

**FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**May 2, 2023**

**25 N. Main St., Fredonia, AZ**

**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 May 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. **Mayor Riddle, Vice Mayor Johnson, Councilor Ballard, Councilor Banks, Councilor Johnson.**

Regular meeting

Call to Order **7:04pm**

Roll Call **Mayor Riddle**

Invocation **Councillor Ballard**

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*)

*\*Clayton Johnson would like to cash out his health care benefits and get a raise.*

*\*Thomas Holm would like to bid to purchase scrap at \$35.00 a ton. He stated that he is a licensed explosive expert and would be willing to do a firework show and would be open to the pick up of scrap metal. Mayor stated to get a proposal to the town manager.*

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 2, 2023
2. Minutes from April 18, 2023
3. Payment Register:

**Motion made by Mayor Riddle to approve all consent items seconded by councilor Ballard all in favor.**

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

1. Mayor

- a. Meeting with Local 1st AZ Lisa Allen reported on the meeting. She stated meeting went fabulous. Recommended that everyone read 13 ways to kill a community recommended by Local 1st and spoke about topics in the book. A citizen asked to comment and stated that a neighborhood watch would be beneficial and would like to see volunteers to start a voluntary neighborhood trash pick up. Mayor asked to give this recommendation to the town manager.
- b. Supervisor Lena Fowler coming June 7th at 1pm at the Town Office
- c. Easements/right-a-ways for the sewer extension project Mayor visited with project manager and documents were not perfected yet. Will get with Vice Mayor Johnson.
- d. Questions answered from the accountant- Email from the accountant was reviewed and stated we are making strides to move forward.
- e. Revisions to the Town's mission statement. Posted at the library asking for public comments.

2. Town Clerk- Interim Town Manager **Nothing at this time.**

3. Department Head Reports- **Reviewed**

C. Action Items:

1. Discussion and possible action- Proposal of Baja Nwaavjo I'tah Kuhveni Grand Canyon National Monument. Council may vote to convene in executive session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice. Mayor Riddle invited Hayden Ballard to discuss and give some factual information concerning the proposal of the Grand Canyon National Monument. Mr. Ballard was speaking in behalf of himself as a concerned citizen and not as his employer. Topics discussed include what is a monument and what it protects by law and the negative impact it would have on our community. The amount of land that is being proposed with this monument is a violation of the antiquities Act. All residents can go to the website of change.org to sign a petition to stop the monument. How to let our government leaders know that we want to stop this monument from moving forward. Mr Ballard stated that a resolution from the town would go a long way as well as other affected towns doing the same thing. Copies of the map and hand out and with Arizona Elected Officials are available at the town office. Councilor Ballard stated it is urgent to create a resolution ASAP to include key points of the antiquities act, the impact of cattle ranching, logging, and the negative effect it would have on our way of life. A motion made by Mayor Riddle to do a resolution with the mayor to act on behalf of the council to reach out to other communities on the issue; seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson all in favor.
- 2..Discussion and possible action- Streetlight Project progress and how to move forward. Mayor Riddle spoke to Nacog. The current situation with installing street lights to cut 2 more lights from the proposed plan to stay in budget. Other options were discussed including the town getting its own poles and heads and doing our install with Garkane's assistance. Councilor Ballard stated he would have a bid in two weeks. A motion was made to table this item until the next meeting and have Isabel with Nacog available and councilor Ballard will get options together for

**decorative solar lighting. Seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson all in favor.**

D. Discussion:

1. Ordinance 2023-001; adding Local Fare Fee and Installment Payment Plan Fee to the Court Fees. **Ordinance 2023-001 was read allowed and is available in the office and what each fee means. This was the first reading and the second reading will be at next regular council meeting.**

2. Lot line and split request for parcels #600-13-009-A & #600-13-009-C; Sandy Cash.

Council may vote to convene in executive session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice. **The discussion of the proposed plan presented by Sandy and discussed by council included topics of the land splits, lot line adjustments, utility easement, fence to fence requirements.the hammerhead dimensions and requirements that need to be spelled out by the engineer,utility easements and water lines. The recommendation that water lines would tie into our system and would require a backflow presenter so that water can't surge back into our system was discussed and the need to put the meters on the main street and not run them back was also a recommendation.. Council recommendation for Sandy to get everything drawn up professionally and council would review.**

3. Issuing building permits on Easy Street. Council may vote to convene in executive session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice. **Mayor made the motion to convene into executive session at 9:02pm seconded by Councilor Ballard all in favor. Motion by Mayor Riddle to Convene into regular session at 9:32pm Discussion to invite all property owners to the next meeting.**

4. 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. Mayor salary
- j. Utility Board
- k. Model City Tax code
- l. Town Fee Schedule
- m. Hydrant metering

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 9:40 by Mayor Riddle seconded by Councillor Ballard all in favor.**

Review and sign Demands

Approved Attest





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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.



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Traci Goodall, Town Clerk