

AGENDA
Fairfield Town Council Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
411 Central Avenue, Fairfield

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

1. Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items:
3. Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Additions to Reports:
4. Old Business:
5. New Business:
 - a. Jeremiah Theys w/Great West Engineering to Discuss Updates on Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant program for Montana Dept of Transportation (MDT) Sidewalk Project
 - b. Jeremiah Theys w/Great West Engineering to Discuss Updates on Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
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. Website Update
 - b. Data Breach Policy Update
 - c. Complaint Policy
9. Department Reports:
 - a. Public Works Department: Nick or Chuck Dale
 - i. Water Report
 - ii. Well Levels
 - b. Finance Officer: Tammy Comer
 - i. 2nd Quarter Budget to Actuals
10. Council Member Reports:
 - a. Councilor Chuck Brown – Teton County Planning Board Report
11. Approval of Monthly Claims:
12. Public Comment Period: The public is welcome to comment during discussion of Agenda items
13. Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the Fairfield Town Council will be February 8, 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.