

AGENDA  
Fairfield Town Council Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, February 14, 2024  
411 Central Avenue, Fairfield

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

1. Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: December 13, 2023 and January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items:

3. Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Additions to Reports:

4. Old Business:

5. New Business:

- a. Megan Caffyn of Jr. Women's Club to Discuss New Playground in Volleyball Area at North End of Park
- b. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve Jr. Women's Club to Proceed with New Playground in Volleyball Area at North End of Park
- c. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve Resolution #451 Calling for an Election on the Question of Conduction a Local Government Review and Establishing a Study Commission to do so
- d. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve Resolution #452 Adopting the Lockout/Tagout Policy
- e. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve Resolution #453 Recommending a Funding Priority List for State-Local Infrastructure Partnership Act to the Montana Department of Commerce
- f. **Action Item:** Decide Whether or Not to Allow Tug of War and Burn Out Area for the Live Your Dash Car Show

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department: Fire Chief, Nick Dale, or Firefighter Chuck Dale
- b. Sheriff's Office:

7. Business Licenses and Zoning & Encroachment Permits

8. Mayor's Report:

- a. Water Restrictions
- b. 811 Superhero Award

9. Department Reports:

- a. Public Works Department: Nick or Chuck Dale
  - i. Water Report
  - ii. Well Levels
- b. Finance Officer: Tammy Comer
  - i. Wastewater PER Grants Update
  - ii. STIP Interest
  - iii. Institute Conference May 5-9 & May Council Meeting Move to May 15, 2024

10. Council Member Reports:

11. Approval of Monthly Claims:

12. Public Comment Period:

13. Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the Fairfield Town Council will be March 12, 2024 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. <sup>\*1 & 2</sup>

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.