

AGENDA
Fairfield Town Council Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 @ 6:15 pm
411 Central Avenue, Fairfield

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

1. Call to Order
2. Open and Record Sealed Bids for Town of Fairfield Public Surplus Property
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items:
4. Approval of Minutes: April 10, 2024 Water Preliminary Engineering Report Update Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Additions to Reports:
6. Old Business:
 - a. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve Resolution of Intent No. 456 Amending Ordinance 5.08.040 Transient Merchants License Fee
 - b. Updated on Beck Minor Subdivision with County
7. New Business:
 - a. **Action Item:** Accept, Reject and Award Sealed Bids for Town of Fairfield Public Surplus Property
 - b. **Action Item:** Lion's Club to Discuss and Request Approval to Move Forward with Pergola/Pavilion Structure. Structure Will Replace Gazebo That Was Removed Due to Safety Issues
 - c. **Action Item:** Swim Day Committee Requesting Approval to Install Electric at Boy Scout Building
 - d. Update on HB355 (State-Local Infrastructure Partnership Act of 2023) Grant Application for Extra Chip Seal Project
 - e. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve 2024 Pool Lesson Schedule
 - f. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve 2024 Pool Schedule
 - g. **Action Item:** Hire Pool Manager
 - h. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 457 to Adopt a Detailed Preliminary Engineering Report for the Water System, Prepared by Great West Engineering
 - i. **Action Item:** Clerk/Treasurer, Tammy Comer Received her Certified Public Finance Administrator (CPFA) Designation from the Association of Public Treasurers; therefore, need Motion to Increase Pay by Fifty Cents per Hour
 - j. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve Employee Health Benefits Increase
 - k. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve Resolution of Intent No. 458 Amending Ordinance 12.12 Obstructions
 - l. Expenditure and Expenses Reports Submitted by Lisa Sinton, Airport Commission Clerk
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department: Fire Chief, Nick Dale, or Firefighter Chuck Dale
 - b. Sheriff's Office:
9. Business Licenses and Zoning & Encroachment Permits

10. Mayor's Report:

- a. Special Events Policy
- b. Street Ordinance
- c. Municipal Summit in Choteau on June 11th
- d. Need Mayoral Coverage June 19-28
- e. 2024 Pool Season Report
 - i. Assistant Manager – Upon Completion of Class
 - ii. Lifeguards – Upon Completion of Class
 - iii. Pool Opening Date TBD

11. Department Reports:

- a. Public Works Department: Nick or Chuck Dale
 - i. Water Report
 - ii. Well Levels
- b. Finance Officer: Tammy Comer
 - i. Institute Conference
 - ii. Local Government Review

12. Council Member Reports:

13. Approval of Monthly Claims:

14. Public Comment Period:

15. Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the Fairfield Town Council will be **Wednesday, June 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. ^{*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.