



TOWN OF JEROME

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MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF JEROME COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JEROME TOWN HALL 600 CLARK STREET, JEROME, ARIZONA

TUESDAY, APRIL 08, 2025, AT 7:00 PM

7:00PM (0:17) 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order
Town Clerk to call and record the roll.

Present were Mayor Alex Barber, Vice Mayor Jane Moore and Council members Dr. Jack Dillenberg, Issam "Izzy" Sharif and Sonia Sheffield.

Staff Present included Town Manager Brett Klein, Zoning Administrator William Blodgett and Deputy Clerk Kristen Muenz.

2. PROCLAMATIONS

7:00PM (0:30) A. Proclamation Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Jerome

Mayor Barber will read or summarize the proclamation.

Mayor Barber read the proclamation in its entirety and proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month.

7:01PM (1:50) B. Proclamation: April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Barber will read or summarize / paraphrase the proclamation.

Mayor Barber introduced the proclamation, highlighted key points and proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

7:04PM (4:06) C. Representatives from Colby and Powell will Present the Firm's Audit of Jerome's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024.

Council may make a motion to accept the FY 2024 Audit findings.

Mayor Barber introduced item C.

Mr. Klein attempted to make contact with auditors via telephone, there was no answer.

Dr. Dillenberg motioned to table until the next meeting, with Mr. Sharif seconding the motion.

Mayor Barber called the question, and the item was tabled until the May meeting by unanimous vote.

Motion to table to May meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER			X			
DILLENBERG	X		X			
MOORE			X			
SHARIF		X	X			
SHEFFIELD			X			

7:06PM (5:54) 3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Financial Report and Detail Invoice Register Report for March, 2025

Council will consider and may approve the financial reports for month ending March, 2025.

Mayor Barber introduced financial reports. She asked if everyone had time to review and had their questions answered. The overall consensus was that they had.

Ms. Moore made the motion to approve the financial reports with Dr. Dillenberg seconding the motion.

With no further dialogue, Ms. Barber called the question, and the financial reports were approved.

Motion to approve financial reports.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER			X			
DILLENBERG		X	X			
MOORE	X		X			
SHARIF			X			
SHEFFIELD			X			

7:06PM (6:24) 4. STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS**Discussion/Possible Action****A. Reports by the Town Manager / Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Utilities Clerk, Accounting Clerk, Public Works Director, Building Inspector, Library Director, Municipal Magistrate, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Council Members, Which in the Case of Council Member's Reports will be Limited to a Summary of Current Events and will Involve no Action**

Council will consider and may approve the staff reports.

Mayor Barber introduced staff and council reports.

Mr. Klein said in addition to his written report he had 2 items to update, a reminder that April 21st is the next budget meeting. He said it should be an opportunity for department heads to present a balanced budget. For the second update he recounted at two prior meetings there had been conversation regarding a possible land trust for 655 Holly. He shared that it is now getting underway and didn't make it on this meeting's agenda but should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Ms. Barber followed up and gave congratulations to Shawn Maples in Public Works for 3 years as of April 4th, and to Nancy Driver in the Library for 10 years of service as of April 10th. She asked if anyone on Council had a report to make. There were none. She made the motion to approve the staff and council reports with Dr. Dillenberg seconding the motion. Mayor Barber called the question, and staff and council reports were approved unanimously.

Motion to accept staff and council reports.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER	X		X			
DILLENBERG		X	X			
MOORE			X			
SHARIF			X			
SHEFFIELD			X			

7:08PM (7:55) 5. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/PLANNING & ZONING AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MINUTES**Information/Council Review**

Report Provided by the Zoning Administrator. Minutes are Provided for Information Only and do Not Require any Action

Mayor Barber introduced item 5 reiterating the minutes are information only and require no additional action.

Dr. Dillenberg remarked no action needed.

There was no additional discussion for this matter.

7:08PM (8:20) 6. PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Barber introduced petitions from the public. She advised anyone speaking to approach the podium and please state their name for the record. She also asked that everyone please stick to their 3 minutes of speaking.

Matt Moore, Jerome resident and business owner, approached the podium, stating he has ambitions of operating a walking, historic ghost tour, operating out of the Wicked City Pub under the name of Wicked City Tours. He shared that he had anticipated being on this agenda, but his packet didn't make it and would like to request a special meeting so that he doesn't have to wait another month, potentially missing out on business, such as spring break visitors.

Ms. Barber commented that they are having a budget meeting.

Mr. Klein & Ms. Muenz confirmed that Mr. Moore has everything for his tour company turned in. Mr. Klein added with Council's permission he will place it on the agenda for the special meeting.

Mark Lucas approached the podium expressing he had a couple of issues. He first shared that they were not allowed to have alcohol for art walk, however he recalled the Co-op had been doing so for 20+ years. He said that he would like to be able to continue to do so and felt it should be resolved prior to the next art walk. He then shared that he had been living here for about

20 yrs and recalled several years ago Jerome being considered one of the top 10 LGBTQ friendly towns in US, however he'd recently heard that someone in town acted discriminatorily toward the drag show and decided not to issue them a liquor license. He said if someone went out of their way to be discriminatory then they should not represent the town in any way as we have many LGBTQ owned businesses here. He continued if this is true, and this did happen and 1 person is responsible, they should be immediately fired.

Ms. Barber responded that the Town of Jerome does not issue liquor licenses, it's the State of Arizona.

Tommy Anderson introduced himself as the owner of Tommy Rock. He shared that he is having an Ukulele workshop this coming Friday and he just found out about the special event permits. He wanted to be sure he had a waiver, or that it was ok to have his workshop, sharing that there is no alcohol being served and no money being made.

Ms. Barber responded to Mr. Anderson advising him to talk to staff and find out if a permit is needed.

Marybeth Barr approached the podium introducing herself in her role as President of the Jerome Historical Society. She shared that last week, Scott Hudson, General Manager, Carol Anne Teague, Vice President and herself had met with Town Manager to request some of the ordinance requiring event applications. She stated the Jerome Historical Society feels strongly that some of the requirements as written are infringing on rights as private property owners to conduct business without government oversight, when renting their 2 venues to the general public, as well as the community, like they've done for several years. She shared that most of the rentals are on private property, at a single location contained, with no alcohol sales. She listed the property venues as Spook Hall and the Bartlett Hotel, and said as President, she feels it is her responsibility to ensure that the Town Ordinances are not overreaching for the private property of our non-profit Historical Society, not only for the present but also those that will lead the Society in the future. She said she is here tonight to publicly thank Brett, Town Manager, who has agreed to consider modifications to the event ordinance for the Society and to request and encourage the Council to support him in this effort.

Ms. Barber said for clarification the special event permit has been something that was enacted in 2021 and has been around for four years. She asked if this would be made an agenda item for next month to address the proposed changes.

Mr. Klein answered it would be appropriate. There was some legal review that needed to take place, but there would be something.

Ms. Barber instructed Ms. Barr to keep her eye on the agenda and if she sees this on the agenda to please be present and participate in that meeting.

Ms. Barr said she'd be happy too. Dr. Dillenberg followed up, expressing his appreciation for the work they do.

Carol Anne Teague approached the podium and presented a copy of the ordinance. She said she was Here to talk about the special events ordinance, not as vice president of the historical society but as a citizen of Jerome. She said the way she reads it is that if she advertised on Facebook that she is having a party at her house on Friday night inviting everyone to come over, that we, the Town, could stop her and say she can't have a party; or that police could shut it down, fine her \$750 or put her in jail for 4 months because she didn't get a special event permit. She said that she thinks the Council needs to read the ordinance.

Dr. Dillenberg asked for thought on the topic. Ms. Barber answered that they've already talked about it, being on the next agenda for a more thorough discussion.

Becca Miller approached and introduced that she was there representing herself. She continued, in reference to ordinance 487 section 10, for the council's knowledge to the public, many people were not aware of the ordinance, and it seems to not have been enforced until the drag show came up. She said to the public it appears the beloved street musicians are unable to perform while they had been while the ordinance was in effect. She said she had some questions for the Council. She asked what problem was the ordinance solving? What problems were they anticipating by writing the ordinance and putting it into the town code? And through the eyes of the general public could they see how many members of the Town see this as severe government overreach? She said most of the time there are only 1 or 2 people at these meetings and right now there is ton of support, and it feels that it's worth the time to consider what the ordinances and actions look like to the general public.

Ms. Barber reiterated it will be an agendized item for review next month.

Kacey Larson approached the podium to ask questions for the Spirit Room in regard to the special event ordinance. She said it doesn't clarify live events and places that host special events. She asked if they were going to have to apply for permits every time, they have live music, a ticketed event, or when they're open on Thanksgiving and offer food, asking again how it affects them. She said she feels the ordinance is lacking clarification. She expressed her support for musicians playing in the street, adding she feels that it is part of the reason people come to Jerome, for the live music and the people singing in the street. She said she wants to see people singing on streets and doesn't want the ordinance to kill the culture. She reiterated her initial question on how it affects business because it is not stated directly and feels it's vaguely written. She asked if Council had an answer for that now.

Mr. Klein responded that Council doesn't answer that now, that it is an agendized item for the next meeting.

Ms. Larson continued that when reading it, it doesn't feel as direct as it needs to be, she feels it is written in a way to be enforced when it wants to be, and other times looked over. She feels it needs to be more direct language.

After confirming they were complete with petitioners Ms. Barber read section 10-3-1 Purpose and Intent.

Ms. Moore followed, clarifying that there's been a special event application since as far as she can recall. She said she was one

of the three original people that started the Fire Department Halloween Dance, recounting that even back in the 70s they had to comply with Arizona Revised Statutes regarding liquor laws, which included coming to the town 60 days prior to the event and showing the plans for the event, which back then was in Spook Hall. She recalls the special event requirement being part of the Arizona revised statutes and invited people to review the Statues because that is what the Town has based the requirement on and has for 50 years. She said there can't be discussions, she's just trying to clarify and hopes to have a good discussion at the next meeting.

After the Petitions from the Public the meeting moved to item 10B.

7:44PM (44:09) 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consider Approval of the March 11th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Council will consider and may approve the March 11th, Regular Council Meeting minutes.

Mayor Barber introduced the minutes.

Mr. Sharif made the motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Dillenberg and Ms. Barber both seconded the motion. Ms. Barber called the question and the meeting minutes for March 11th, 2025, were approved.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from March 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER			X			
DILLENBERG		X	X			
MOORE			X			
SHARIF	X		X			
SHEFFIELD			X			

7:28PM (28:02) 8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance No. 493 Amending the Town Zoning Map in Accord with the Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendation to Rezone 537 School Street from C-1 to the Dual Zone of C1/R2

Council will consider and may approve first reading of Ordinance No. 493.

Ms. Barber introduced the item and asked Mr. Blodgett for further explanation.

Mr. Blodgett explained that the applicant purchased a house, and the house is historically a duplex with residential use. He continued, in the 70's the street was rezoned as commercial, and in doing so that removed the use by right. Meaning that the house needed a conditional use permit to be used as a house. In doing dual zoning, it keeps the current zoning, so there isn't spot zoning, and also gives back the legal use by right for a duplex.

Ms. Barber asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Moore said there were a lot of residential uses in that C1 zone, sharing that it wasn't really zoned until the 1977 zoning ordinance. She said at the time people felt like they wanted to have businesses in that area, so that is why it was zoned as C1. She asked if this applied to only this property or would anyone else have to come and do the same thing if they wanted to be dual-use or residential

Mr. Blodgett answered this is a short term fix and would apply to anyone else in the same situation. He said a lot of people are enjoying their non-conforming use and it hasn't been an issue yet. He said should an issue arise he urges for people to reach out to him.

MS. Barbe said it seems that the highly used commercial area is the main strip. She doesn't see much happening, adding that a wine tasting room moved out and Vino Zona moved up the street. She said she was always amazed at how Ginger could get people around the corner because her place was always full. She said to reach out to Will if anyone else is interested and to not pay \$500 to use the house they bought. She confirmed dual zoning allows benefits of C1 zoning but also allows them to not have a \$500 payment for residential use.

Mr. Blodgett confirmed that this fixes zoning to use a house as a house.

Ms. Barber remarked we love to see people actually living in Jerome. She asked if there was any further discussion, there was none.

Dr. Dillenberg made the motion to consider the first reading of Ordinance 493. With Ms. Barber seconding the motion she called the question and the motion to consider the first reading passed.

Motion to consider first reading of Ordinance 493.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER		X	X			
DILLENBERG	X		X			
MOORE			X			
SHARIF			X			
SHEFFIELD			X			

After the vote Mayor Barber inquired if the applicant, Mr. McCoy, was in the audience. He was, and she welcomed him to Jerome.

7:32PM (32:57) 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Discussion/Possible Action****A. Consider Taking the Item from the Table and Discussion and Update / Possible Direction Regarding the Proposed Community Garden and the Community Garden Shed Along with Updated Discussion on Fruit Trees for the Community Garden**

Council will be provided an update regarding the proposed community garden and shed, and may provide staff direction, along with discussing fruit tree additions to the community garden.

Ms. Barber introduced the item and shared that we are no longer holding onto APS fruit tree certificates. She shared that we now have a couple of apple trees. She invited the representative of the community garden to the podium.

As Cole Vasquez approaches podium, Mr. Klein sought a motion to take the item from the table.

Ms. Barber made the motion to take the item from the table and Mr. Sharif seconded the motion. By unanimous decision the item is taken from the table

Motion to remove from the table.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER	X		X			
DILLENBERG			X			
MOORE			X			
SHARIF			X			
SHEFFIELD		X	X			

Ms. Barber continued her introduction sharing that volunteer labor planted fruit trees. She said there is a lot of work going on in the garden if anyone would like to see what is happening or would like to be involved show up at 9am on Sunday.

Mr. Vasquez shared that he used the certificate to buy fruit trees. He said he bought a plum, 2 apples, a pecan, a cherry, and a couple of soil amending and some erosion preventing bushes, to be used behind the garden on the hill. He said they are building some kind of small erosion prevention embankments on the hill, preventing more soil erosion from the rain. He said he'd like to do something with the biochar and would like to talk to the Fire Department about it, while also taking into account the Firewise strategy so that he's not putting anyone at risk.

Ms. Barber asked as far as the garden shed, if there was a need for it.

Mr. Vasquez responded that none of the tools have been stolen, adding he's invested personal money into it. He thinks it would be a waste of money and time right now. He would prefer a drip system and more soil and erosion prevention to amend the soil and make planting possible.

Ms. Barber asked if the next steps were to move on to other areas in the green belt with more pollinator gardens.

Mr. Vasquez said any property the Town wants to do that with he's more than willing to. He shared that he's talking to the University of Arizona and other professional organizations that might be able to help with soil testing and micro remediation.

Ms. Sheffield asked how confident he felt about the things he was learning about water and erosion.

Mr. Vasquez said confident enough. He said he's talked to Windy, who's an engineer, about previous projects and they aren't concerned with monsoons. He said a lot of municipal planning, especially in Phoenix, has nothing to do with catching water or using the valuable resources we have falling from the sky. He said he doesn't do it in spots where it could do damage, it's usually behind the garden where there is already erosion washing out, it's in the experimental phase.

Ms. Barber said there are rainwater harvesting techniques, for example check dams, basins, and terraces, pointing out there are terraces all over Jerome where walls are holding up dirt. There are ways to make water soak in and not be a destructive force of storm water. She said other municipalities use multi-billions of dollars to throw it away, but here nothing is thrown away it flows downhill to our Verde River. She said there are certain spots where they planted a bunch of irises, and it makes her happy to see everyone's fruit trees and wildflowers blooming. She said she appreciates anyone who is as dedicated as Mr. Vasquez has been to the garden in the last few months.

Ms. Moore wondered if Brad Lancaster could be contacted to come and teach people how to capture the rainwater. Her thought was to capture rainwater off the roof of the restrooms.

Mr. Vasquez said he's got tons of ideas. He shared some other information regarding Mr. Lancaster's community in Tucson, obtaining federal funding for harvesting and landscaping to better serve the community.

Ms. Barber said that Brad Lancaster is the author of Rainwater Harvesting in the Dry lands. She shared that he's from Tucson and has done wonderful things with trees, landscaping and rainwater harvesting, and that municipalities have adopted his techniques.

Mr. Vaquez recalled Mr. Blodgett mentioning retaining walls in a prior discussion and he recalled the maximum height to be 2 feet before you need permission.

Mr. Blodgett clarified that it is four feet.

Mr. Vasquez continued that he is not trying to create huge projects, more like smaller projects like sponge holes along the hill, which has already made a big difference.

Ms. Barber pointed out other ideas available in Mr. Lancaster's book.

Mr. Sharif said the iris bed on Fourth Street can be separated in the fall, that some of the irises aren't blooming because they need to be divided.

Ms. Barber added if there is anyone else that wants to offer plants or that has any that need to be divided.

Ms. Sheffield said that it's great that someone is taking charge of that space, it's good for people in the community and she wants to be sure that as he continues to be the spokesperson that we as a town are involved enough to be able to provide you with the needed resources.

Ms. Barber agreed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

7:44PM (44:49) A. Consider Proposal and Agreement from Southwestern Environmental Consultants (SEC) for Engineering and Design Plans for Verde Central Line and Deception Water Improvements (WIFA Grant Funded)

Council will consider and may approve the proposal and agreement from SEC.

Ms. Barber introduced the item and thanked Mr. Klein for working on all the grants he keeps working towards. She said it feels like they have made some headway in the past two years and asked if anyone else had any questions or comments. She invited Mr. Klein to give further introduction.

Mr. Klein said this is needed for projects that have been in the pipeline for years. He said we were fortunate enough to receive 100% grant funding from WIFA and this engineering is in line with what the costs would be for a project of this magnitude.

Dr. Dillenberg moved to approve.

Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber asked how long it would be before any breaking ground would take place.

Mr. Klein said a meeting of key players will take place in the near future. He shared WIFA staff are coming in 3 weeks to tour the project areas, and we'll get rolling with design and planning hopefully by Spring of next year.

MS. Barber called the question and the motion to approve the proposal and agreement from SEC is approved.

Motion to approve proposal and agreement from SEC.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER			X			
DILLENBERG	X		X			
MOORE		X	X			
SHARIF			X			
SHEFFIELD			X			

7:24PM (24:30) B. Consideration of a Special Event Permit Application for Jerome Chamber's Art in the Park

Council will consider and may approve the permit for the Special Event.

Mayor Barber introduced the item, inviting a representative of the Jerome Chamber to the podium for further presentation. She congratulated Angie Arndt on her new position in the Chamber of Commerce.

Ginger MacKenzie introduced Ms. Arndt as the new President of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce. She shared she will stay on the board at least for the next few events and thanked Council for their support of the Chamber of Commerce over the past few years. Ms. Arndt said it is going to be an honor to push forward with the events the Chamber has been bringing every year.

Ms. MacKenzie asked any if there were any questions regarding the Art in the Park event. She shared there will be 17 artists, and a live band, adding it's the same formula as the prior events. She also added it is not a vendor's event where people set up booths, it's more of a community event, where artists meet each other, and the community meets them all as well.

Dr. Dillenberg thanked them for the great work.

Ms. Barber asked how many years they'd been doing the event.

Ms. Mackenzie confirmed it had been about 3 ½.

Ms. Barber said as long as the staff has everything needed, she would move to approve the special event.

Dr. Dillenberg seconded the motion.

Ms. Sheffield noted that there was a handwritten note on their event application copies stating that they were still waiting for a list of vendors and TPTs, but it sounds like that isn't needed.

Ms. MacKenzie clarified that in the past if an artist had sold something at the event, then she collects and reports the tax through her TPT. She said it's not meant to be that type of event but if it does happen, they aren't going to prevent an artist from selling their artwork.

Ms. Barber asked if there was any further discussion.

MS. Arndt shared that they do have one TPT they will use in the event of artwork being sold and it will be through her TPT. She also shared that they have 7 confirmed artists and will be looking to add more and will have a confirmed roster.

Ms. Barber clarified the motion to approve the event as long as all information is turned into staff. She confirmed the second is also amended. After amending the motion and calling the question the special event was approved unanimously.

Motion to approve as long as all items are turned into staff.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER	X		X			
DILLENBERG		X	X			
MOORE			X			
SHARIF			X			
SHEFFIELD			X			

After the vote the meeting moved to item 8A.

7:51PM (51:15) C. Consideration of a New Tenant for 500 Main Street and Setting Terms of the Lease Agreement

Council will consider and may select a new tenant, along with setting the lease terms (duration and rent amount) for 500 Main Street unit.

Ms. Barber introduced the item and read the staff recommendation. She said this is an existing business, across the street, in a small space. She continued that he is the only one asking and would say Town should let him move in. She asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Sharif expressed his agreement.

Ms. Barber asked how long the space had been empty.

Mr. Klein said since January, so four months.

MS. Barber made the motion to approve the new tenant and lease terms of 2 years.

Mr. Sharif seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber called the question and the motion to approve the new lease passed unanimously.

Motion to approve new tenant for 2 years.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER	X		X			
DILLENBERG			X			
MOORE			X			
SHARIF		X	X			
SHEFFIELD			X			

Just after the vote the applicant arrived at the meeting. Council members congratulated him and wished him luck in the larger space. The meeting moved to item 12.

7:47PM (47:23) D. Consider Approval of the Design Review Board's Recommendation of Design Guidelines for the Town of Jerome

Council will consider and may approve the Design Guidelines.

Ms. Barber introduced the item. She said she saw some typos, adding that it's a work in progress. She asked if Council had the time to review it, and asked if they could table any discussion or approval for now. She said she likes where it's going but it needs tweaking before approval and made the motion to table this item until the next meeting.

Ms. Sheffield seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber continued that everyone could get with Mr. Blodgett with any tweaks and the document can come back to them. She acknowledged the motion and the second on the floor and continued pointing out when they are doing ordinance revisions there is a part in this document that no matter how many times it's read it just doesn't make any sense. She said it's on page 33, about the non-conforming structures. She reads a paragraph that did not make sense to her saying she doesn't know what needs to be done to make it more sense to someone off the street just reading it.

Ms. Moore gave an example of houses being built 2 feet apart. She said if you tear one down then another one would not be allowed to be built 2 feet away again.

Ms. Barber remarked if it said that, then it would make sense.

Mr. Blodgett shared that one of the Secretary of the Interior treatments is reconstruction so technically you could.

Ms. Barber said even if you say that, it makes sense, what is on the page doesn't make sense. She called the question, and the item was tabled until next meeting.

Motion to table discussion to next meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER	X		X			
DILLENBERG			X			
MOORE			X			
SHARIF			X			
SHEFFIELD		X	X			

8:28PM (56:37) 11. TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL

Council may direct staff regarding items to be placed on a future agenda.

Ms. Barber introduced the item and suggested going down the line of Council members for their input.

Mr. Sharif shared with everything that is happening regarding the drag show, he wanted to say on record that Jerome is supposed to be a safe haven for everyone. He's sorry that it's been an interesting play out so far, but he hopes to get people back to work together. He said we love the weird and the odd and will keep Jerome the way it is.

Ms. Moore said she agreed with his statement, adding it's been that way since she's lived here and hopes for it to stay that way. She said she is looking forward to clarifying the special event requirements and thought that when it was adopted that we were doing better, explaining what was required by the state while also addressing parking. She confirmed it would be on the agenda again.

Mr. Klein confirmed it will be on the agenda. He added that he's done a lot of review of other ordinances in other communities and ours doesn't provide any undue hardship on anyone but given that we have some uniqueness of the town to take in consideration.

Ms. Moore said she assumed that we were making things better and looked at special event requirements from a bunch of other towns.

Ms. Muenz confirmed that we did review other ordinances and tried to make it easier for people to understand, but with anything there are growing pains and unknown problems that we can run into.

Ms. Moore added it wasn't the intent to make things worse. She asked if they could have all the necessary information to discuss at the next meeting, including special event requirements or ARS statute copies if needed. She remarked that the Fire Dept had to jump through hoops for years and no one questioned it.

Mr. Sharif added it's unfortunate that it's a charged environment today.

Ms. Barber followed up stating that Jerome is a unique community, and we love everyone. All residents seem to feel comradery and take care of each other. She said she doesn't see how there is any prejudice when it's something everyone has to follow. Not knowing the law does not give you an excuse not to follow it. She said we have races and other things and need to have some sort of regulation. She continued that it doesn't seem other non-profits or entities in town have a problem with doing it but also doesn't have a problem looking at it to make it fair and equitable for everyone that is concerned. She said that's what we do here, we listen to our voter base and do what is right for the town. She said as the Mayor she is entrusted that her decisions made are to do what's best for Jerome. As far as other items for to and from the Council she mentioned, there are a few roads in bad repair. She said maybe they need to start crossing them off the list, reiterating that Rich Street right now is terrible and the potholes are huge, and Gulch Road needs help as well.

Dr. Dillenberg remarked he hoped to be there for the next meeting and thanked the Council for always doing a great job. He remarked it was great to see everyone involved here today.

Ms. Sheffield said she is looking forward to revising special event permit application process. She said she went back and referenced the minutes and recording of meeting where the ordinance was passed. She said it was talked about in the meetings how it was a work in progress, and the point of it was to look at it and amend it as necessary as any issues arose. She continued that she looks forward to reviewing the process and to accommodating the culture, the unique community and to be certain we

are consistent in our support or requirements across the board for anyone that chooses to hold a special event here.

Ms. Moore said before she forgot she wanted to clarify that if someone had a party in town that the special event thing would prevent them from inviting people on Facebook. She asked for that to be checked out to be sure that is not the case. Both Mr. Klein and Ms. Muenz confirmed that was inaccurate.

There was brief discussion regarding the special event process as well as confirmation that the item will be on the next agenda for further discussion.

Nancy Robinson, resident, asked to share with the Council. She said she was on Diaz Street and noticed a new streetlight bracket. She wasn't sure if they knew what it looks like

Mr. Sharif asked when it was put in.

Ms. Robinson said she wasn't sure. She shared that she usually is on Diaz on Sundays but had been out of the town the previous Sunday and it may have happened while she was gone. She recalled that there was a light there, and then the bulb blew and now there is this new light.

Ms. Barber asked Ms. Robinson to send that photo to Mr. Klein.

7:53PM 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION On a public majority vote of the members, Council may enter into executive session in accordance with ARS § 38-431.03 (A)(4) Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation; and ARS § 38-431.03 (A)(7) Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

7:53PM (53:28) A. Discussion and Negotiations for Easements for the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

The Council may provide its representatives and legal counsel with instructions regarding negotiations for easements for completing the wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

Ms. Barber introduced the item and made the motion to move into executive session.

Ms. Sheffield seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber called the question and Council entered executive session at 7:54p.m.

Motion to enter executive session at 7:54p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER	X		X			
DILLENBERG			X			
MOORE			X			
SHARIF		X	X			
SHEFFIELD		X	X			

8:27PM (55:09) B. Return to Regular, Open Session and Consider Action to be Taken from the Executive Session

Council may make a motion to take necessary action as a result of the Executive Session discussions, to include, but not limited to the approval of settlement terms of litigation with Verde Exploration, Ltd. and Jerome Verde Development Co., and a potential settlement agreement.

Executive session ended at 8:27 p.m. Mr. Klein confirmed the motion to be made.

Ms. Barber made the motion to take necessary action as a result of executive session discussions.

Mr. Klein advised the motion to approve should be approval of the term sheet with Verde Exploration and Jerome Verde Development Company and authorizes the Town Manager to negotiate the agreement as town representative for formal settlement agreement implementing the terms.

Ms. Barber said so moved and Dr. Dillenberg seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber called the question, and the motion passed.

Motion to approve term sheet with Verde Exploration and Verde Development and authorize Town Manager to negotiate agreement as town representative for formal settlement agreement implementing the terms.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER	X		X			
DILLENBERG		X	X			
MOORE			X			
SHARIF			X			
SHEFFIELD			X			

8:39PM (1:07:00) 13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Barber made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Dillenberg seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber called the question, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 8:39p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER	X		X			
DILLENBERG		X	X			
MOORE			X			
SHARIF			X			
SHEFFIELD			X			

APPROVE:

Alex Barber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brett Klein, Town Manager