

FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC AND REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 2023
25 N. Main St, Fredonia AZ, 86022
6:00 pm

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.01, notice is hereby given to members of the Fredonia Town Council and the Public that a Work and Regular Meeting will be held on August 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Public Meeting

6:00pm

Call to Order: 6:08 pm Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Christy Riddle

In attendance:

- Mayor Christy Riddle*
- Vice Mayor Donny Johnson*
- Councilor Ed Banks*
- Councilor Dirk Ballard*
- Councilor Kenny Johnson*

1.2023-2024 Budget

Budget was reviewed by all. Councilor Ballard brought up the following questions/comments:

Q: Rodeo grounds - which department is being charged for the lights at the rodeo grounds? When rodeo committee ended there should have been \$11,000 left. The audit from 2021 states on \$3400 left in there.

A: Utility expenses up to current budget were being paid for out of Rodeo Funds. Directed town clerk to move that payment from rodeo fund to building and grounds fund or park and rec fund.

C: Water Fund (p.26 of Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget,) clarification needed re; carry forward funds - clarification made that carry forward dollars are not related to NRCS Dam Study Grant.

Q: Water Fund (p. 27 of Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget) does the Debt Service include both principal and interest.

A: Line items call out the interest and principal independently - want to still get clarification from the accountant. Follow up needed. Comment made by Mayor Riddle that we have a bond coming due in 2025 or 2029 - not sure for water or sewer but that loan should be paid off soon.

Q: Is there enough money in the electronic fund reserves if the transformer needs to be replaced?

A: There are about \$500,000 in reserves and close to \$1 million in funding so it will be close but the transformer could be replaced.

C: Councilor Ballard asked repeatedly if each department felt that they were allocated enough dollars for their annual budget. Confirmation given that each department felt that their allocation was enough. Councilor Ballard asked specifically RE: the Fire Dep't and Vice Mayor Johnson agreed that the budget was low but at this point it was what it was.

B.Adjourn: *6:44 pm Meeting Adjourned by Mayor Riddle, Councilor Banks making the 2nd motion all in favor.*

Regular Meeting

7:00pm

Call to Order – *Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm*

Roll Call- Mayor Riddle

In attendance: Mayor Christy Riddle

Vice Mayor Donny Johnson

Councilor Ed Banks

Councilor Dirk Ballard

Councilor Kenny 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*)

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 August 8,2023
2. Minutes from July 25, 2023 Work and Regular Meeting
3. Payment Register

Motion to approve all consent items as presented by Mayor Riddle second 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- *Christy delivered 3 of the easements of which 1 came back signed and the clerk received one not signed. as declining. Vice Mayor Johnson still needs to deliver his.*
2. Dept. Head reports - *reviewed. No Fire Department Report. Vice Mayor Johnson*

- committed to getting a report in at the first of the month.*
3. Town Clerk- Interim Town Manager- *none.*

C. Action Items:

1. Discussion and possible action- Allen Dunham Approve Conditional Use

Allen Dunham updated where they were on the removal of the storage trailer. Councilor Ballard and Vice Mayor Johnson both confirmed they would vouch for the Dunhams'. Mayor Riddle made a motion for a CONDITIONAL USE permit (notice, variance was approved prior,) for a year. Vice Mayor Johnson was the second to that motion all in favor.

2. Discussion and possible action-adoption of the official 2023-2024 budget by Resolution 2023-010

As the budget was just reviewed in the Public Meeting, no further discussion. Councilor Ballard made the motion to adopt the official 2023-2024 budget by resolution 2023-10. Councilor Banks made the second to the motion all in favor.

3. Discussion and possible action- Building on Easy Street (aka Vermillion Gardens). Council may vote to convene in executive session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A) (3) for legal advice. Mayor Riddle made a motion to go into Executive session at 7:15 pm Councilor Banks seconded the motion. All in favor.

Council returned at 7:31 pm with a Motion made by Councilor Ballard to move forward with the directions given to the attorney - utility easements, private street, and a resolution being adopted. Councilor Johnson was second to the motion all in favor.

Discussion and possible action- Paving the street on Kaibab Drive. Council may vote to convene in executive session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A) (3) for legal advice.

Skylar Palmer (Director of Public Works) would like to know if the sidewalks on kaibab drive belonged to the town. Councilor Ballard and Councilor Johnson are both concerned that the property lines are not clear and do not want to set a precedent of replacing sidewalks that should be replaced by the owner if we cross over property lines without knowing. Motion by Mayor Riddle to hire Chris Heaton to survey kaibab drive for the towns easement and have town clerk see if the cost can be covered under HURF funds and if not, take from contingency; seconded by councilor Ballard, all in favor.

4. Discussion and possible action- Intergovernmental Agreement for Mutual Aid in Law Enforcement. Council may vote to convene in executive session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A) (3) for legal advice.

Discussion that this is already happening but nothing in writing so this will cover all agencies (in or outside of AZ.) Comment made that glad to see Big Water and Page added

for mutual aid agreement. Councilor Ballard made motion to approve the MOU and Mayor Riddle seconded, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action--Review and Approval of invoice 233517 from Utah Outdoor Power in the amount of \$17957.36- Mower for Public Works

Mayor Riddle made a *motion to approve the invoice in the amount of \$17, 957.36 To be paid AFTER the parts were received Vice Mayor Johnson seconded the motion all in favor.*

5. Discussion and possible action-Review Quotes for Fuel Locks.

Review of the 3 bids along with Skyler's recommendation. Councilor Ballard wanted to make sure that if we did add additional fuel storage tanks (be it diesel or gas,) that the new tanks could be added to the tracking system. There was discussion of potentially sharing with ADOT on the tanks they have but this discussion is still under way. Mayor Riddle made a motion to approve the quote for Fuel Transfer Inc. in the amount of \$6,194.94 and to be taken out of buildings and grounds seconded by Councilor Ballard all in favor.

6. Discussion and possible action- Zion Bank Account Options

Traci reviewed how changing our checking account to a sweep account would provide almost 4x the interest rate. She confirmed that the money could be swept back into the account at any time and the sweep account could be changed at any time. Once the comfort is there with the checking account being a sweep account, other accounts could be looked at but for now, only the checking account was recommended and approved to switch to a sweep account. Councilor Ballard made the motion to approve changing the account type to a sweep account, Vice Mayor Johnson seconded all in favor.

D. Discussion

- a) Mayor Riddle asked Traci where we were on the Vehicle Policies and Programs and asked if we could be presented at the next Council Meeting. Traci said she was currently working on it but it would not be ready for the next Council Meeting.
- b) Councilor Ballard would like to have the Dam discussion on the agenda for the next Public Meeting and even look at putting the repairs, etc of the Dam on the ballot. There is concern that ADWR does not have all the history for the dike and the repairs made in 1980. Councilor Ballard would to discuss the following:
 - 1) Recommend having a 2nd geotech company to assess the Dam and report back.
 - 2) Request was made for anyone who might know someone that has the original plans from 1973.
- c) Councilor Johnson is concerned re: our water supply. Would like to see more wells drilled. Would like Skyler to attend the next meeting for further discussion.
- d) Vice Mayor Johnson has concerns re the Port Of Entry - tickets are costing \$5-\$6000 per pop yet there is no place locally to get permits

1.Future agenda items:

- a. New form for land combination/split/lot line adjustment
- b. Evaluation of Magistrate's wage
- c. Town committees and department; 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. Building on Easy Street-discussion July 27, 2023
- l. Port of Entry
- m. Equipment and vehicle policy
- n. Dike Repairs

Adjourn: Mayor Riddle made a motion at 8:22 pm to adjourn seconded by Councilor Banks all in favor.

Review and sign Demands

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