

AGENDA
Fairfield Town Council Special Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
411 Central Avenue, Fairfield

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment Period
3. Executive Session Closed to Public - Pursuant 2-3-203(4) to Discuss Sewer Lagoon Litigation Strategy
4. **Action Item:** Motion to Authorize Attorneys to Make Demand to NCI Engineering and Missouri River Contractors
5. Adjourn.

The next meeting of the Fairfield Town Council will be May 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office.

A Guide to Council and Public Comment

A topic of public discussion requires participants to present rational, factual information in support of their point of view.

We cannot allow healthy, temperate, and thoughtful exchange, designed to find common ground on matters of public interest, to disintegrate into antagonistic incivility characterized by sarcasm, rudeness, and name-calling.

The challenge for local government officials is to maintain this civility in our political discussions. Perhaps if we remember that local officials are less “politicians,” and more “public servants,” elected to advance the community’s interests, it will be easier to remember it is more important to have thoughtful, purposeful conversations, than to “get into” arguments. It is more important to enjoy dialogue with the residents in the community, than to yell at one another. Again, this goes both ways. It requires that we not only treat our elected colleagues in a more dignified fashion; it requires that we demand that of our constituents as well, particularly during the course of a public meeting. Indeed, the Chair’s exercise of control over a public meeting is not an example of tyranny; it is the key ingredient to a successful dialogue. ^{*1 & 2}

To this end, the Council, at the recommendation of the Mayor, may implement at any meeting where many people request to comment on an issue, a time limit of four (4) minutes per person to address said issue.

*1. From: The Need for Civility in Local Government Dialogue. By, John C. Gillespie, Esquire

*2. Other areas of this writing were edited for condensed comment.