

**FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL WORK AND REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 14, 2023**  
**25 N. Main St, Fredonia AZ, 86022**  
**6:15 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 14, 2023, at 6:15 p.m.

**Work Meeting**

Call to order - 6:18 Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order

Roll call -

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

A. Discussion

1. Tomas Hellwing will be sharing some new technology in regards to building foundations in terrible soil conditions

Mr. Hellwing shared his ideas re geotextile, geogrid and earthbag foundation types. Mr. Hellwing would like to use one or a combination of these methods as a test drive for building his home. City Council suggested that he work with Ross Hunt, Building Inspector, as well as the local geoenvironmental engineer for soils testing before they could agree to the test. Mr. Hellwing will follow up on both of those suggestions and come back to City Council at a later date.

2. Tomas Hellwing will be sharing his video capabilities for the town website to promote the town

Mr. Hellwing shared the video he captured of the 4th of July parade and offered his video services for future parades/town events which could then be reviewed and once approved, placed on the Town Website.

Adjourn - 6:53 pm motion to adjourn by Mayor Riddle

**Regular Meeting**

Call to Order - 7:01 pm Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order

Roll Call-

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

Invocation - Councilor 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*)

None.

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 14, 2023

Mayor Riddle made a motion to approve the agenda for November 14th with striking action item #2. Councilor Banks seconded the motion. All in Favor.

2. Minutes from November 1, 2023 special meeting

Mayor Riddle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting.

Councilor Ballard seconded the motion. All in Favor.

3. Payment Register

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the payment register and was seconded by Mayor Riddle. All in Favor.

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

1. Mayor - Shared that the request for public letters re support to reopen the MDV. Suggestion was made to upload a petition or docusign and/or form letter on the website was made by Mr. Hellwing. Councilor Ballard suggested that we present both a signed petition and letters from the public.

2. Department Head - Commendation re Bob Ford was recognized and Council Members wanted to confirm that the letter was shared with Mr. Ford. Fire Chief Johnson shared that there have been a lot of calls of late to assist with fires. Update re BLM donated truck is that a computer part for one of the trucks has been ordered and once that part is replaced, BLM will release the truck to Fredonia. Question re grant money raised by Mayor Riddle to which the Fire Chief said that the closing date for grants is October 15. Grant for next year will be submitted prior to closing date.

3. Town Clerk - Traci met with Zion's Bank today to review the interest on the sweep account. The bank representative acknowledged that the sweep account was not set up correctly and \$55,000 earned interest would be deposited into the account and on a go forward basis, the interest earned portion of the account is now set up correctly.

C. Action Items

1. Discussion and possible action- Land combination for Anthony Judd

Mr. Judd reminded the council that the combining of the parcels had been approved approximately two years ago but he needed the "reapproval" with corresponding signatures per the State's request. Councilor Ballard approved the land combination for Anthony Judd which was seconded by Councilor Johnson. All in Favor.

2. Discussion and possible action- Conditional use permit for Norm Warren

3. Discussion and possible action- Civic committee's request for hot chocolate,

donuts and overseeing of the table at the winter festival

Mrs. Johnson invited the Council Members to help with the booth for handing out donuts and hot chocolate at the Light Parade. Mrs. Johnson asked for approval to buy a storage container to keep all of the holiday decorations and to be parked by the Senior Center. Mrs. Johnson suggested sharing a large container (which could be sectioned off) with other Departments. Vice Mayor suggested purchasing tables and chairs for the events instead of continuing to borrow from the Church. Council Ballard suggested that Mrs. Johnson attend the next City Council meeting once she has pricing for the containers. Mayor Riddle stated she would order the donuts, hot chocolate and run the booth. She invited all council members to join her.

No action was taken.

4. Discussion and possible action- Audit committee formation- presentation by Michael Hickman

Mr. Hickman suggested that based on his review of the 2021 Audit which is the latest Audit posted on the website that he spear head an Audit Committee made up of volunteers. The purpose of the Committee, at a minimum, would be to be another set of eyes for the fiscal practices of the Town, focus on internal controls and ensure that the findings from the Audit(s) were addressed. Councilor Ballard and Vice Mayor Johnson said that many of the findings from the Audit of 2021 have been corrected and if a Committee was needed, it would not be until after the 2024 Audit was released. Councilor Ballard suggested that Mr. Hickman join the Landfill Committee. Mr. Hickman will work with Councilor Johnson on becoming a member.

No action was taken.

5. Discussion and possible action- Kaibab Drive road and sidewalk

The Council reviewed the Kaibab Drive Survey Map detailing which sidewalks were owned by the Town and which by residents. Discussion revolved around replacing the sidewalks or removing them as the road has already been approved to be repaved. Council decided that they would need Skyler's input and recommendation before a decision could be made.

Mayor Riddle made a motion to table the discussion until Sklyer was back which was seconded by Councilor Ballard. All in Favor.

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

Mayor Riddle made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:06 pm

which was seconded by Councilor Ballard. All in Favor.

Council returns to the Regular Meeting at 8:31 pm

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
  - 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 8:35 pm and seconded by Councilor Johnson. All in Favor.

Approved

Attest

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Christy Riddle, Mayor

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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.

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Traci Goodall, Town Clerk