

AGENDA
Fairfield Town Council Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
411 Central Avenue, Fairfield

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

1. Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: August 9, 2023 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing Minutes, August 9, 2023 Short-Term Rental Ordinance Revision Public Hearing Minutes August 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, August 23, 2023 Final Budget Public Hearing Minutes, August 9, 2023 Special Closed Litigation for Settlement Meeting Minutes, and August 23, 2023 Final Budget and Proposed Settlement for Lagoon Litigation Special 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 Change Order No. 3 of Water Project Phase 1– Materials and Installation of 2” Service Lines to 3 Rivers Building
- b. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve Contractor’s Application for Payment September 2023
- c. **Action Item:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 448 Motion to Cancel the November Election for Municipal Mayor and Council Members Due to all Candidates Being Uncontested – as per HB447 Passed by the 2017 Legislature

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:

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 October 2-5
 - ii. League Conference October 11-13, 2023

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 October 18, 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.