads.

Mayor Riddle pointed out that under Section 10 she had added the price per meals (\$15, \$15, and \$34) and had deleted the section which mandated proof of spending on per diem payout.

After confirming no additional comments and/or issues, Mayor Riddle made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-016 which was seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson. All in Favor.

3. Discussion and possible action- Operation and Maintenance contract with Garkane

Mayor Riddle shared that Garkane wanted to renew their contract as it was due to expire soon. Kent Simer, Town's Utility Consultant, reviewed the contract as well as the Town's Public Works Director, Skyler Palmer. Mr. Simer recommended that Garkane remove the stipulation of an automatic 10% increase every two years which was removed. Skyler reviewed the contract to confirm there was a clear delineation between what Garkane is responsible for and what the Town's Public Works Department is and found it so.

The contract was reviewed in detail by Town Council and the only change that was requested was that anywhere the contract listed "City" as it referred to the "Town of Fredonia," the word "City" was replaced with "Town."

Not relating to the contract, the issue was raised re who would bill out the new development by Haze Holdings. The Vice Mayor questioned if we should look into

purchasing the infrastructure from Garkane but the cost might be prohibitive. The Mayor said she would add to the January Town Council meeting agenda.

Execution of the Garkane contract will help Sklyer move the lighting project forward.

Mayor Riddle made a motion to approve the Operations and Maintenance Contract with Garkane with the proposed change where the contract says “City” to change that to “Town” which was seconded by Councilor Johnson. All in Favor.

4. Discussion and possible action- Sewer extension project moving forward

Mayor Riddle shared that she thought it would be best to have a plan of action ready depending on the Tribe’s decision on the sewer extension project which will be decided on Thursday, December 21. The question was raised if Plan A or Plan B will be more expensive. Councilor Ballard shared that while Plan A may be more expensive, it would benefit more landowners.

Mayor Riddle made a motion that based on the decision of the Tribe, Councilor Ballard is authorized to work with Kelvin to move forward with Plan A or Plan B. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. All in Favor.

D. Discussion

1. 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

The Mayor shared that the Port of Entry would be open four (4) days a week and they are currently hiring for two Police Officers and two Civilians.

- l. Equipment and vehicle policy
- m. Dike repairs
- n. Easy Street easement signed
- o. Travel policy
- p. Purchasing policy
- q. Purchasing power lines at the old Kaibab property
- r.

Mayor Riddle reminded everyone that the next City Council Meeting would be held on January 9, 2024.

Adjourn:.. Mayor Riddle made a motion at 7:32 pm to adjourn. Councilor Banks seconded the motion. 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