

AGENDA

Fairfield Town Council Final Budget Meeting and Public Hearing – 6:00 p.m.  
Fairfield Town Council Special Meeting Immediately Following Budget Public Hearing  
Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
411 Central Avenue, Fairfield

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

1. Call to Order
2. **Action Item:** Public Discussion of the Proposed Final FY 2023-2024 Budget – Presented by Financial Officer, Tammy Comer, and Council Action to Approve Resolution #447 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and Special Assessments
3. Executive Session Closed to Public - Pursuant 2-3-203(4) to Discuss Sewer Lagoon Ongoing Litigation and Potential Resolution of Lawsuit
4. **Action Item:** Motion to Accept or Reject Proposed Settlement with NCI Engineering and Missouri River Contractors
5. Public Comment Period: The public is welcome to comment during discussion of Agenda items
6. Adjourn.

The next meeting of the Fairfield Town Council will be September 13, 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.