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FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC AND REGULAR MEETING
March 21,2023
25 N. Main St., Fredonia, AZ
6:30 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 March 21,2023, at 6:00 p.m. If indicated in the agenda, Council may enter into an executive session for legal advice under ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) for any item listed on the agenda **Mayor Riddle, Councilor Banks, Councilor Johnson, Vice Mayor Johnson, Councilor Ballard, Traci Goodall**

PUBLIC MEETING

6:00 pm

Call to Order 6:04:

A. Discussion Items

1. Electric Consultant Contract K.R. Saline & Associates- Company **Contacts Kent, Stan, and Jeff** were available by phone and spoke about the benefits of their company.. They do their best to keep costs low by splitting costs between all their clients. They deal with federal contracting, and also provide a menu of services. They talked about our transmission concerns. The current hourly rate will stay the same. Has 30 years' experience and works with several towns. Jeff has been with the company for 25 years and works with Caselle and Vision Metering. Councilor Ballard likes the contract language. The company representatives will be in Page in April- May and offered to schedule a meeting.

2. Direction of town growth-Discussion of what do we like, possible gains, opportunities, and directions of growth. What don't we want to lose? Comment by Mr. Mudrow feels the sales tax is too high and would like to see it lowered. Fredonia ranks number 20 in the nation. Feels that is too high for a town of our size. Councilor Ballard agrees, Ms. Mudrow likes the open feel. Vice Mayor Johnson likes the small-town atmosphere, ranching, historical value, people tourism and industry and not everything is geared towards tourism. MS. Ballard likes the trees on main street, police department and sidewalks. Councilor Johnson likes the people and family setting and feels the town is moving in the right direction. Councilor Banks agrees with everyone. Mayor Riddle likes the unity of the community when growing up. Vice mayor Johnson would like to see positive growth- housing where everyone owns their home and pays taxes. Councilor Ballard back in 1985 we had industry and manufacturing. Vice Mayor Johnson states 100 new homes would change the town and would like to see light manufacturing. Members of the audience stated we need affordable housing and young families to move here and stay. Ms. Ballard stated she appreciated the cemetery road kept up, the Care N Share program. Would like to see the dump

moved and well maintained. Mayor Riddle stated USDA can help families get into homes. Ms. Mudrow spoke about Habitat for Humanity. Chris with the Buckskin Tavern would like to see a trade school, food place and training. Mike Reynolds spoke about what he felt would be the positive side of allowing guest quarters and necessary ordinance changes.

B. Adjourn 7:17

Regular meeting

Call to Order 7:17

Roll Call **Mayor Riddle**

Invocation **Councilor 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)*

Darlene Judd- Asked if there were rules for vacant land that is not taken care of? Council replied to get with the clerk and look at Fredoniaaz.net for the code.

Doreen Mudrow-Spoke about housing available for teachers and has spoken to Habitat for Humanity and feels they would be a good partner for the town. Spoke about building 3 duplexes and possible deadline for the project 9-2023 with the final deadline 2024.

Ted Jensen- Mr. Jensen is frustrated about communication from the council. He stated that his land had been encroached upon and that he had been working to put together a team to help with managing the town, He was disappointed that the council would push away people who would work for free.

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 March 21, 2023
2. Minutes from March 7, 2023
3. Payment Register:

Motion made by the mayor to approve the consent items 1,2,3 seconded by Vice Mayor 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- **Meeting Pre-bid meeting schedules next Tuesday at 4 pm at town office. Spoke about USDA housing income 40k for a 337k. She feels there is hope. There are grant opportunities available.**
2. Town Clerk- Interim Town Manager- **none**

C. Action Items:

1. Discussion and possible action-Sandra Robinsons request for help on keeping people off the dike and enforcing her gates be shut. Questions were asked if Public Works needs access? Visit with the police to see how they can help with code enforcement to keep people off the dike. Conciliar Ballard stated who is leaving the gate open? Let's find out what the problem is, could install a 3 way walk-through, bike, cattle guards etc. Item was tabled.
2. Discussion and possible action- BLM Land available for burn pile and other resources. **The BLM map was reviewed for possible locations. The council addressed concerns on how to provide this service? The consensus was no matter where we move to, we will have the same problem or there would be the possibility of dumping on private land. The council decided to put it back on the next agenda and open for public comments and research other options.**
3. Discussion and possible action- resolution 2023-003, 2023-004, 2023-005; CFO Designation fiscal year 2021,2022,2023 **Mayor made a motion to approve 2023-003, 2023-004, 2023-005 resolutions for CFO seconded Conciliar Johnson all in favor.**
4. Discussion and possible action-Adoption of Resolution 2023-006; On Call Pay Police and Public Works - **Major stated that the resolution gives the authority to pay. Vice Mayor Johnson states it covers the town but is concerned about our officers not having a day off. Vice Mayor Johnson makes a motion to adopt the resolution Conciliar Ballard seconds all in favor.**
5. Discussion and possible action- Kairos HealthCare Renewal 2023-2024 **Council reviewed the documents provided and discussed options. Councilor Ballard made a motion to adopt scenario 1 provided, mayor added Open all options Kairos offers at employee cost with second Vice Mayor Johnson all in favor.**
6. Discussion and possible action-Contract for Electric Consultant: K.R. Saline & Associates. **Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to contract with Electric Consultant: K.R. Saline & Associates seconded by Mayor Riddle all in favor.**
7. Discussion and possible action -Set dates for future council meetings- **Mayor makes a motion to set the dates every other week starting with April 4th seconded by Councilor Ballard all in favor.**

D. Discussion

1. Budget

2. Budget legal services- **Concerns the budget and expenditures for legal counsel are high and more accountability for the legal budget is needed. Counciliar Johnson agreed with councilor Ballard. Items need to come to the council before legal.**

3. Mayor Salary-**This topic was discussed by the council as to why it was increased and why it still remains at its current rate. The discussion to reduce the mayor's wages to \$200.00 per month was discussed. Mike Reynolds suggested reducing the clerks' wages. Mayor**

asked what the council's expectations were. And discussing how many hours she is currently working, Vice Mayor Johnson recommended that Legal expense and mayor salary remain for future agenda items.

1. Future agenda items:
 - a. Credit Card transactions by card holders without receipts
 - b. Form for land combination/split/lot line adjustment- Meeting with Justin
 - c. Evaluation of Magistrate's wage
 - d. Town committees and department; council representation
 - e. Sawmill Estate Subdivision progress
 - f. General Plan
 - g. 911 Readdressing the streets.
 - h. Emergency Preparedness- Backup Generators, Get Quotes
 - i. Secure Water Supply
 - j. Mayor salary
 - k. Power Board

Adjourn: **Motion to Adjourn at 9:36 by Mayor Riddle 2nd Vice Mayor Johnson all in favor.**

Review and sign Demand.

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