

FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
October 19, 2023
25 N. Main St, Fredonia AZ, 86022
7:00 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 October 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order- 7:11 pm Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order

Roll call-

Councilor Ballard
Mayor Christy Riddle
Councilor Johnson
Vice Mayor Johnson

Invocation - Mayor Riddle

Pledge of Allegiance - all in attendance

A. Action Items

1. Discussion and possible action - Council direction to Town Manager. Council may vote to convene in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431-.03 (A)(1) for personnel matters.

Mayor Riddle made a motion to convene in executive session which was seconded by Councilor Ballard.

Council moved into (A)(1) executive session at 7:13 pm.

Council moved into regular session at 8:17 pm. No action taken.

2. Discussion and possible action - Notice of Intent to propose new and altered police department fees.

Motion by Councilor Ballard to adopt notice of intent to alter/ create Police Department fees and expedite the process if possible. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor.

3. Discussion and possible action - Police Department

Officer Karsky shared the concerns regarding transferring everything to CO City. The win win would be to dispatch out of CO City and continue to MOU with the local Sheriff's Department and Kane County PD.

Councilor Ballard asked re: budget dollars as far as were they reaching the end of the spending trend. Officer Karsky shared that the dollars were not only spent on lethal options (such as fire arms) but on less lethal options as well - such as train the trainer programs, standardized uniforms and equipment updates - some of the equipment, such as the vests, were more than 10-15 years old - neither in compliance nor safe. In addition, subscriptions for policy management, body cam, compliance with ARS, criminal and personnel policy and procedures.

Chief Peterson added that now that his team is fully staffed, they are able to issue red notices for violations of city codes; Chief Peterson has been working with the Mayor to ensure the correct codes are being added to the red notices. Chief Peterson, working with the Mayor, is trying to bring back pride and make the town beautiful again.

Councilor Johnson recommended a “dumpster day” where dumpsters could be strategically placed throughout the town for people to clean up their yards.

Mayor confirmed if everyone was OK that she was working directly with Chief Peterson and committed to keeping everyone informed so that they are not caught out in left field when the community comes to them with the red notices that have been issued. All agreed and suggested that it would be worthwhile to send a heads up to the residents through the next newsletter.

Officer Karsky added that he wanted to make sure that when reviewing the fees, reference was made to ARS 39.1 as well as 39-121.03 for records request - that Records, Fees, etc were to be found under Title 39.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Riddle at 8:41 pm and seconded by Councilor Johnson. 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