

**FREDONIA TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**January 9, 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 Regular Meeting will be held on January 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order – 7:08 pm Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order  
Roll Call

*Councilor Ballard*  
*Councilor Banks*  
*Mayor Christy Riddle*  
*Vice Mayor Don Johnson*  
*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.*)

*Ben Armstong from Kane county EMS introduced himself to the council and stated that he was in attendance to get a prospective on the town's needs in regards to emergency services.*

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 January 9, 2024
2. Minutes from December 12, 2023 regular meeting and December 19, 2023 public and special meeting
3. Payment register

Mayor Riddle made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilor Banks seconded the motion. All in Favor.

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

1. Wreaths for veterans across America program- *Alan Seilhammer and Marilyn Lucus reviewed the success of the program confirming that while the fundraising was late in starting (October,) the town was able to reach the goal for every Veteran to receive a wreath on their grave with excess funds to be applied to 2024. Alan and Marilyn will be leading the program this year as well and the wreath ceremony will be held on December 14, 2024. Alan and Marilyn thanked and acknowledged the community and businesses for their support not only for the fundraising but the large turn out at the wreath placement ceremony. Of the many thanks given, special mention was made to the businesses who donated*

- funds, cemetery board (noting Bob Ford's support not only before and during the ceremony but after in the removal of the wreaths as well,) the school students who came out to support (especially the beautiful and moving singing) and Offices Cooper and White for their support and leading the way.*
2. Department heads – *Councilor Ballard commented on the work that was done for the widening of South Second West – everything looks good and now all that is needed is a sign to stop large vehicles from going up the road. Vice Mayor Johnson confirmed he had a picture of a similar sign and would share with Skyler. Vice Mayor Johnson asked Traci if she had an update on the request he had given her and she said not yet. Mayor Riddle asked Traci if she had an opportunity to look at Building and Grounds salaries and Traci confirmed that she was working on getting that information. Mayor Riddle requested that we add the budget to the next agenda as she is concerned where the actual spend to date is and to make a plan for moving forward for the remainder of the fiscal year. Mayor Riddle asked that the Courts be added to the next meeting agenda as well to discuss the extra help they need as well as the Sr Center as they too need extra help. Discussion re the possible grant(s) that the Sr Center will be getting resulted in Mayor Riddle confirming she will meet with Sonya to discuss and get additional information. Vice Mayor Johnson commended the Police Department on the extra mile they all went during the month of December, especially around Christmas, including a vehicle which was clocked going 105 mph. Mayor Johnson commented that in working with other businesses he is always told that the word has gotten out not to speed through Fredonia – great job Fredonia PD!*
  3. Town clerk – *None.*

### C. Action Items

1. Discussion and possible action- redesign path of sewer easement. Council may enter into executive session under 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice – *Mayor Riddle made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:27 pm and Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. At 8:05 pm, Mayor Riddle called for the Regular meeting to recommence. Councilor Ballard made a motion for the new line to run N to the Highway and West down to Kenny Johnson – going with Plan A instead of plan B. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All in Favor.*
2. Discussion and possible action- invoice for a new truck utility box for public works department – *Mayor Riddle made a motion to approve the quote for a truck box for \$12,128.49. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. All in Favor.*
3. Discussion and possible action- department head meeting schedule and assigned council members – *Mayor Riddle made a motion to always have the meeting on the Monday following the first Council meeting unless the Monday is a holiday, then the meeting would be held on the Tuesday following. Vice Mayor Johnson and Mayor Riddle will lead the first one of this year. Councilor Ballard seconded the motion. All in Favor.*
4. Discussion and possible action- Donation for Women's Forum – *Mayor Riddle confirmed that the Town had donated in the past with the donation funds coming from the books, subscriptions and membership line item in the budget. Councilor*

*Ballard made a motion to donate \$250 and Mayor Riddle added that the donation should come out of account 10-21-41. Councilor Banks seconded the motion. All in Favor.*

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 – *Councilor Ballard wants to add this to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss where the water line goes and what the opportunity would be to add a well. Initial consult re the addition of the well would need to be with NRCS and based on that discussion, approach STLA.*  
Utility Board- *Vice Mayor Johnson said that we need to get the utility board activated again.*
- i.
- j. Model City tax code
- k. Port of Entry
- l. Equipment and vehicle policy
- m. Dike repairs
- n. Easy Street easement signed
- o. Purchasing policy
- p. Purchasing electric structure on the old Kaibab land – *Councilor Johnson suggested adding this to the agenda for the next meeting as well as it goes along with the sewer line and the subdivision.*


Adjourn: Mayor Riddle made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm which was seconded by Councilor Ballard. All in favor.

Approved

  
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Christy Riddle, Mayor

Attest

  
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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