

**FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 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 January 10, 2023, 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. **Mayor Riddle, Vice Mayor Johnson, Councilor Ballard, Councilor Banks, Councilor Johnson, Traci Goodall**

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

Call to Order: **7:08**

Roll Call: **Mayor Riddle**

Invocation: **Mayor Riddle**

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*) **Jamie Jones- Wanted to discuss Personnel Matters- Stated she had contacted the mayor and clerk regarding her unpaid comp time and received a letter for the town attorney regarding said time instead. Stated she has been waiting to be paid out for her comp time pay and vacation pay. Also requested a letter of verification for end of employment & benefits. Requested a Notice of final pay to be sent to Az State Retirement so that she could collect her retirement. Asked the council to investigate and would like contact back. Councilor Ballard stated that Council accepted her letter of resignation and that would suffice as documentation verification for the end of her employment.**

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 January 10, 2023- **Motion to approve Dirk Ballard 2nd Councilor Johnson all approved.**

2. Minutes from Regular Session for: November 1, 2022, November 15, 2022, December 6, 2022, and December 13, 2022; Work Session for November 1, 2022; Executive Session for November 8, 2022 and November 15, 2022. **Motion to approve all except for November 8th Executive Session and November 1st with changes. Motion Mayor Riddle 2nd Councilor Ballard all in favor. Motion to approve November 8th**

**Executive Session by Counselor Ballard seconded Councilor Banks
Mayor Riddle Recused (conflict of interest) all in favor**

**3. Payment approvals register: Motion Councilor Ballard 2nd Councilor
Banks all in favor.**

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

**1. Police Chief- officially appointment of Andrew Smith-Passed Post Mayor
Riddle swore in Andrew Smith under oath.**

**2. Mayor- Council Reviewed report, asked if they had any questions-
councilor Ballard asked what brought up the radio system? Will it be
handheld? Mayor did not know. The Kaibab meeting next Tuesday can
be attended by Zoom. The Raising Kane meeting the mayor cannot
attend, fee 20.00 Council can attend, ask clerk to register you if
interested. Mayor added to the report- She received a comment from a
citizen, thank you for patrolling the Short Stop in the evenings.**

**3. Town Clerk-Council Read report Councilor Ballard asked if everyone
who has access to a credit card will sign the new policy- clerk replied yes.**

**4. Town Manager- Council Read report in packet- In regard to the
Cemetery sign, councilor Ballard stated contacted Page Steel would be
\$1000.00 to \$1200.00, he would order and bill the town. Would coordinate
with Skyler (PW). Funds would come out of the Building and Grounds
Budget. Councilor Ballard states that he agrees.**

C. Action Items:

**1. Discussion and possible action- Appointment of new members to the Civic
Committee-Motion to approve names submitted- Councilor Ballard 2nd by
Vice Mayor Johnson all in favor**

- 1. Randi Tait**
- 2. Danielle Smith**

**2. Discussion and possible action- Kennel permit for parcel #60104020B;
113 Hidden Creek Road- presented by Mayor Riddle. Mayor stated they are
good. Motion Mayor Riddle to approve kennel permit. 2nd Vice Mayor
Johnson all in favor.**

3. Discussion and possible action- Selection of a firm for accounting services from the RFQ process- presented by Town Clerk- **Motion to approve the contract for Professional Services with Viewpoint Financial Services (Lars Johnson)- By Councilor Johnson 2nd Councilor Ballard all in favor approved**

4. Discussion and possible action- Streetlight project progress and change order approval- presented by Mayor Riddle-**Mayor Riddle stated that she has been in contact with YSMA and needed the last approval from ADOT. Spoke with Kevin just before Christmas he answered and said the light poles were encroaching. Fredonia owns the poles. Since then, the mayor has e-mailed ADOT. Mayor Riddle talked to the Director explaining the problem, she might go down to get the permit information if it has not been received. Councilor Ballard stated we are tired of lame excuses. They are not excited they just gives us excuses. We can't jump ship. We need a summary for the 20k. Can we agree to comprise or decline the change order request? What would happen? Do we need to verify the 20k with YSMA? While we are waiting for ADOT the scope of the project is getting smaller due to increased prices. Mayor Riddle stated the change order should have been approved prior. Councilor Ballard does not want to jump ship. Vice Mayor Johnson agrees. Councilor Ballard does not want to give them an additional 20k. Maybe a face-to-face meeting will resolve the issue. We are months behind, stating he is inclined to decline the 20k change order. Made a motion to decline change order, will relook at a change order if YSMA delivers a detailed expenses for the 20K. Motion by Councilor Ballard that, 2nd by Vice Mayor Johnson all in favor.**

5. Discussion and possible action- Welcome signs for the three locations that enter town and the new police station- presented by Councilor Johnson- **Councilor Johnson stated to have Silver Arrow provide a new sign,, same as the rest in town, nothing new, Motion to approve Councilor Johnson 2nd Counselor Banks all in favor.**

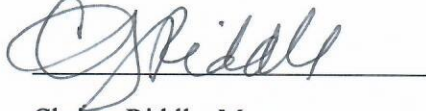
6. Discussion and possible action- Adoption of Resolution 2023-001; Purchase Power Cost Adjustment Rate- presented by Mayor Riddle- **Mayor stated she spoke to Dick Darnell in July and he stated power is going to rise by double recommended a pass thru charge to re-coupe cost. With low water levels and higher open market rates from WAPA the pass through is needed. The pass thru charge can be reevaluated. It should have been in place since November and did not happen. Councilor Ballard concerned will raise bills for fixed incomes. Discussion of what they bill might raise based on Kilowatt hours would look like. Councilor Ballard in favor, would like to see a plain letter explaining the changes. Councilor Johnson in favor. Vice Major Johnson stated would like to see contract verbiage. Motion Mayor Riddle Resolution 2023-001, recommending an analysis every 6 months. Seconded by Councilor Ballard all in favor approved**

7. Discussion and possible action - Future agenda items- **Streetlight Project, Sewer, Procedure for Split Combo Re; Planning and Zoning (Possible Work Meeting to discuss) Possible executive session re: Jamie Jones.**

D. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Johnson at 8:13 2nd by Councilor Banks all in favor

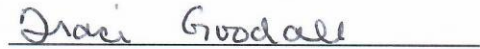
Review and sign Demands

Approved



Christy Riddle, Mayor

Attest



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