

FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 14, 2024

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 Public Meeting will be held on May 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Mayor Don Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Roll Call

Mayor Johnson

Vice Mayor Scott

Councilor Banks

Councilor K. Johnson

Councilor Ballard

Invocation – Lisa Allen

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.*)

- 1) Marge Hickman – Thanked the Town crew for cleaning up the picnic tables, said it looked great. Top camp site was bad. She runs Pat Dr. to Ponderosa Monday-Friday's she picks up a full bag of trash. This upsets her. Three plots of vacant land she passes is full of bottles every week. Can we make a "Do Not Litter" sign with \$50 fine to warn people? Can Police patrol? #1 Concerned about the trash/junk cars/wood pallets now moved to a single property. Dike used to have signs for appropriate use. No longer there and the speed limit sign on the road to the side of the Dike is missing. Lots of trash on Town property. Councilor Ballard asked for her information so he could contact her. Could we fix up the blank Woodhill Trail Signs and update with the rules for using the trails and move them to around the first bend in the road. Along with "Keep America Beautiful" signs "This is not a Landfill. 2) Cowboy Dr. Sign missing again. 3) Gateway sign is missing at the entrance to town. 4) Town of Fredonia covered posting board outside the Town Office is hard to see through and the print on the agenda are hard to read. Can we make it darker or larger. 5) Can you put meeting dates on the School Electronic Sign?
- 2) Evelyn Erickson – Neighbor puts soap in spring water she gets from Colorado City. Trash, snakes, and mice from them. Concerned with neighbor grandkids shooting out her windows. Councilor Ballard suggested that she call dispatch to create a paper trail. Evelyn said everything at her place is now locked up or it gets stolen. The Neighbor's kids flip her off all the time. Councilor Scott suggested that she could get good spring water closer on the Kaibab Mountain. Mayor Johnson said we will work on a solution, thanked the public for stepping up and thanked them for their comments.

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 May 14, 2024
2. Minutes from May 3, 2024 Regular Meeting

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Councilor Ballard Made a Motion to approve #1 & #2. Councilor Johnson seconded. All in Favor.

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

1. Mayor

Report by Vice Mayor Scott 1) Trying to get street addresses improved. 2) Infrastructure grants available Jacob Cluff will be help him with that. 3) Will look into grants for Library. Lisa helping out four plus hours per day as well as Cecil in each day. It all takes time. Sewer System expansion in progress. ADOT pre-approval meeting. Two things left to do on encroachment approval. Know that the trenches will be 20 to 25 feet wide and that deep with protections in place so that we can get project up and running. Easy Street must have the last two signatures. Have contacted Lynette Foster to help get them. This will make it accessible to building permits and gives utility easement. Spoke with Judge about requiring clean up of Woodhill Trail. She said must give each person a choice as to where they do their community service. Cecil suggested to all employees that Direct Deposit is preferred but Dirk said each must be given a choice. The vandalized area is on BLM land while we take care of the road. Discussions are happening to figure out who will have authority over issues. Houses and street that are being numbered systematically. There is a group to work on address numbers with Platte maps so that emergency vehicles won't have so much trouble finding places along with delivery drivers. Cost for having someone else do this is \$10,000 to \$100,000 so we will do it and then send to Coconino County. Ted Jensen is learning the finance processes so he can teach it to new people. Jacob Cluff is to help with redoing the code book.

2. Council Members

- a. Dirk Ballard re who to make check(s) out to for Cemetery Arch to ensure hits against 2023-24 Budget
Councilor Balled asked Jaime if he can bring in the receipts because he has a few more to pick up. It will be the \$3,000 that was discussed.

3. Department Heads (None)

4. Town Office Update

- a. Ted Jensen re 2024-25 Budget Timeline update (Thank the Town Office for working well together. Budget timeline sent out to Department heads for any budget requests.)
- b. Ted Jensen re audit update. (Still requesting information, no timeline end

yet)

C. Action Items

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Civics Connex box purchase
Councilor Ballard asked about money in their account. Julie Johnson responded we have most of the \$1,500 that the town gives each year and extra that has been earned at events to purchase the Connex box from Crams for \$2,500. Councilor Scott made a motion to approve purchase including moving trailer to get the box. Councilor Ballard seconded. All in favor.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding Red Hills – Game Cameras
Councilor Ballard can get these cameras inexpensively for Red Hills. We should pursue this. Councilor Scott talked with Mayor and cameras are being done already. No action required.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding Levee for dirt bikes/ramps
Councilor Ballard asked Councilor Johnson to discuss inspection of Dike. Councilor Johnson said inspection was good but we must stop certain things to keep Dike from getting worse. Councilor Ballard suggested running a blade to level off and add crusher fines -1200 yards at \$13.50/yard = \$16,200. Councilor Ballard made a motion to put purchase of the crusher fines and leveling in the upcoming budget. Council Johnson seconded it. All in favor.

D. Discussion

Question was raised as to where City Council meetings are posted. Vice Mayor Scott said: Post Office, Town Library, Bulletin Board outside Town Office and on the town website.

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. Equipment and vehicle policy
- l. Purchasing policy
- m. Purchasing electrical structure on the old Kaibab land
- n. Wages for Volunteers working in Town Office

Adjourn: Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM

Approved

Attest

Don Johnson, 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