

**FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 3, 2024**  
**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 Public Meeting will be held on May 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Vice Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 7 pm

Roll Call

*Councilor Ballard*  
*Councilor Banks*  
*Vice Mayor Scott*  
*Councilor Johnson*

Invocation – Julie Johnson

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.*)

- 1) The Civics committee (Julie and Sonya) provided an update to their last discussion re purchasing a storage box. The Crams are selling their 40'x9.5' Connex storage box and asking \$2500.00. There is a trailer in front of the box which needs to be moved and they would like the box placed in the back of the Senior Center. There was a cost comparison done with Colorado City – they are selling one for \$4000. Council asked the Civics committee to get added to the next City Council agenda and to confirm they have the funds. Julie mentioned that she is working with the accountant to ensure that the funds that were raised during special events, Christmas, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, etc have been correctly credited to the Civics Committee because the Civics account currently shows overspent but based on her calculations, she should have more than enough to cover the purchase of the box.
- 2) Kevin Collins raised concerns re the Red Hills area where he rides his dirt bike. He said that the tables (one concrete and one metal) were destroyed and the area is used as a dumping ground. Mr. Collins recommended that we add cameras along with trash cans and signs that they are under camera surveillance and issue hefty fines from those caught. Mr. Collins said that he is willing to contribute his resources both in effort and in funding. Councilor Ballard asked that we add this to the next agenda for the City Council.

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 3, 2024

2. Minutes from April 19, 2024 Regular Meeting, April 26, 2024 Special Meeting & May 1 Special Meeting

Councilor Ballard made a motion to approve consent items #1 and #2. Councilor Johnson seconded. 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. Petty cash for swimming pool is on track for pool opening Memorial Day weekend
- b. Cemetery Arch to be completed before Memorial Day weekend (further discussion as listed under “action items”)
- c. Due to employee health problems, office is figuring things out
- d. Updated signature cards were approved and sent to the bank
- e. Grist email was sent to set up interview of Council
- f. Grant for sewer project is good until the end of 2024. Will call Kelvin weekly to ensure that we are ready for the bids to go out – right now, Kelvin is saying the bids will go out in the Fall but due to concerns re weather and construction start, need to push the bids to go out earlier with the construction to start in the Fall. ADOT also confirmed that the new proposed path of the sewer is OK.
- g. Working on addressing new construction – once we give the addresses out, we need to make sure to register the new addresses so emergency vehicles, etc will be able to find the addresses on their system
- h. Inspection of Levee was completed – comment from the report is that dirt bikes and ramps are causing erosion and damage. Councilor Johnson also mentioned that the trash that is on the sides is also causing erosion – this will need to be cleaned out and ensure no more dumping. Councilor Ballard requested that we add this to the next Council Meeting agenda
- i. Limb pile – residents are calling asking when the limb pile will be opened back up – due to the dumping in the limb pile (other than approved materials,) AZDEQ shut it down. While the town would like to reopen the limb pile, still to this day there is illegal dumping going on.
- j. The City Council requests that residents be part of the solution – “help us, help you” – looking for ideas and leadership re committees, etc in order to not just share the problem but to be part of the solution – some of the committees to think of creating/leading would be a committee to address the trash issue throughout the town, abandoned cars, etc

2. Council Members

3. Department Heads

- a. Skyler – update on resident concern re possible asbestos in water pipe line *In regard to citizens’ concerns about the asbestos water lines in the Town of Fredonia. It is something that we are working on addressing. There has been conflicting reports as to how much asbestos water line we still have in town. Having looked over our water system as built and talking with previous Public*

*Works Directors I have narrowed down a good idea of where to start. The process of narrowing down the lines will be a slow process. We will have to pothole all of the suspected water lines to determine their class of pipe. In the near future we will be renting a potholer for another project and while we have it on hand we will be able to locate what asbestos pipe we have left. Once we have located the asbestos pipe we will make a plan to replace what is left. According to my plans, most if not all of it was replaced during the water project in 2011-2012.*

Councilor Ballard added that the asbestos is not in the main water line which serves the town but a spur off line which will be addressed.

4. Town Clerk

### C. Action Items

1. Swearing in of Clayton Brooks, Volunteer Fire Fighter  
Clayton Brooks was sworn in
2. Discussion and possible action regarding Town power matters as presented by Daniel Pritchard & Scott Saline with K.R. Saline & Associates
  - a) K.R. Saline & Associates are the power consultants for the Town of Fredonia. They presented expected (but not yet approved) power cost increases in 2024. The Town's contract will conclude September 2028 with the Parker-Davis Project (hydroelectric generating plants located at the Parker and Davis Dams in AZ.) At that time, the Town should anticipate a small reduction in its capacity allocation and make a determination if they want to purchase energy up to its entitlement. WAPA (Western Area Power Administration) may be looking at joining the SPP (Southwest Power Pool) in which case, the Town will need to wheel its power through the SPP market and may pay additional costs for doing so. All of the information provided was a heads up as to what changes may be coming and for the Town to get involved up front and be prepared as to any decisions that will need to be made. We still have time because any changes that would require action won't be until January 2025. K.R. Saline and Associates said that the Town is in a better place than others since we have the hydropower and don't need to negotiate and purchase power from other sources. A resident raised her concern re brown outs that were happening with Garkane – both planned and unplanned. K.R. Saline and Associates were not familiar with these outages in Fredonia and will follow up. They also mentioned that we could market the renewable energy credits that we have or we could retain them for an indefinite time – these credits also recognize the Town as being “green.”
3. Discussion and possible action regarding Easy Street missing signatures  
There are still two missing owner signatures on the easement agreement. Councilor Ballard made a motion that another letter is sent to both of these owners and the letter makes the statement that no response will be considered as

agreement. Vice Mayor Scott seconded the motion. All in Favor.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding Jacob Cluff role  
The Town invites Mr. Cluff to get the code book for commercial properties updated – specifically looking to make sure that there are no contradictions and bring the verbiage up to date and make any resolutions for any changes that need to be made. In addition, Mr. Cluff will be working with Garkane’s Board of Directors to look into the potential purchase of the power line that goes to the where the Sawmill Estates are – the Town would own the meters.  
Councilor Ballard made a motion to work with Jacob Cluff on the commercial building codes and the possible purchase of the power line. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All in Favor.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding Ted Jensen role  
The Town would like to bring Ted Jensen on board so that he can familiarize himself with what is going on in the office. Mr. Jensen would serve as the “Information Officer” reviewing the finances on a day to day basis and anything that would need to be taken care of in the future.  
Councilor Ballard made a motion to approve Ted Jensen to come in to work with the office staff to become familiarized with the systems and processes. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All in Favor.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding reorganization of Town Clerk/Treasury Role  
Neither the Mayor nor any of the City Council members should have any access directly to the bank accounts. There has to be separation of those who balance the checkbook and those who write the checks.  
Councilor Ballard made a motion to table this issue for now. Councilor Banks seconded the motion. All in Favor.
7. Discussion and possible action re budget planning for 2024-2025 fiscal year  
No action needed. Add to agenda for next City Council Meeting
8. Discussion and possible action on the Cemetery Arch  
Councilor Ballard has donated both time and funds along with the Kennedy’s who donated pipes but they need funding in order to complete the new Cemetery Arch by Memorial Day. They are asking if there is any funding in the Parks and Recreation budget or any budget that can provide the \$3000 needed to ensure completion of the new Cemetery Arch by Memorial Day.  
No action needed.

#### D. Discussion

##### 1. Future Agenda Items:

- a. New form for land combination/split/lot line adjustment
- b. Evaluation of Magistrate's Wage
- c. Town Committees and departments; 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. Utility Board
- j. Model City tax code
- k. Equipment and vehicle policy
- l. Levee repairs
- m. Purchasing policy
- n. Purchasing electrical structure on the old Kaibab land
- o. Wages for Volunteers working in Town Office

Adjourn: Vice Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Approved

Attest

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Don Johnson, Mayor

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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