



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, MAY 13, 2025, AT 7:00 PM

Due to the length of this meeting, Council may recess and reconvene at the time and date announced.

7:08PM (0:32) 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, Sonia Sheffield and Issam "Izzy" Sharif.

Staff present included Town Manager Brett Klein, Zoning Administrator Will Blodgett, Deputy Clerk Kristen Muenz and Accounting Clerk Michele Sharif.

Mayor Barber rearranged a couple of items on the agenda. Before item 2 she moved up and addressed Item 9D.

8:56PM (1:40:02) 2. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Financial Report and Detail Invoice Register Report for April 2025

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

Mayor Barber introduced the item.

Ms. Moore moved to approve the financial reports.

Ms. Sheffield seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber called the question, and financial reports for April 2025 were approved.

Motion to approve financial reports for April 2025.

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

8:56PM (1:40:24) 3. 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.

Ms. Barber introduced the item asking Mr. Klein for further introduction.

Mr. Klein said he has no other update aside from his written report but if anyone has any questions, he'd be happy to answer them.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the staff and council reports.

Mr. Sharif seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber asked Mr. Klein regarding the new fire fuels employee.

Mr. Klein couldn't recall his name. Ms. Sharif confirmed his first name is Jerrith.

Mr. Klein said he is eager to start part time and hopefully grow to full time.

Ms. Barber asked if they were going to talk about Holly house.

Mr. Klein confirmed.

Ms. Barber congratulated Lyle Keith in Public Works for 8 years of service effective 5/1, Jason Lohman with the Police Department

for 8 years effective 5/4, John Krmpotich with Jerome Fire for 3 years of service effective 5/9, to Barry Wolstencroft, Building Inspector for 12 years effective 5/9, and Zach MacGregor with the Police Department for 2 years as of 5/11. Confirming motion and second, she called the question, and the staff and council reports were approved.

Motion to approve staff and council reports.

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

8:58PM (1:42:10) 4. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/PLANNING & ZONING AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MINUTES

Information/Council Review

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

Mayor Barber introduced the item. There was no additional discussion and no further direction given.

8:58PM (1:42:47) 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consider Approval of April 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes and April 21, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes

Council will consider and may approve the April 8th Regular, and April 21st Special Council Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Barber introduced the item. She said there was a typo in her name on page 97, an "r" needs to be added to her name. She said she would make the motion to approve the minutes with the correction to the typo.

Ms. Moore seconded the motion noting a typo on page 96 where there is an extra o on a too.

Ms. Barber confirmed the typos to be corrected with her motion and the second. She called the question and the meeting minutes for the Regular and Special Council meetings for April 21, 2025 were approved.

Motion to approve meeting minutes, with corrections.

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

9:00PM (1:44:20) 6. PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional petitions to speak outside of those regarding specific agenda items.

8:12PM (56:44) 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consideration of Second Reading, and Adoption and Publication 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 the second reading of Ordinance No. 493.

Ms. Barber introduced and read the title of Ordinance 493 regarding rezoning 537 School Street. She asked if there were any other questions.

Mr. Sharif motioned to approve.

Ms. Sheffield seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber clarified that this too would work for anyone else in the same circumstances.

Mr. Blodgett responded yes, for now. He hopes to have a larger solution down the road.

Ms. Barber called the question, and the second reading of Ordinance 493 was approved.

Motion to approve second reading of ordinance 493.

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

After the vote the meeting moved to item 9J.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Discussion/Possible Action****9:00PM (1:44:27) A. Consider Taking from the Table the Design Review Board's Recommendation of Design Guidelines for the Town of Jerome and Continued Discussion and Staff Direction**

Council will consider taking from the table the Design Guidelines and may provide staff direction.

Ms. Barber introduced the item and suggested leaving it on the table until next month.

Dr. Dillenberg seconded the motion.

The item remained tabled.

Motion to table until the next meeting.

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

9:01PM (1:45:01) B. Discussion and Possible Staff Direction Regarding the Sale or Lease of Town-Owned Property (655 Holley)

Council will discuss and may provide staff direction.

Ms. Barber introduced the item, asking Mr. Klein for further introduction.

Mr. Klein said he had a quick update, sharing a lot was happening and entering a land trust is taking longer than originally thought. He said he hoped to have something in the next month or two. He confirmed there has been an inspection done, but it will take just a little more time.

9. NEW BUSINESS**Discussion/Possible Action****9:02PM (1:46:07) A. Consideration of an Arizona Liquor License in the Town of Jerome for a Series 06 Bar License Type, for Goodbye Earl, LLC, DBA Paul & Jerry's Saloon, Under New Ownership, Located at 206 Main Street**

Council will consider and may approve a new Series 06 Bar License for Paul & Jerry's Saloon.

Ms. Barber introduced the item.

Mr. Klein shared it was a new owner but the same name.

Ms. Moore confirmed the closest school is Clarkdale Jerome.

Mr. Klein said that was between them and the state.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of a name change.

Ms. Moore remarked that she was hoping to ask someone about it.

Mr. Klein said they were told to attend.

Ms. Barber recalled she was present for some time before leaving. She said as long as we have everything we need she would make the motion to accept it.

Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve consideration of transfer of liquor license for Paul & Jerry's Saloon.

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

8:09PM (53:01) B. Consideration of a Special Exemption to the Town's Special Event Permit Requirements for the Jerome Historical Society's History Talk and Movie, and Consideration of a Special Event Liquor License for the Event

Council will consider and may approve the special event permit exemption and may approve the Special Event Liquor License Application.

Mayor Barber introduced the item.

Marybeth Barr, Historical Society President, added it is not open to the general public it is for the community, for people who live and work here.

Ms. Barber asked if it was in front of them due to the liquor.

Ms. Barr shared that there will be food and alcohol, however it is not available by donation, they are not selling anything, so there is no money exchanged.

Ms. Barber said she saw something that said yes and something that said no about the alcohol.

Ms. Barr confirmed it will be complimentary wine and beer as well as some food.

Ms. Barber confirmed it is not within 60 days but is a non-profit, charitable organization. She re-confirmed there would be no alcohol by sale or by donation.

Ms. Barr added that it's something they've been doing for the community.

Ms. Barber asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

Mr. Sharif made the motion to approve.

Ms. Sheffield declared her recusal.

Dr. Dillenberg seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber called the question, and the special event permit and liquor license were approved.

Motion to approve special event permit & exemption for Jerome Historical Society's History Night.

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

After the vote the meeting moved to item 9C

8:11PM (55:45) C. Consideration of the Sk84life Special Event Permit Application for Roller Disco on four (4) Separate Days

Council will consider and may approve the special event permit with or without modifications in terms of the four separate days.

Mayor Barber introduced the item highlighting it outlines 4 separate dates. She said it's something the community enjoys and has never had a complaint about it. She made the motion to approve.

Dr. Dillenberg seconded the motion.

With no further dialogue Ms. Barber called the question and the special event permit for the Sk84life Roller Disco events was approved.

Motion to approve special event permit for Sk84life Roller Disco for 4 dates.

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 7A.

7:08PM (0:51) D. Consideration of the Miss Nature, LLC, 2025 Arizona Pride Tour Special Event Permit Application

Council will consider and may approve the special event permit.

Mayor Barber introduced the item.

Ms. Moore asked if there would be tables set up because she believes that occupancy is different when there are tables and when there are not.

Christopher Hall, representative of Miss Nature LLC, answered she is correct, she is looking at a map of the venue from the rental agreement, and sketches out their ideal layout.

Ms. Moore asked if there were approximately 20 tables.

Mr. Hall said that is correct. He is aware that the occupancy is different and has had discussions with the Jerome Historical Society (JHS) about occupancy with and without tables. He said they are willing to make accommodation and have sold tickets to remain in compliance with fire codes and occupancy limits.

Ms. Sheffield asked if we could require traffic control for this event given the number of people that may be in town that either did not purchase tickets or are not attending the event.

Mr. Blodgett confirmed that he will be present as code enforcement, and to ensure sidewalk traffic flow is maintained and respected.

Ms. Sheffield restated her questions for Chief San Felice.

Chief San Felice said yes, they've already planned for adequate staffing and the partners with AZ rangers for traffic and peace control.

Ms. Moore asked if they were aware of the town code that says anyone under 19 must leave by 8p.m.

Mr. Hall said he did have some questions about it, because there are some provisions for that in terms of sales as it relates to food versus alcohol. He said amount if the food is more than alcohol then there is verbiage that is used as it relates to those sales.

Mr. Sharif asked if he had a way to calculate that, or make sure that they sell more food than alcohol.

Mr. Hall answered that he can't ensure that from the get-go, but they have a community that is more than willing to make it happen.

Ms. Moore reads article 10-1-24 aloud. She remarked that it reads like it's been on the books longer than 1976, but for the people sitting here trying to enforce the law equally for everyone, that is what the code says and it's all about liability.

Ms. Barber asked if staff could get some clarification on how this would be possible.

Mr. Blodgett answered that he would reach out and work together to maintain compliance.

Ms. Barber questioned, if the alcohol sales are greater than the food sales, then the children must leave.

Mr. Blodgett responded that there is some problem solving to do.

Mr. Hall requested part of the clarification to be if they are looking at his event individually or all Historical Society alcohol sales and believed it would be based on his own event individually.

Mr. Blodgett confirmed that he would reach out to work with them.

Ms. Barber sought input from the Town Manager if the council should vote before or after everyone spoke on the item.

Mr. Klein answered they can make a motion and a second and let everyone speak. He also advised when the motion is made to include that the fire department be involved in final occupancy levels.

Ms. Moore made the motion to approve the special event permit application providing town codes and fire codes are complied with.

Mr. Sharif seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber began to invite members of the public to speak on behalf of the agenda item. She reminded everyone they have a 3-minute limit to speak due to the high number of speakers in attendance.

Event Organizer Chris Hall and petitioner Terry Hall both spoke in favor of the special event.

Individuals Michael Nisito, James Klein, Dr. Paul Hanson, Charlie Christensen, Dane Wombacher and John Mitchell all spoke in opposition to the event due to their perceived negative impact of the presence of children.

Individuals Liz Briggs, Cheryl Benefield, Shelly Kohlie-Hellen, Jeffrey Hellen, Cathy Ransom, Llama Haburn, Vanessa Edwards, Jenie Gold, Nathan Porter, Alice Alibrio, Diane Lenz, Sharen King and Julie Fernatt all spoke in support of the Penny Peace Project. Ms. Fernatt described the Penny Peace Project as being created in honor of Jerome Resident Penny Smith. Born out of a need to put an end to culture wars and to encourage citizens to be involved in their communities.

Ms. Barber confirmed all petitioners had spoken. She confirmed the motion and the second before calling the question. By unanimous vote the special event permit for Miss Nature LLC was approved.

Motion to approve special event permit with condition that all Fire and Town Codes are complying and enforced.

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

After the vote there was commotion and arguing amongst attendees and petitioners. Councilman Sharif called a point of order advising those wanting to argue to exit the council chambers.

Mayor Barber made a motion for a 5-minute recess with Dr. Dillenberg seconding the motion.

Recess started at 8:02 p.m.

Recess ended at 8:07p.m. and proceeded with item 9F.

9:05PM (1:49:00) E. Consider Proposal and Agreement from Southwestern Environmental Consultants (SEC) for Engineering, Design and Post-Design Plans for Deception Water Line (CDBG Grant Funded)

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

Ms. Barber introduced the item and made the motion to approve it.

Mr. Sharif seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber said the amount of money we spend on design and engineering is mind-boggling. She called the question and the motion to approve the proposal and agreement was approved.

Motion to approve proposal & agreement for Deception Water Line.

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

8:07PM (51:47) F. Consideration of the Quilter's Quarters Special Event Permit Application for the Quilt Retreat Event

Council will consider and may approve the special event permit.

Ms. Barber returned to the meeting from recess at 8:07 and introduced the item for consideration.

Dr. Dillenberg made the motion to approve.

Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber called the question and the special event permit for Quilter's Quarters was approved.

Motion to approve special event permit for Quilter's Quarters.

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

After the vote Mayor Barber moves to item 9B.

9:06PM (1:50:19) G. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget - Near Final Draft Review

Council will review the 2025-2026 budget, including review of a near-final draft budget. All aspects of the budget may be discussed, and Council may provide staff direction regarding the completion of the 2025-2026 budget.

Ms. Barber introduced the item, G.

Ms. Moore asked if they needed to have a special meeting.

Ms. Barber confirmed the budget meeting was coming up on the 27th.

Mr. Klein confirmed to keep to the timeline at that meeting things are nearly set and can't make too many changes. After the public hearing the expenditures can't be changed at all.

Ms. Barber shared that she had talked with Mr. Klein for clarity. She shared regarding speaking to him, that he said he usually waits for the State to see what House Bills are being pursued. One of the current bills is regarding defunding the Police, and she noticed that our Police budget had gone down, but Mr. Klein informed her it was due to a retiring Chief and staff changes. She asked about other budget funding if necessary.

Mr. Klein confirmed that we can reallocate funds, but the final version of the bill will have other changes. It was then confirmed that it was vetoed yesterday.

Ms. Barber asked about page 278 General Fund, why does the proposed budget say \$1 on the last line.

Mr. Klein said somewhere in all the changes there is a dollar, but it will be evened out.

She then asked about Page 284, if the revenue reflected included the \$2 increase.

Mr. Klein answered no. He wouldn't change it yet because there is no baseline yet for the budget.

Ms. Barber confirmed that there was no further staff direction.

Mr. Klein added that anyone could follow up with him after the meeting.

9:12PM PM (1:55:34) H. Consideration of Amendment No. 3 to the Owner - Engineer Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Council will consider and may approve Amendment No. 3.

Ms. Barber introduced the item.

Mr. Klein shared that the amendment is because we are back to using the Cemetery Road, adding it will save money in the long run.

Ms. Barber remarked that this is painful and is going on record to say this is not playing nicely with the town. Users of the town sewer system should be a little nicer to help upgrade the system.

Ms. Moore made the motion to approve Amendment No. 3 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade.

Ms. Barber seconded the motion and thanked her for all her time dedicated to this project and the negotiations. She called the question and Amendment No. 3 was approved.

Motion to approve consideration of amendment No. 3 for WWTP upgrade.

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

9:13PM (1:57:10) I. Consideration of Bids, Awarding Bid, and Approval of Contract Between the Town of Jerome and R Blume Underground, Inc., for the Community Development Block Grant Deception Waterline Project

Council will consider and may award the bid and approve the contract for the Deception Waterline project.

Ms. Barber introduced the item. She clarified that it is water line improvement for the houses but also will add hydrants.

Mr. Klein confirmed there will be 3 hydrants added.

Ms. Barber shared that every time NACOG helps it is a godsend, and we need this. She made the motion to approve the bid award.

Mr. Sharif seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber confirmed because it's NACOG, it's awarded to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Klein confirmed yes as well as by A.R.S. He said as a federal grant we must take the lowest bidder.

Ms. Barber said she didn't know what the old water lines were made of, but noticed the bid mentioned the use of PVC and asked if that was a good product.

Mr. Klein answered that it lasts a long time underground exposed to the elements.

Ms. Moore asked about the kind of PVC being used.

Mr. Sharif said it is lower cost and lasts longer.

Ms. Barber called the question and the bid award to R. Blume Underground was approved.

Motion to approve the bid award to R. Blume Underground Inc. for the Deception Waterline project.

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

8:14PM (58:34) J. Consideration, Discussion and Possible Staff Direction Regarding Changes to the Town's Fee Schedule

There will be a discussion, and Council may provide staff direction regarding proposed changes to the Town's Fee Schedule.

Ms. Barber introduced the item and noted the changes she saw in the fee schedule were to the escort fee and the parking fees.

Mr. Klein shared that there were members of the audience with experience with the parking enforcement who may have a different view.

Ms. Barber invited Ms. Tamara Lee to the podium.

Ms. Lee introduced herself, sharing that she is a parking enforcement officer for Jerome. She said she came to share some observations and opinions. She shared that based on feedback that she's received as well as observing the turnaround of cars on Main Street, that many people come to town for a short amount of town. Including motorcycles that take up very little space. She would encourage and feel that giving visitors the option of a half day or a full day rate would be of better benefit than just raising the flat-rate parking fee higher.

Ms. Moore said she appreciates Ms. Lee's perspective. She continued that they have a budget for this, and was hoping the group could talk about the increase and about how difficult it would be to do something like this suggestion.

Mr. Klein responded that anything too intricate would throw budget askew. However, we could consider less than 4 hours or over 4 hours, for example less than 4 hours would stay at \$5 and over 4 hours goes to \$8.

Ms. Lee remarked that she thinks that is a solid compromise.

Dr. Dillenberg asked if this was something that needed to be voted on.

Mr. Klein responded that it is staff direction for the budget.

Scott Kolu, Town of Jerome Shuttle Driver, introduced himself sharing that he's observed parking issues around town he doesn't think raising prices will change things. He believes the fines are not prohibitive of parking in a red zone, permit only parking area, or a loading zone. He continued, the fine is \$25, no matter where you park in Jerome. If you pay the fine on the same day it's \$12.50, so really you can park anywhere you'd like in Jerome for \$12.50 a day, legally or illegally, which makes no sense. He shared that it's \$150 in Phoenix for parking in a loading zone.

Mr. Klein remarked that there is another discussion to have.

Ms. Sheffield shared she was able to meet with Chief San Felice, Ms. Lee and Janice the Police Aide. She said her concern was town was going to raise the parking fee and wanted to find a way in accommodating residents for either parts of the day or for residents that are physically challenged. She said some ideas were to have free parking for residents up to a certain time of the day or restricting it to places not directly on Main Street. She shared she was not aware, adding it is not Arizona State law, but Jerome allows anyone with a handicap placard to park in a paid parking space free of charge. She was hoping to consider extending that to some of the physically challenged or elderly residents. She shared that Ms. Pontious and Ms. Lee thought that something like this could be implemented quickly with a hang tag or a sticker and then move forward with a register for the new kiosk software. She shared that Chief San Felice is considering reducing the number of kiosks and increasing signage for text to park. New kiosks won't print receipts, which is a major cost of the current kiosks due to the expense of the receipt paper.

Mr. Sharif asked if her discussions with Chief San Felice included a non-kiosk option, for example QR codes.

Ms. Sheffield said maybe the next round of kiosks. She said even Ms. Lee mentioned that people have a hard time with the ones we do have and are grateful for the opportunity to still pay with cash. She shared that when she was in Flagstaff she paid via a code or a QR code. She then shared that she noticed groups of people would be gathered around a kiosk and while talking with Chief San Felice he shared that it's not a seamless process. People get out of their cars, see a kiosk and head to the kiosk, they don't realize they need a plate number, then have to return to their car. So, he thought better signage might help with the clotting around the kiosks, especially for those visitors who are technically savvy.

Mr. Sharif expressed his agreement.

Ms. Barber asked what the logistics are on that. Would the patrol know if someone paid for a parking space by a code or a QR code.

Mr. Klein said that it will work, and it is the way things are heading, but for tonight's meeting only direction is needed. He said in terms of residents he felt there could be something we could do, but we don't want to create a new class of impairment.

Mr. Sharif asked Ms. Sheffield if she had received any kind of idea of what should be implemented.

Ms. Sheffield answered that he's waiting for the new kiosks because we are in the middle of a transition. For the residents she said Ms. Lee and Ms. Pontious said they would be ok with a hang tag, not like the other permits. Ms. Lee's suggestion was for a sign-up event so that interested residents would receive all the information about where and how to do it, and potentially even charging a small fee to cover the costs of the hang tags. She said another idea Chief San Felice was interested in was increasing the citation from \$25 to \$30 dollars. A part of that reasoning is that it would be easier on staff when making change.

Ms. Barber asked if you have a handicap placard you park anywhere in the paid parking and you don't receive a ticket.

Ms. Muenz confirmed that is correct. She shared we have limited handicap parking in Town, so they are allowed to park in paid parking free of charge.

Ms. Barber restated parking with a handicap placard, continuing that even giving residents a sticker or a hang tag doesn't guarantee a parking space will be available. She said she has been hesitant to give discounts to locals because the tourist turnover in those spaces is so high; we could be paid on a spot up to 3, sometimes 5 times in one day. She said she hates to sound like a jerk right now, but she is against it. She said she could be talked out of it but agreed to \$5 for 4 hours and \$8 for 8 hours.

Ms. Moore said she's talked to residents about being able to park for free for a certain period. She said more people say it would be a pain to implement something like that than the number of people that say they'd like to come up for lunch for 2 hours.

Mr. Sharif asked about extending the number of handicapped parking spaces in front of the steps. He expressed concerns when implementing to avoid tourists attempting to sign up for the service and questioned how to verify residency for the transient population that may not have an Arizona driver's license or ID card. He expressed the thought that like bigger cities, could they explore businesses validating parking, and expressed his agreement with increasing fine amounts especially for red zone violations. Dr. Dillenberg said what bugs him are the loud motorcycles coming into town. He questioned if there were fines or other effective means for mitigating loud motorcycles.

Mr. Blodgett shared that there is ordinance language that specifies a certain level of decibel, but enforcement is the issue.

Ms. Barber remarked that in the past if a police officer witnessed it they would say something to the motorcyclist about being quieter.

Ms. Sheffield said going back to parking that Ms. Pontious and Ms. Lee are good sources of value for how hard parking is. She said most of us already know how to find spots where we don't have to pay but also doesn't feel like people would take advantage of something like this parking concession.

Ms. Moore wondered if it could be done for a 2-hour period.

Ms. Sheffield agreed, adding if a vehicle is displaying a resident hanging tag or a sticker, they should be allowed in the space 10-1 but not on Main St.

Ms. Barber stated her understanding of what Ms. Sheffield was suggesting.

Ms. Lee provided additional insight on other accommodations for residents parking in town during business hours.

Ms. Barber asked for Mr. Klein's input.

Mr. Klein said they had gone off the agenda item. He said it had been talked about previously, being brought forth an overall item and Chief San Felice needs to be present for that. He suggested a work session just on parking as he thinks it could take up to an hour.

Mr. Blodgett agreed and suggested a work session as well.

Ms. Barber noted the upcoming budget meeting on the 27th and asked if that would be the finalization of the budget.

Mr. Kelin confirmed, adding that would have no bearing on allowing residents to have a parking concession.

Ms. Barber suggested adding a work session to the budget meeting agenda, or at the next council meeting.

Mr. Klein said that the budget meeting agenda was getting long. He suggested adding a work session before the regular June council meeting.

Ms. Barber confirmed the date and time of the work session for parking as Tuesday, June 10th, 2025, at 6:15p.m.

Ms. Moore asked if that worked for the budget.

Mr. Klein shared for the budget he just needed to know their direction on the parking fees, and it sounded like they all agreed on \$5 for half a day and \$8 for a full day. Councilmembers confirmed their agreement to the parking fees and the escort fee.

Ms. Barber invited Chad Hembrough to the podium to speak.

Mr. Hembrough introduced himself as a resident and business owner and shared that he's navigated the parking for himself, his staff and Airbnb guests and thinks we need to prioritize the enforcement and give backbone to the enforcement agencies. He added we have the Swiss cheese variable of free and paid parking, and while he isn't for more signs we have a population still visiting Town that is not tech adept to pay. His suggestion is an inexpensive solution and that's to increase enforcement. He would ask we be mindful of all the signs. In early roll out lay it on hard and heavy or not do it at all, even if it includes working with ADOT to get the highway spots accounted for or tighten up private parking could all be done before raising rates.

Ms. Moore asked if they needed to vote.

Mr. Klein confirmed it was staff direction but if they could make a motion, it would be helpful.

Dr. Dillenberg said so moved.

Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

Ms. Sheffield clarified the amounts for parking as \$5 & \$8 instead of the \$7 in the staff proposed changes. She also asked if the paid parking time was going to change.

Mr. Klein confirmed the amounts. Also, the time frame would not change at this time, that would be something they could discuss at the work session.

There was discussion and clarification on the amount of time per parking fee.

Mr. Klein suggested not making too many changes to the fee schedule due to all that is involved, making it \$5 for a half day and anything over half \$8.

Ms. Barber confirmed the motion and the second.

Ms. Moore clarified her motion regarding both the traffic control and parking and thought the rest could be worked out at the workshop.

Mr. Klein confirmed.

Ms. Barber called the question and the motion to approve staff proposed fee schedule changes was approved.

Motion to approve staff proposed changes

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

After the vote the meeting moved to item 2.

9:16PM (2:00:27) K. Consideration of an Affiliate Library Agreement Between Yavapai County Free Library District and the Town of Jerome Public Library for the Term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

Council will consider and may approve the agreement.

Ms. Barber introduced the item to be considered. She said it is something the library needs.

Mr. Klein said it is the annual agreement.

Mr. Sharif made the motion to approve.

Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber called the question and the motion to approve the Affiliate Library Agreement was approved.

Motion to approve Library agreement.

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

9:17PM (2:01:08) 10. TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL

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

There was no additional discussion.

9:17PM (2:01:17:00) 11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Moore made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Sharif seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber called the question, and the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 9:17p.m.

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

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Alex Barber, Mayor

Brett Klein, Town Manager