

**FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.01, notice is hereby given to members of the Fredonia Town Council and the Public that a Regular Meeting will be held on August 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. If indicated in the agenda, the Council may vote to go into Executive Session which will not be open to the public to discuss certain matters. **Vice Mayor Johnson, Councilor Ballard, Councilor Johnson, Town Manager Grover, Wes Dison, Mark Christian, Eric McCormick, Chase Kirby, Crystal Kirby, Margarette Allen, Anthony Black, Kelly Allen, Rachel Bunting, Jamie Jones, Mary Ballard**

**Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: at 7:05 by **Vice Mayor Johnson**, he excused **Mayor Purvis**, and **Councilor Scott**.

Invocation: **Councilor Johnson**

Pledge of Allegiance: **All participated**

Public Comment (non-related agenda items only): **No comment**

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.)
Vice Mayor Johnson make a motion to approve the consent items as they are listed. August 10, 2021 agenda, July 27, 2021 minutes, and June 15th-August 10th payment approval registers.

1. Agenda for August 10, 2021
2. Minutes from July 27, 2021, regular session meeting
3. Payment approval registers for June 15, 2021- August 10, 2021

B. Reports

1. Mayor:
2. Town Manager: **Congressman O'Halleran will at Jacob Lake on Monday the 16th, and in Fredonia on Tuesday the 17th. They have invited anyone and everyone to join. Jacob Lake's topic of discussion will be the Mangum Fire. He will be in Fredonia to discuss the Mangum Fire, as well as any concerns. On September 8th the USDA and Lena Fowler will be in Fredonia to discuss possible funding. Fredonia 1st ward LDS Bishop Ron Johnson reached out and would like to offer community service to anyone wanting to help. They would like to pull weeds at the park, along the bike track and clean up a little. (Council said that was agreeable.) Lastly,**

Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) would like to offer a C.E.R.T. class by the end of August. They will need at least 12 community members to participate. Bayden will move forward with trying to see if there will be enough to get one scheduled. Otherwise, they will offer again next year.

- 3. Town Clerk: Jamie reports that she was unaware of the IGA the Town had with the County for the Magistrate Court Clerk. They have not sent an invoice, but the town is supposed to make quarterly payments. They were paid this week, all of 2020 as well as the two quarters for 2021. Stan from Savage Esplin (Accountant) came in on Monday to help work on the books and work on getting caught up. There is a pop-up vaccine scheduled for August the 28. It was scheduled on a Saturday so hopefully it will be available for those that work Mon-Fri and would otherwise not be able to attend.**
- 4. Finance Director:**
- 5. Town Departments and Committees:
Senior Center Director Sonya Kimball
Librarian Lisa Findlay
Vice Mayor excused the Departments.**

C. Action Items: Vice Mayor Johnson rearranged the action items. Moving #4 to #1, and moving the remaining down one.

- 1. Discussion and possible action: Adoption of Hazard Mitigation- Wes Dison and Mark Christian from Coconino County's Emergency Management came to explain the hazard mitigation plan to the council. Wes is the Emergency Management Manager; he thanked the Council and attendees for their time.
The plan currently includes five separate towns within Coconino County, Fredonia being one of them. It was set up to help procure funding from FEMA in preparation of any "natural" disaster. Without adopting the plan, the Town would not be eligible to apply for FEMA funding. (Only FEMA) One of the differences with 2021 plan opposed to 2015's, was that pandemic was added to the nine types of emergencies you would be able to get relief from. Wes is unsure if it is based solely on population, but knows it is based on the risk/threat to your community. If the plan is accepted the town would be eligible for FEMA grants not only to assist with emergencies, but also to assist with funding to prevent emergencies. Wes explains there is no obligation to the Town if accepted. The county does solicit in the community members to request information regarding what they feel is the biggest hazard for our area, but that is all they do. Vice Mayor Johnson asks what the plan provides. Wes says it provides nothing; just opens a door. Councilor Ballard is concerned that if we accept the mitigation plan it allows County, State, and Federal agencies to come at will. Wes explains there is a declaration process for emergencies, and no one will come into Fredonia's jurisdiction until they are asked.**

Responsibility begins at a local level. Councilor Johnson expresses that the town is trying to be more self-sufficient, and as long as everyone will follow the correct process, he likes the mitigation plan. The Council agrees they would like the Mayor and Councilor Scott present before moving forward. Councilor Ballard make a motion to table the Coconino County mitigation plan until the August 24 meeting, or until all are present. 2nd Councilor Johnson, all in favor none opposed.

2. Discussion and possible action: Variance for land split- Parcel # 60013010C- Property on Altus & 200 W. Property owner tells the Council that he has now submitted the variance paperwork to split his property into four building lots. Councilor Ballard's biggest concern is there is not proper access for emergency and utility vehicles. Mr. McCormick doesn't think that should have anything to do with splitting the land, rather the ability for land buyers to obtain a building permit. As long as he discloses said information to anyone buying property, he does not think that is relevant for tonight's request. He also states he will be signing a contract with anyone buying the land that there will be no more splits for the purchased lots. He would like to build on one of the lots and he doesn't really want a bunch of neighbors. Council agrees that he is correct, but they do not want to continue pushing the issue down the road; the code needs to be addressed so they can make room for growth the correct way. Council would like to see Planning and Zoning move forward with their plan to address code revisions. Councilor Ballard make a motion to approve the variance for a land split into four separate lots for Eric McCormick on Altus Lane/200 West, parcel #600-13-010C. 2nd by Councilor Johnson, all in favor none opposed.
3. Discussion and possible action: Utility Board Recommendations- Tree trimming contract. Utility Board made the recommendation to renew the contract with B.A. Robinson's, for one year at \$31,000.00 for power lines, with an additional \$6,000.00 for service lines. Councilor Johnson states that while he was serving on the Utility Board, everyone seemed satisfied with B.A.'s work, and they all thought they had done a really great job. Councilor Johnson makes a motion to accept Utility Boards recommend and motions approval for B.A. Robinson's one year tree trimming contract for \$31,000.00 for the power lines and the additional \$6,000.00 for the service lines, for a total of \$37,000.00. 2nd by Councilor Ballard, all in favor none opposed.
4. Discussion and possible action: Solar ordinance 2021-001- Manager Grover addressed the issues that were presented at the last meeting; some were revised, others were not. The ordinance was revised and now states that the installation must be done up to code, inspected by the building official, Garkane, and the Town, but does not require a licensed contractor to install. As well as having two meters. With technology and advancements that have been made in the last few years, it is no longer required. The bi-directional, dual meter is capable of doing everything needed. Jamie did reach out to Caselle, and they do not currently offer a way of monitor saved power. The office would have to keep monthly

record, and that is not feasible. There will be no revisions to “banking” energy, or the monthly credit. Council accepts the first reading of the ordinance as it is written. Town Manager Grover did the first reading.

i. Resolution for tariff rider- Tabled until the ordinance is accepted

ii. Interconnection agreement- Tabled until the ordinance is accepted.

~~Discussion and possible action: Adoption of Hazard Mitigation~~

5. **Discussion and possible action: County dam report- Manager Grover goes over some of the county dam report, and the suggestions they have made. The dam needs some attention, and the Town is responsible for maintaining the structure. They will require a report on how the town plans to fix it. Councilor Johnson specifically remembers telling both gentlemen that were present, that the biggest areas of concern were damaged due to drill holes they (the county) did for a study. It was not listed as mentioned in the report, and they were not given straight answers where they inquired about it. Council would like to figure out a way to prevent anyone being able to drill into it again. No action taken at this time.**
6. **Discussion and possible action: Arena usage- Manager Grover describes the rodeo grounds and the two corrals that are there and currently have cattle in them. There used to be an agreement in place for a couple community members to utilize the corrals and keep their livestock there; however, that has been void for over ten years. In the prior agreement the livestock was typically used for rodeos, or roping, but currently it is strictly personal use. There is concern that if there is not a lease in place or a liability waiver, the result could be a possible lawsuit against the town. Officer Kirby says he has been called out several mornings because of one of the calves is out; he also noticed that there is no food, and the water buckets are tipped over. So, they have no food or water most of the time. Crystal Kirby tells Council she has gone out and checked on them and watered them on more than one occasion. Councilor Ballard doesn't think we need to charge an arm and a leg to allow the community the use of the corrals. Jamie suggests having an agreement for water use and possible a liability waiver. Manager Grover expresses his concern for not charging and the public “gifting” situation. Council agrees that \$25.00 monthly, water, and maintenance would be sufficient. Councilor Ballard make a motion to move forward with an agreement for corral lease; \$25.00 a month, maintain and clean corral and fences, and a liability waiver. He would also like it noted in the minutes that the Town in no way believes the cattle to be neglected. You may not always see what someone is doing, and as far as anyone understands, the animals are being taken care of. 2nd by Councilor Johnson, all in favor none opposed.**

7. Discussion and possible action: FY 2021-2022 budget **Table by Vice Mayor Johnson until August 24th, 2021 at the 7:00pm Town Council meeting, to be held at 25 N. Main St., in Council Chambers.**

D. Council Member comments and future agenda items:

1. Mayor Purvis:
2. Vice Mayor Johnson: **Water outside of Town limits/Service district.**
3. Councilor Ballard: **Work meeting for credit card policies.**
4. Councilor Scott:
5. Councilor Johnson:

E. Council Direction to Town Manager: **Agreement for Rodeo Grounds.**

F. Adjournment:

Review and sign demands

Approved:

Attest:

Kimley Purvis, Mayor

Jamie Jones- 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.

Jamie Jones, Town Clerk