

AGENDA  
Fairfield Town Council Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 18, 2023  
411 Central Avenue, Fairfield

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

1. Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: September 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items:
3. Agenda Changes, Deletions, or Additions to Reports:
4. Old Business:
5. New Business:
  - a. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve Contractor's Application for Payment October 2023
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. WET
  - b. Winter Camper Parking
  - c. Pool Policy
  - d. Dog Ordinance
  - e. Cat Issues – Ordinance?
  - f. Conference
  - g. Tammy Elected to Board of Directors for MMIA
9. Department Reports:
  - a. Public Works Department: Nick or Chuck Dale
    - i. Water Report
    - ii. Well Levels
  - b. Finance Officer: Tammy Comer
    - i. FY 22/23 Audit Finding
    - ii. League Conference
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 November 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. <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.