FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING -MINUTES June 11, 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 June 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order - Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Roll Call – Mayor Johnson

Vice Mayor Scott

Councilor Ballard

Councilor Banks

Councilor Johnson

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.)

- 1) Benjamin Terry Mr. Terry stated that he is being charged for a dumpster that is not his. He said the dumpster was put in front of his business for the residents for the trailer park that is behind is business. He said that he has been charged \$55.00 for the past 5or 6 years. He wanted the town to make it right Mayor Johnson said that the council would take it under consideration and make it fair.
- 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 June 11, 2024
 - 2. Minutes from May 28, 2024

Councilor Ballard made a motion that we accept both consent items.

Councilor Banks seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Councilor Ballard asked about the check register and asked for it to be back on the consent items to be approved.

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

Mayor Johnson said that he spoke the Evelyn Erickson, she wanted to thank the police and the town. He also said that there have been positive comments on the cemetery sign. He gave a thanks to Councilors Ballard and Johnson.

Mayor Johnson Thanked the office for the work they are doing on the budget and

audit.

- 2. Council Members:
- 3. Department Heads
- 4. Town Office Updates:
 - a. Ted Jensen
 - i. Audit update

 Ted suggested that the audit be put on hold until an executive session be held. The meeting will be an A1 and A2. He would like to hold the meeting on Thursday, June 13.
 - ii. Budget update

 Ted gave an update on how the budget was coming along. He said
 that he was working hard to get it done before the deadline.

C. Action Items

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding hiring an Assistant Deputy Clerk. Vice Mayor Scott recommended that the office hire a new assist deputy clerk to help while Traci Goodall is out. If or when Traci comes back the new assistant deputy clerk would help out at the town, police station and the senior citizens center. Council decided to table this item until the budget is done. The clerk wages will be split between the individual departments.
- 2. Discussion and possible action regarding Arizona Dept. of Water Resources report on the Fredonia Levee.

 Councilor Johnson gave a report on the levee and said that the report was good. He stated that the levee needed some repairs. He thanked the Ballard Family and the school with help cleaning up the levee. No action needed to be taken.
- 3. Discussion and possible action on Chief Peterson's request for a new officer and office manager.

 Ted spoke of the need of having an office manager to help out at the police department and other places. He stated that Chief Peterson requested another officer. Chief Peterson was asked to come and speak and explain his needs. He explained that the decision needed to be made so the new officer could report to post in July. He introduced Joshua Harris as the possible new officer. Joshua Harris drove through here in 2017 and loved it. He moved here in May, 2023 and would like to stay here.
- 4. Discussion and possible action regarding budget planning for the 2024 2025 fiscal year.

 Mayor Johnson suggested that the budget discussion be tabled until Thursday, so that council members can look at the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding approval for extra hours for office staff to clean down stairs and the file room.
 Mayor speaks about how the down stairs needs to be cleaned out and things put

in order. Councilor Ballard asked if the office had enough money in the budget. Ted said that there is money in the office budget. It would be done on weekends. Ted is getting information on retention required for documents. Police are getting approval to move evidence out of the evidence room. Councilor Ballard made a motion to give the office staff extra hours the clean the basement Mayor Johnson second it. All in favor.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Care & Share budget items and roll over.

Ted asked to add the Care& Share budget items to meeting on Thursday June 13, 2024. This will give the council time to review the budget. Hazel asked to speak. She explained that she has been doing Care & Share for 22 years. She now has a budget and would like some much-needed items. She invited the council to drive by and see what they do. She asked if the extra money from the 2023-2024 budget could be rolled over to the next fiscal year, so she could buy some of the large items. Mayor Johnson said they would look it over and discuss it on Thursday.

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
 - 1. Levee repairs
 - m. Purchasing policy
 - n. Purchasing electrical structure on the old Kaibab land
 - o. Wages for Volunteers working in Town Office

Adjourn: 8:07	
Approved	Attest
Don Johnson, 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