



TOWN OF JEROME

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DRAFT MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - WWTP FINANCING OF THE TOWN OF JEROME

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JEROME TOWN HALL 600 CLARK STREET, JEROME, ARIZONA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, AT 4:00 PM

(0:40) 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL 4:02 P.M.

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

*Present were Mayor Alex Barber, Vice Mayor Jane Moore, Councilmember Issam "Izzy" Sharif, and Councilmember Sonia Sheffield. Councilmember Dr. Jack Dillenberg was absent.
Staff present included Town Manager/Clerk Brett Klein and Administrative Specialist/Accounting Clerk Michele Sharif.*

(0:58) 4:03 2. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consider Resolution No. 697; A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, Authorizing the Sale, Issuance, and Payment of Sewer System Bond Anticipation Notes in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$3,802,000

Council will consider and may approve Resolution No. 697.

Mayor Barber introduced item 2A, consideration of Resolution No. 697.

The Town of Jerome's bond counsel, Tim Stratton, explained that the resolution involved two notes related to the wastewater treatment plant project's interim loan, which was originally a two-year note. The first note is to extend the maturity of the original note, and the second is an additional amount of 1.983 million to cover cost overruns as required by Rural Development. Once the interim stage is complete, we will receive a grant from Rural Development to replace the interim financing with permanent financing.

Jaime Trejo of PFM added there will then be a low-interest loan from USDA to pay off the loan from the Rural Water Development financing agency.

Town Manager Klein explained that all of the interim loans will be paid off with a low-interest loan, that will then be amortized over 40 years.

Councilmember Sharif moved to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Moore.

Mayor Barber called the question, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 697; A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, Authorizing the Sale, Issuance, and Payment of Sewer System Bond Anticipation Notes in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$3,802,000

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

(8:44) 4:10 3. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Discussion and Possible Staff Direction Regarding the Costs and Subsequent Financing of the WWTP Upgrade and Impact on User Fees (Rates)

Council will discuss and may provide staff direction.

Mayor Barber introduced item 3A, a discussion regarding the costs and financing of the WWTP upgrade and the impact on user fees.

Council then discussed how best to mitigate the increased costs to upgrade the wastewater treatment facility, how best to spread the expense over time, and the impact on individual users.

Jerome resident and employee of Contract Wastewater Operations, Tyler Christensen, spoke on the age of the treatment facility and the need for updates.

After a lengthy discussion on the facility and the impact on user fees (rates), staff direction was given to the Town Manager to arrange for a new water and wastewater rate study.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:46 p.m.

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

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Christina "Alex" Barber, Mayor

Brett Klein, Town Manager