



TOWN OF JEROME

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DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF JEROME

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JEROME TOWN HALL

600 CLARK STREET, JEROME, ARIZONA

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024, AT 7:00 PM

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

7:00PM (0:29) 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 member Sonia Sheffield.

Staff Present included Town Manager Brett Klein, Zoning Administrator Will Blodgett and Accounting Clerk Michele Sharif.

Ms. Barber shares that councilmember Dr. Jack Dillenberg is absent due to recovery from some health issues.

7:01PM (1:10) 2. Proclamations and Presentations

A. Fire Mitigation / Summer Readiness Presentation

Representatives from APS will be on hand for a brief presentation.

Ms. Barber introduces Ms. Becky Rudd, representative of APS, for a presentation on fire mitigation and summer readiness preparations.

Ms. Rudd thanks Council and introduces May as Wildfire Community Preparedness Month. She presents information on what can be done to prepare our community for fire safety, and what APS is doing in their fire mitigation practices. She shares that the Governor has released an Extreme Heat Preparedness Plan, and that the Arizona Health Department has named the first statewide Heat Officer to oversee ways to better protect people from extreme heat such as implementing cooling stations and tree planting programs. She says APS continues to focus on safety by addressing the overgrowth of fuels, the reduction of ignition sources, adjusting their operations during elevated fire conditions and responding to safely restore power during high fire risk season. She continues, in the Northwest division of Yavapai County we patrolled 1,900 ft of overhead feeder and inspected 38,000 miles of power line, and also cleared overgrown vegetation. She says they are able to do this by using advanced technology and troubleshooting quickly, and that in doing this throughout the year, it decreases the number of outages. She says as we know if this area terrain can be an issue so sometimes response takes a little longer. She says they encourage customers if they see a light on one of the lines during an outage to call in that particular outage. She continues, they are called fault indicators, and will blink on and off if there is a fault in the line and help the lineman to identify where the issue starts and where it ends.

Jerome resident, Izzy Sharif, interjects to asks if the lights are on the lines themselves or on the poles.

Ms. Rudd answers they can be on the poles but most of them are on the actual lines themselves. She continues we want to encourage our customers to be ready for power outages in case they are extended such as having flashlights, extra batteries, and downloading the outage map on your phone, adding the map was just updated. She reminds for safety purposes to not ever assume a downed line is de-energized so stay clear of any downed lines and call 9-1-1. She touches finally on a new tool for APS, she continues it is a new protocol driven by extreme weather conditions, a combination of dry heat and wind, called Public Safety Shutoff. She shares there are 8 feeders within Yavapai County that would be affected but none in this particular area. She says anyone on those feeders has been contacted directly and APS is encouraging everyone to update their accounts so you can be contacted in case of an emergency or an outage. She says on their website there is also a power safety shutoff page, and she encourages everyone to educate themselves on it and share it with their neighbors as well. She continues while APS hopes to never have to use that new tool, if they have to customers will be notified ahead of time of upcoming safety power shutoffs. She thanks everyone for their time, attention, and support in the efforts for fire mitigation.

Ms. Barber shares Town usually declines the use of herbicides around the poles and believes that APS has been sending out postcards about it.

Ms. Moore asks, in regard to absentee homeowners who may not be aware of what's going on, is roundup going to be used.

Ms. Rudd answers not in this area, they don't use any herbicides of any kind.

Ms. Barber points out there was also an insert enclosed with the recent APS bills offering assistance with trees near powerlines. She reminds us that Jerome is a Firewise community and APS is offering to help prepare defensible space around our homes, and thanks Ms. Rudd for her presentation.

Items, in order, 9A, 10B, 10C, 10D and 10A were moved up in the agenda to accommodate parties present in the audience.

7:34PM (34:22) 3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Financial Report and Detail Invoice Register Report for April, 2024

Council will consider and may approve the financial reports for month ending April 2024.

Ms. Barber introduces the financial reports and asks councilmembers if there are any questions or comments.

Ms. Moore answers no and makes a motion to approve the financial reports.

Ms. Barber seconds the motion. She asks if Ms. Sheffield has anything.

Ms. Sheffield answers she has no questions.

Ms. Barber calls the question, and the financial reports are approved.

Motion to Approve Financial Reports.

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

7:34PM (34:55) 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.

Ms. Barber introduces the Staff and Council Reports and defers to Mr. Klein for further introduction.

Mr. Klein shares a couple things in addition to his written report. He says we are nearing 90% completion on design of the wastewater treatment plant and there have been discussions on the necessity to acquire certain easements. A greater update will be given likely at the meeting in 2 weeks. He says we will meet the requirements of the consent decree from the design aspect and will see how long it takes to bid out. The second update is the sample ballot. He says there is only a 48 hour turnaround and asks council members to review their information and if anyone sees changes that are needed to please let him know.

Ms. Barber says Jack is not present to speak for himself, but she's not sure if last time it said Dr. Jack Dillenberg.

Mr. Klein shares that they've spoken about it already.

Ms. Barber asks if everyone else's information looks good. She extends congratulations to Lyle Keith in Public Works for 7 years as of May 1st, she says this is his second time employed with the Town, so he's actually been here more than 7 years. She continues congratulations to Police Officer, Jason Lohman for 7 years of service as of May 4th, to Building Inspector, Barry Wolstencroft for 11 years of service as of May 9th and to Police Officer Zach MacGregor for 1 year of service effective May 11th. She asks if there are any other questions or comments or reports from the council.

Ms. Moore says as far as the Fire Department report, someone mentioned to her that it says on the town website it says to call 9-1-1 if you have a rattlesnake. She asks if that's correct.

Mr. Klein says he'll talk to the Chief to see what he would like that to say.

Ms. Moore says thank you, she didn't think they'd want to have everyone call 9-1-1 every time they see a snake in their yard.

Ms. Barber points out we had 6 oversized trucks this last month, she says it's not a record but there are flashing lights and it's still a problem that seems like it never ends. She then touches on some of the Police report. She shares that she reads Clarkdale's What's Up (on Facebook) and they usually talk about what's going on. She says there are a lot of people being victims of fraud right now adding in our police report someone here in Town was a victim of nearly \$87,000. She advises everyone to be careful, continuing, that if anyone is calling you to request information to take down their information or badge numbers, hang up to call back the business on a number you know to confirm. She asks if Ms. Sheffield has anything to add. She did not.

Ms. Barber makes a motion to approve the Staff and Council Reports.

Ms. Moore seconds the motion.

Ms. Barber calls the question, and the staff and council reports are approved.

Motion to Approve Staff and Council Reports.

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

7:40PM (40:17) 5. 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

Ms. Barber introduces the item for consideration. She reiterates these are for information only and require no action. She defers to Mr. Blodgett for introduction.

Mr. Blodgett shares he’s spent the last month working with the new GIS equipment and software and has started working with the application throughout town. He shares additionally he’s been seeing movement on some code enforcement stuff. He says he is also trying to digitize some old maps that are proving to have more hurdles than anticipated. He is also getting trainings organized over the next couple months, adding he is also receiving more applications for upcoming projects.

Ms. Moore expresses gratitude for the minutes adding they were helpful.

7:41PM (41:47) 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consider Approval of the April 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting; and April 15, 2024, Special Council Meeting Minutes

Council will consider and may approve the April 9th Regular Council Meeting; and April 15th Special Council Meeting minutes.

Ms. Barber introduces the minutes for approval and asks if anyone has a reason that they would approve these separately rather than group them together.

Ms. Sheffield suggests making the motion on the two.

Ms. Barber shares she found one typo but isn’t going to point it out. She makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the April 9th Regular and April 15th Special meeting.

Ms. Sheffield seconds the motion.

Ms. Barber calls the question, and the meeting minutes from the April 9th Regular meeting and the April 15th Special meeting are approved.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from the April 9th Regular Meeting and April 15th Special Council Meeting.

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

7:42PM (42:49) 7. PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no petitions from the public.

7:42PM (42:35) 8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance No. 490, Amending the Jerome Zoning Ordinance Section 502(K) by Adding Section 502.1, General Provisions - Exterior Lighting

Council will consider and may approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 490.

Ms. Barber introduces the item for consideration. She says this is Dark Sky and asks if everyone read it.

Council members confirm they have.

Ms. Moore asks what about enforcement.

Mr. Klein shares it will be tough for enforcement but is mostly based on new development. He says for 1, it’s good to have in place and for 2, the impetus of this was that one of the goals a couple years ago was to become Dark Sky compliant. He says yes enforcement will be difficult, but maybe not really. He adds if any light changes, we definitely hear about it at Town Hall, so it certainly could be complaint driven in addition to permit driven.

Mr. Blodgett shares this is a slow transition. He shares for example Bisbee’s deployment is long term and they expect full compliance to take decades. In our case we have a lot of legal nonconforming situations, and those situations won’t change until necessity down the road requires it. He says at least this is looking ahead to the future, adding enforcement immediately isn’t going to be that hard.

Ms. Moore says that is what she was hoping to hear. She says one of the things she did want to mention, regarding the

mention of dark sidewalks, she shares she has a couple of solar motion sensor lights in her yard that will come on briefly when you walk by. She isn't sure how they would fit historically, or if businesses wanted to use them instead of overhead lights to see the sidewalks when walking by.

Mr. Blodgett says most businesses are closed generally at night except for certain circumstances in which lighting is included or provided. He says he personally at night carries a headlamp.

Ms. Moore shares most tourists aren't normally walking around town with them.

Mr. Blodgett shares if you are going to have tourists walking around town after dark they are going to have to take some level of personal responsibility.

Ms. Barber says to segway off of what Ms. Moore said you can take any light and buy a light from Home Depot. It's a motion detector bulb that can be turned on so that it just illuminates at night, so instead of having to change the fixture you can just buy the bulb. She says she wants to talk about the discussion with APS. She reads a quote from Mr. Schall from the Planning and Zoning meeting minutes regarding shielded lights. She says if the light is there has a shield APS will put the new light in, but they cannot put new shields in. She recalls if we wanted to do that with our lights then we would become owners of the lights and we would have to pay for it. She says we can have another discussion about it but from what she understood if it's shielded, which most of the town lights are when next to residences. She says it's the ones out on the street that aren't as shielded.

Resident Mr. Sharif asks if we were to manufacture the shields historically and installed them are they saying because of that we would take ownership, or could we manufacture and put them into place.

Ms. Barber says we might be able to do that.

Ms. Sheffield comments she thought that was a condition.

Ms. Barber says Rebecca Rudd is the lady we would talk to so please bring your ideas to her. She says she likes the streetlight outside her house because when she hears noises, she can look out the window and see what javelinas are getting into or who is going off the edge going too fast down the road. She shares they do have different lumens, and the last time APS was present they did say the bulbs they were installing are Dark Sky approved.

Ms. Sheffield confirms she recalls the same information.

Mr. Blodgett shares it's important to keep in mind the geographic nature of the Town; that Dark Sky doesn't mean a whole lot if you're at the bottom of the slope. So there is a level of this we are just going to have to live with. The idea is to capture as much escaping light going upwards as possible which we already do a pretty good job of generally.

Ms. Barber asks Mr. Klein if they vote on it.

Mr. Klein answers you don't historically, but you should. He says most communities vote after the first reading to move it to the second reading.

Ms. Barber asks if there is a motion already.

Ms. Moore answers no, adding she doesn't see any real changes that need to be made.

Ms. Sheffield comments it's really only affecting new lighting. She shares she had a couple of people ask her if this meant they'd have to take lighting out of shop windows. She adds she doesn't think the new bathroom light is Dark Sky compliant.

Ms. Barber makes the motion to approve the consideration of this first reading amending the zoning ordinance by adding in section 502.1 Dark Sky.

Ms. Moore seconds the motion.

Ms. Barber calls the question, and the first reading is approved.

Motion to approve the Consideration and First Reading of Ordinance No. 490

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

7:14PM (14:01) 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Discussion and Update Regarding the Council Vacancy

Council will be provided an update regarding the solicitation of interest along with the one application received, and provide staff input for an appointment, expanding the search, or any other action.

Ms. Barber introduces unfinished business sharing that there is a solicitation of interest. She asks if everyone has had a chance to read the letter of interest and how they felt about it.

Ms. Moore shares her concern because there is a write in candidate, she didn't want to show favoritism and that she believes to fill the seat the individual has to have a year residency, which would not be until June.

Ms. Barber says that she was going to talk about this again next month. She continues that one concern is that the interested party is related to someone who works for Town in the finance department. She wonders if that means that when they talk about finances would that be a conflict of interest, and would that person have to step down every time they make those decisions. She asks Mr. Klein for input and how that would work.

Mr. Klein answers that it is not uncommon in small communities to have someone volunteer to sit on Council and a

member of the family be a member of staff, so it would be a matter of recusing himself however, not when speaking globally, only when talking about that particular individual.

Ms. Barber says she thinks we are lucky to have someone stand up, she continues everything in the resume looks great.

Ms. Moore interjects that it looks great.

Ms. Barber continues, but we couldn't seat them until next month anyway. She asks Ms. Sheffield her feelings.

Ms. Sheffield shares she has nothing to add.

Ms. Barber asks how they want to proceed. Continuing that next month Dr. Dillenberg would be back, and they could all talk about it. She then confirms if they wait until next month then wouldn't that be past the year residency requirement.

Mr. Klein confirms yes, by the meeting next month that candidate would be eligible.

Ms. Barber thanks the candidate for stepping up and would table it to make a decision at the next meeting.

Ms. Moore asks if that is her motion.

Ms. Barber confirms yes, she moves to table this until next meeting.

Ms. Moore seconds the motion.

Ms. Barber asks if there is any further discussion. There was none. She calls the question, and the motion to table until next meeting is approved.

Motion to table until next regular meeting.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

7:25PM (25:57) A. Consideration of an Agreement for Library Support Services Between Yavapai County Free Library District and the Town of Jerome Public Library

Council will consider and may approve the agreement.

Ms. Barber introduces the item, noting that staff have provided a memo to approve. She says this is something we need, and she will fight for this library as long as she sits behind the dais. She says that it is an asset to this community and thanks Ms. Jarvis for her longevity and all that she does. She moves to approve the agreement.

Ms. Moore says she will second the motion so they can discuss.

Ms. Barber defers to Ms. Moore for additional discussion.

Ms. Moore comments that it seems strange and would like to know why this is happening.

Kathleen Jarvis, Jerome Librarian, asks if Council would like her to approach the microphone.

Ms. Barber answers yes, please.

Ms. Jarvis introduces herself and shares that she has been the Town librarian for over 20 years. She says signing the Affiliate Agreement is a normal thing to do every year and is normally a 3 page agreement outlining what the library district will do and what our responsibility is as an affiliate library. She continues, this year it's a 22 page form that is now requesting financial information about the Town including things like how much is in the Town's budget for the library and how much money the library has earned. She says some of the other library directors are upset and that they have been told by the Director if we don't fill out this form and turn it in by the deadline of this Friday then we can forget about receiving any funding from the County. Ms. Jarvis shares, to explain the money, that there is \$1.2 million divided among the 7 libraries that are affiliates of the county but are also city and town libraries. She continues, we receive funding twice a year and it can be a significant amount of money but is primarily divided up according to property taxes. For example Prescott library will receive more money at around \$420,000 a year and Jerome gets \$18,000. The remainder of the money used to run the library is budgeted by the Town of Jerome. She says in her 20 years this is a situation that rears every once in a while; having less money to do more with. She continues, for instance when she became a librarian there were less than 30 libraries in Yavapai County and now there are 61, half of them being K-12 schools. She shares there are many parts to all of this, and still feels we need to sign the agreement as we always do. She says in staying an affiliate of the County the benefits far outweigh not being an affiliate, and walking away from the affiliation would also mean losing interlibrary loans and other benefits.

Ms. Barber says that she wants to clarify that Prescott Public Library receives 35% of the 100% and Jerome receives 1.5%; again a majority of the money from Yavapai County gets sucked up by the quad cities and doesn't make it to the Verde Valley side. She says we are small potatoes compared to what a lot of other communities are doing and because of vacation rentals we don't have enough people to live in this town anymore. She thanks Ms. Jarvis and says we need to continue to do what we can with our small potatoes to continue to keep up with federal and state overreach like now having to fill out forms we've never had to before. She continues, \$18,000 is not a ton but it is still a chunk into our library. She asks if there are any other questions or discussion.

Ms. Moore says she would imagine its population based.

Ms. Jarvis confirms that is part of the formula. She shares 50% of it is property tax and some is population based, some

is even based on how many books were checked out but 50% of that formula is based on property taxes.

Ms. Barber acknowledges the motion and the second and calls the question. The motion to approve the affiliate library agreement is approved.

Motion to approve the Agreement for Library Support Services Between Yavapai County Free Library District and Town of Jerome Public Library.

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

Returning to item 3A, all other items on the agenda are addressed in the order in which they appear.

7:17PM (17:15) B. Consideration of a Special Event Permit Application for "Nikki's 40th Birthday Party"

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

Ms. Barber introduces the item and asks if everyone has had a chance to review the paperwork.

Ms. Check approaches the microphone and thanks Council. She shares that as a citizen she does have a right to have a birthday party without permission or permit, however she is running for county supervisor and will probably have a political sign out, might give a speech, as well as advertise it on her political website. Therefore so she is making it an official political event, noting the check made out to pay for the special event permit is from Elect Nikki Check to make it clear that there are no public goods or services being contributed to her campaign indirectly. She asks if there are any questions.

Ms. Barber shares the only thing she saw was regarding the admission. She shares that the box is checked yes and then says no with a check mark and the fee is crossed out, so she wonders why all the boxes are checked.

Ms. Check shares that the yes box is checked automatically in the printout for some reason. She adds it is also a clarifying question, because if she puts an event on her website it has to be ticketed it or RSVP. She says it will technically be RSVP on the website, but there will be no admission and if anyone just shows up, they aren't limiting participation in any way.

Ms. Sheffield asks how many people she is estimating will be there.

Ms. Check answers she is not sure, but she says political events don't really draw as many people as fun events, but she would guess anywhere between 40 and 60 people. She notes that it is over the course of a few hours, it is a potluck event and she will have a special area for anyone who bring beverages to keep them away from underage attendees.

Ms. Moore makes a motion to approve the special event.

Ms. Sheffield seconds the motion.

Ms. Barber says before she calls the question, she wants to make sure the signs as indicated in the application, 2- 18 x 24 signs, are in compliance.

Mr. Blodgett confirms he believes they are and he will look into it to be sure they are.

Ms. Check shares she also checked with political sign laws; In Jerome it's 60 days out and not in the right of way. These signs would be in the middle park itself.

Ms. Barber asks if they are being stuck in the ground.

Ms. Check answers like H stakes.

Ms. Barber acknowledges the motion adding as long as the signs are in compliance. She calls the question and the special event for Nikki's 40th Birthday Party is approved.

Motion to approve special event for Nikki's 40th Birthday Party

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

7:21PM (21:33) C. 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.

Ms. Barber introduces the special event application for consideration.

Dylan Jung, representative for Jerome Chamber of Commerce, approaches the microphone at the front of the room.

Ms. Barber says this seems to be a wonderful event that will probably happen more often. Directing her question to Mr. Jung she asks if it is too much work for the turnout or if it's a good blend for the fun that occurs.

Mr. Jung answers, it is all a lot of work.

Ms. Barber asks Mr. Jung if he has anything additional to present about the event.

Mr. Jung shares that originally these were the dates for the Jerome Music and Arts Festival, however they've now repurposed the dates to be Art in the Park. He says this will be the 4th version of this event, adding this time it will be over the course of 2 days. He shares that they plan to have artists painting in the park, with a couple of live music acts per

day, and have also scheduled some additional performances in the Spirit Room. He says there isn't anything special for this event and in the chance that an art piece is sold it will be processed through Vino Zona for any TPT purposes.

Ms. Sheffield comments that it was a good event last year.

Mr. Jung shares that usually it's a one day event held twice a year, but this time they would like to do it over the course of two days.

Ms. Sheffield moves to approve the special event for Art in the Park.

Ms. Barber seconds the motion. She then calls the question and the special event permit for Art in the Park is approved.

Motion to approve Special Event permit for Jerome Chamber's Art in the Park.

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

7:23PM (23:55) D. Consideration of a Special Event Permit Application for Jerome Chamber's Music and Arts Festival

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

Ms. Barber introduces the special event for consideration.

Ms. Sheffield comments that it was also a great event last year.

Ms. Barber says the only thing she has question on is the use of portable restrooms during the event. She asks if there will be portable restrooms.

Mr. Jung answers yes.

Ms. Moore comments down at the basketball court.

Mr. Jung shares that they plan to use Nice Johns and believes the owner is or was a local resident. He continues that this layout will appear much like the fireman's ball, with the addition of a couple of food trucks near the sliding jail. He says everything will be partitioned off, security guards present, and cooperation with Police and Fire etc.

Ms. Barber shares it's a good place to have a party and is the same place the Fireman's ball happens. She moves to approve the special event.

Ms. Moore seconds the motion.

Ms. Barber calls the question and the special event permit for Jerome Music and Arts Festival is approved.

Motion to approve Special Event permit for Jerome Chamber's Music & Arts Festival.

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

Ms. Barber adds that the Chamber has been doing a great job at sprucing up getting the music and arts going again. She expresses her thanks.

Mr. Klein asks if she would like to address item 10A before returning to item 3. Financial Reports.

7:52PM (52:09) E. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget - Near Final Draft Review

Council will review the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 budget.

Ms. Barber introduces the item and defers to Mr. Klein for introduction.

Mr. Klein shares subsequent to the last meeting nothing has changed. He says as can be seen from the financials we are at 83% of the budget and we are at \$300,000 excess revenues over expenditures. We anticipate coming in excess revenues over expenditures which is always good adding department heads have been doing an outstanding job staying within budget. He says we are trying to do a few more big projects such as windows in hotel Jerome and the Verde Line will most likely go in next fiscal year. He says this is balanced after all input from the department heads and includes comments and discussion from the last meeting but is not the final action. He says this is an opportunity to review, if they see anything that is amiss or anything they want added.

Ms. Barber asks for Council's input.

Ms. Sheffield and Ms. Moore both say it looks good to them.

Ms. Barber agrees and points out that we adopted that we keep 25% of general fund operating expenses, and we are way above that, so go team! She continues expressing thanks the staff and says she wants to do a shout out to everyone that helped work on the bathrooms. She adds, we also saved a lot of money on paving because we have a hardworking team of 5-7 people that did this. She says if anyone felt neglected from the town crew, she's sure if you drove through town, you saw what they were working hard on, all the while keeping up with their day-to-day. She says this is a hard working budget adding this council has always tried to focus on infrastructure and fixing up as much as we can with as little manpower as we have. She asks if there are any additional questions about the budget.

Ms. Sheffield and Ms. Moore both answer no.
Ms. Barber asks if there is a special meeting on 5/28.
Mr. Klein answers yes that timeline is valid right now and the meeting is two weeks away.
Ms. Barber confirms that is on a Tuesday.
Mr. Klein confirms yes as the Monday is memorial day.

7:56PM (56:35) 11. TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL

Council may direct staff regarding items to be placed on a future agenda.
Ms. Barber introduces to and from the council. She defers to Ms. Moore.
Ms. Moore says helicopters. She says it would be nice if we could get information out there about what we could possibly do to have any impact on the helicopter tours.
Ms. Barber asks on Facebook or just general public knowledge.
Ms. Moore says she doesn't think there is a whole lot we can do. If they are touring in the sky, she doesn't believe we can require them to have a business license to operate in the town.
Ms. Barber says it's an invasion of privacy to fly over your house. She says she's lived here 50 years and hasn't had much invasion of privacy. She adds that people in town are going to start taking their clothes off, according to Facebook. She shares someone on the fire department had a great idea about designating the helipad in some way.
Ms. Moore asks if we could have parameters, if the helipad is something to consider.
Mr. Klein says we can get this on the agenda as an item.
Ms. Moore says it would be great to get a lot of these things clarified. She adds she's sure if they're lower than a certain elevation and you can get their numbers you can file a report on that information.
Ms. Barber shares she thought we were a no fly zone because of our proximity to an airport. She asks if Ms. Sheffield has anything to add.
Ms. Sheffield answers not today.
Ms. Barber says she wants to say to everyone in Jerome, that our Post Office has been on the chopping block more than once, so please use our Post Office if you can. She says it's something important to town and if we stop using it it's going to go away. if we want to have a Post Office then we need to continue using it.
Ms. Moore asks if something is going on with the Post Office that she was not aware of.
Ms. Barber says no. She continues, in this day and age, a lot of businesses lose out to Amazon, and the town loses in the event we don't have a Post Office. She says she's just trying to keep our small historic things going.

8:01 (1:01:05) 12. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Barber moves to adjourn the meeting.
Ms. Moore seconds the motion.
Ms. Barber calls the question, and the meeting is adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 8:01p.m.

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

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Alex Barber, Mayor

Brett Klein, Town Manager