

FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 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 July 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Vice Mayor Called meeting to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Vice Mayor Scott

Councilor Ballard

Councilor Banks

Councilor Johnson

Invocation: Lisa Findlay

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. Beeta Helwing: Thomas Helwing spoke about the fees for Garkane hooking up electric to his home. He stated that he was being over charged and compared the fees to what the fees were in New York. Councilor Ballard suggested that he come in and sit and talk about it. Councilor Ballard said he would look into it and asked if he would like to be put on the agenda for future items. Thomas said he would.

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 July 23,2024
2. Minutes from July 9, 2024 Regular Meeting
3. Payment Approval Reports

Councilor Ballard made a motion to approve all consent items. Councilor Banks seconded the motion. All on favor.

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

1. Mayor:
2. Councilor Members: Councilor Ballard requested an update on Easy Street. Vice Mayor said that he is waiting to hear back from the Lawyer. He said that he is speaking with the three children in one family. Councilor Ballard suggested that they go out and inspect the water lines and find out the size and quality of the line.
3. Department Heads: Police Department to introduce their new Office Manager; Daisy Johnson: Lieutenant Cooper introduced Daisy Johnson as their new office manager who spoke a little bit about her back ground.
4. Town Office Updates:
 - a. Introduction of the new Assistant Deputy Clerk; Brittany Jackson: Deputy Clerk Tracy Stumpf introduced Brittany Jackson as the new Assistant Deputy Clerk and what a big help she will be.
 - b. Ted to give an update on the Budget and Audit: Ted gave an update on the budget, thanking everyone for all the help. He said with the increase of wages at 5% the benefit will go up about 20%. He spoke about the need to bring in more revenue into the town. He also said that out electric rates are extremely lower than some of the surrounding towns. Kane county's power rates are 4 to 5 times higher than Fredonia's. Ted also said the Audit will be talked about in Executive Session.

C. Action Items:

1. Swearing in of Margaret Allen and Ian Baird, Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department: Vice Mayor Scott administered the Oath of Office to Margaret Allen and Ian Baird, making them a member of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding: The Paiute Tribe Subdivision, "Sage Flats" Combining two five-acre parcels into one ten-acre parcel. Rezoning them from open space and agriculture to residential. Also approving the preliminary plat for the subdivision. Elizabeth Whitlock Civil Engineer for the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians asked that the City Council approve the combination of 2 five-acre parcels into 1 ten-acre parcel, and then rezoning them as residential. Councilor Ballard made a motion to approve both the combination of the parcels and rezoning them. Councilor Johnson seconded it. All in favor. After the approvals of the combinations and the rezoning of the parcels Elizabeth Whitlock asked that the council approve the preliminary plat for the

Sage Flats Subdivision. There was some discussion about the water flow going into someone else's property. It was stated that it would go into the existing ditch. The width of the road and a second entrances was also spoke about. It was said that an alley way could be put in for emergency vehicles. Each lot would be about 1/4 acre lots with the houses about 1200 to 1500 sq feet. Elizabeth told the council that there would be curb and gutter, and also sidewalks. They would put in streets lights that would shine down for the dark sky effect. Councilor Ballard made the motion to approve the preliminary plat. Councilor Johnson seconded it with all in favor.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding: The approval of the Final Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The Final Budget was placed on hold until after Executive Session. After Executive Session it was noted that another meeting would have to be held to approve the final budget.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding: The 21-22 Audit. May go into Executive Session. A-2: Councilor Ballard made a motion to go into Executive Session to go over the audit findings. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion, with all in favor. Regular session was placed on hold at 8:14 pm The council left to go into Executive Session. After council came back from Executive Session at 8:45 pm. It was decided that no action needed to be taken.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding: The Library Staff pay raise. May go into Executive Session A-1: Councilor Ballard made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pay increases for the Library Staff. Councilor Johnson seconded it, all in favor. Regular meeting was placed on hold at 8:47. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:55. Councilor Ballard made a motion regarding the new pay wages for the library staff. Councilor Banks seconded it. All in favor.

D. Discussion

1. Future Agenda Items:

- a. New form for land combination/split/lot line adjustment
- b. Town Committees and departments; council representation
- c. Sawmill Estate Subdivision progress
- d. General Plan
- e. 911 Readdressing the streets
- f. Emergency preparedness-backup generators, get quotes
- g. Secure water supply
- h. Utility Board

- i. Model City tax code
- j. Equipment and vehicle policy
- k. Purchasing policy
- l. Purchasing electrical structure on the old Kaibab land

Adjourn: 8:57 pm

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