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AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF JEROME COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JEROME TOWN HALL 600 CLARK STREET, JEROME, ARIZONA TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023, AT 7:00 PM

7:00PM (0:14) 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Alex Barber, Vice Mayor Jane Moore, and council members Dr. Jack Dillenberg, Sage Harvey, and Sonia Sheffield.

Staff present were Town Manager/Clerk Brett Klein, Zoning Administrator Will Blodgett and Finance Director/Deputy Clerk Kristen Muenz.

7:00PM (0:26) 2. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Financial Report and Detail Invoice Register Report for November 2023

Council will consider and may approve the financial reports for month ending November 2023.

Mayor Barber asks if there are any questions or comments. There were none.

Councilmember Sage Harvey motioned to approve.

Councilmember Dr. Jack Dillenberg seconded.

Ms. Barber notes she saw budgeted items on the report that were high.

Mr. Klein confirms that there were some items that needed to be moved from one line item to another, and should see that corrected on the next report.

Motion to Approve Financial Reports

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

7:01PM (1:10) 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.

Mr. Klein says council has his written report, he adds there is nothing much to highlight except we do have participation in statewide STR legislative changes. He shares other cities also involved such as Phoenix, Sedona, Jerome, and a couple of others. He adds that they are trying to anticipate what legislature might do and provide input on Town stance as counterpoints. He shares that now that everything has been in place over a year, they can make some small changes for those that are getting complaints.

Ms. Barber thanks Mr. Klein for his hard work. She then shares congratulations to Kerry Lee for 10 years of service as of January 6th, and to the Judge, Angela for 2 years of service also on January 6th. She then points out our sales tax revenues, adding it is part of why she asked the question about the budget, because they look like they are in the red.

Mr. Klein provides clarification, sharing we are doing well and that there is a delay in how long it takes to get the funds from the state. He advises to look at the second page done by category.

Deputy Clerk Kristen Muenz, says there was also sales tax from October that came in after the end of that month.

Mr. Klein follows, the second page is a snapshot of what is going to happen, and the first page reflects just what we have.

Ms. Barber answers that there are 4 different months on the second page. She points out that one has one red, one has three red, and one has two red, adding it's not as bad as she has seen it, but when she sees red, she hopes we can just

do better. She says we can't really tell what's going to happen in the next year it's a forecast and then do what we can. She asks if Council has any reports?

Vice Mayor Jane Moore shares details on the wastewater treatment plant. She says, some things are changing, but still moving along pretty well. She was wondering why a 30 ft wide road was needed, but now it's down to 18 ft. She asks Mr. Klein for confirmation of that.

Mr. Klein confirmed yes, it is.

Ms. Moore then shares there was an issue with the manholes and how deep they will be, and that there will be a little building for Henry (MacVittie) to do lab work. She also shares that she found out from Henry, the blowers will not run 24/7. She was under the understanding that the noise was going to be 24/7, but it's not.

Ms. Barber asks if they will be contained in structures and not outside.

Ms. Moore confirmed yes.

Ms. Barber asks for clarification that the 30 ft down road has gone down to 18'. Saying she doesn't think there are any roads in town that big.

Ms. Moore shares the idea was to get big trucks down there, and out of there with the waste. She says, hopefully one of the waste companies will cooperate with us.

Ms. Barber asks for confirmation if that is the route Town is still trying to go.

Mr. Klein confirmed yes.

Ms. Barber says she'd like to point out on the reports, the volunteer Fire Department November call volume is up by 23 calls from this time last November. This year they have had 50 calls, last year were 27. They've had 481 calls year to date compared to 440 last year. She continues, they help everyone, residents, and tourists. She also shares that the Police Department has responded to 138 calls for service. She adds our departments are working hard and efficiently. We are lucky to have these gentlemen. She thanks everyone for their time and effort, adding we have people that live here and volunteer and so thank you.

Ms. Barber says she doesn't have anything else to report on except that she rode in the parade, as well as council member Sage Harvey.

Ms. Harvey shares that for the Christmas parade it has always been a tradition, if she's in the parade, she waves, blows kisses to babies and makes sure there is enough candy until the end of the parade.

Ms. Barber points out there is a young gentleman that lives here, who was out there handing out candy. She continues, that we have some young faces at the Fire Department, and she would like to know them better.

Motion to Approve Staff and Council Reports

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

7:08PM (8:44) 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.

Zoning Administrator Will Blodgett shares that December has proved to be busier than anticipated. He shared there have been a lot of projects brought before Planning and Zoning this month and there are more for review likely next month. He shared with Council that the first draft of the new Design Review Guideline is available for comments, and that it will be coming before Council as a finalized draft.

Ms. Barber says it was brought up at last month's special Council meeting about a Zoning Code rewrite. It was also brought up instead of not having meetings if there isn't enough, that the Planning and Zoning board could bite off chunks of that. She further shares that something was said about hiring someone for that, noting outsiders don't understand Jerome. She says that Mr. Klein mentioned maybe Candace Gallagher. Ms. Barber said the hope is that Candace would be on board, and that the boards and commissions could start working within their boards to see what sticks out like a sore thumb and start biting off little pieces and working through those parts and then bring them to Council. She shares anytime they've hired someone outside of Jerome they just don't understand Town or what we are trying to do, but Candace being the prior Town Manager and having lived in Jerome for many years she would likely know exactly which direction we are trying to go in.

Mr. Blodgett shared that he has additional resources to draw from. He also shares it was intended to have a work session on the Design Review Guidelines however due to illnesses the planned meeting was canceled.

Ms. Barber says, the Design Guidelines one thing, but the zoning ordinance rewrite was the other piece. She notes that Ms. Moore and Ms. Harvey both brought up that they hoped our boards would be able to help doing that. She adds it's definitely something we can do with our boards and commissions; we can find the sore spots and start working on them.

It makes it baby steps and small pieces rather than a whole rewrite which sounds like a nightmare. She says that it needs a whole re-write but at this point we have to start somewhere.

Ms. Moore says she noticed all the canceled meetings, and the times without a lot on your plate would be good for workshops with the boards to talk about what works and what doesn't.

Ms. Barber follows, she understands if people are sick, and you can't have a quorum would be a reason why a meeting would be cancelled. She continues, that part of stepping up to boards and commissions is you have to be available. If you're not available for 3 meetings we can kick you out and find someone who will be available for meetings. She imparts that it's a volunteer thing and it's a really hard balancing act we play with people, we need them, they need to do it and life happens. She says, in extenuating circumstances we try not to be too harsh, but on the other hand if you're a volunteer and step up, we expect you to do your job. She further notes to Mr. Blodgett that they are not criticizing him or his job.

Mr. Blodgett acknowledges and says you are absolutely correct.

Ms. Barber says to Mr. Blodgett, we are really lucky to have you.

7:13PM (13:17) 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consider Approval of the November 13th Special Council Meeting Utility Rate Public Hearing, the November 14th Regular Council Meeting and November 30th Special Council Meeting Minutes

Council will consider and may approve the November 13th Special Council Meeting, November 14th Regular Council Meeting and November 30th Special Council Meeting minutes.

Ms. Barber introduces the approval of minutes. She defers the conversation to council member Sage Harvey.

Ms. Harvey says she was running out of places to make notes, because they are so bad. She adds she doesn't want to be mean, and she knows Michele is doing the minutes now, and is just starting out. She says this Council, since she's been on it has been very particular, that when they make a statement that it's reflected verbatim. She shares that even if one word is wrong this Town has tendency to use words against you. She says she doesn't know if they can go over everything that needs to be fixed.

Ms. Barber asks if it is in all of them.

Ms. Harvey responds yes ma'am. Or she can give Kristen a copy and she can get a gist for it. She adds literally she was running out of places to write what needs to be fixed. She shares to the point, on the Nov. 30th meeting was missing the motion that was voted on above the box on page 102. She says there were a lot of places where something was paraphrased, and in her opinion, she feels like Jane and Alex may feel the same, but when Council makes a statement about something it's because they want it in the minutes and want to be able to refer to it. She states "I have literally actually said that I'm saying something because I want it to be in the minutes when I refer to it next year. So, I think it's really important for this Council that things not be paraphrased. That when we make a statement that it is verbatim, and when questions are asked and answers are given about things in particular, especially legalities, that they need to be in here." She shared that she read the minutes twice, the second time while listening the audio, noting that was when she text about how unhappy she was with the minutes. Ms. Harvey finishes by making a motion to not approve any of the minutes until they are redone.

Councilmember Dr. Jack Dillenberg seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber shares so that is a little clarification of why there was an email from Mr. Klein about who was doing the minutes, and that they would be done as best as they can.

Mr. Klein shares it was a text. He adds that those 3 meetings could take 10-12 hours to get the level of content that Council would like, noting Kristen no longer has that time available, that's why Michele is doing them now. He shares that he reviewed Michele's minutes and it's consistent with what he's seen in 20 years of his career, but understands Council wants more content. He says he agrees when the minutes read "council member says..." it should be verbatim. Ms. Harvey interjects, "And there was a lot in here that's not. And there were questions that were asked specifically, and you answered specific questions. Some of it was legalities, some of it was just people wanting to know things. But there's several places where that's not in the minutes. And I think it's important, 1. because we have a lot of people that live in this town that don't do the internet, so they don't go and listen to the audio. They want to read the minutes and when they read this, they're like, "wait, what are they doing?""

Ms. Barber adds, "it doesn't make sense. So, if you're going to pick out a statement at least make the full statement." Ms. Harvey notes there are even places where it's out of context. Where something was said, and then something else was said, but that something else wasn't in the minutes until further down, so it's out of the conversation.

Mr. Klein shares, we can work on that. He adds you can summarize it a lot less than this or do verbatim, which is basically transcribing the minutes. He shares that it's rather lengthy to transcribe and your minutes become many pages. He adds that most cities and towns are going to action minutes along with the audio and video recordings, but he understands our citizenry and will do better next time.

Ms. Harvey asks Kristen if she'd like a copy to go over with Michele.

Ms. Muenz says yes.

Ms. Barber shares that she sees Jane also has some highlights.

Ms. Moore says her comment was something that Sage mentioned. It was the award for planning and design of Verde Ave. I asked if money was only for planning and design, and you answered “yes, that’s correct”, but not in the minutes. She says, “to me, I’m not as detail oriented, I guess as Sage. But I would want the gist of what is going on, not a whole verbatim minutes.”

Ms. Harvey asks to clarify, she says “I don’t think all the minutes are verbatim. But when the mayor makes a statement, or when you make a statement or when council member Sheffield makes a statement, and it has to do with something that we’re dealing with. It should be accurate what we say. And when questions are asked of the Town Manager and answers are given, and especially when it’s a legality of something and someone wants to know that legality and he answers, and it’s not in the minutes. I mean how is someone supposed to figure out what we’re talking about and what we’re doing if they’re not seeing that at least you know.”

Ms. Barber, Dr. Dillenberg and Ms. Moore all agree.

Ms. Moore goes on to share, that it’s important that someone in the public that reads these should be able to understand what happened and why.

Dr. Dillenberg follows with the good news is that it is correctable.

Ms. Barber says one thing I am going to point out, on all of this is the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 14th, pg. 100, “Ms. Barber shared that because the property was annexed to Town, that some of the documentation would indicate that the area be used as a park. To Town, not Jerome, Clarkdale. Clarkdale annexed that. So, if someone was reading this, they would think that I said that Jerome annexed this when it’s Clarkdale. So, to the Town of Clarkdale, so again clarification.” She says thank you and that was all she had to point out. Noting if you are reading it, you don’t understand, this was discussion and possible staff direction regarding the town owned cemetery land in Clarkdale. At this point, would go with not approving. She confirmed that Ms. Harvey made that motion and Dr. Dillenberg seconded. She called the question and minutes were not approved until corrections are made.

Motion to NOT Approve minutes from Nov. 13th Special Council Meeting, Nov. 14th Regular Council Meeting and Nov. 30th Special Council Meeting Until Corrections are made

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

Ms. Barber shares that she knows Michele isn’t there, but she’s doing a great job.

Dr. Dillenberg interjects it’s going to get better, just needs a little focus and direction.

Ms. Barber continues, we’re not trying to criticize, we’re just trying to say that for the people that are not on the internet or aren’t going to listen to the whole meeting that this makes sense. That they can read it and not be confused or question any of the statements made, motions passed, or questions asked and answered in the meetings.

Dr. Dillenberg comments those are great points, and he feels staff are talented enough to get it corrected.

Ms. Moore shares her gratitude to Michele.

Ms. Barber finishes saying we’re lucky to have her.

7:23PM (23:00) 6. PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

7:23PM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Discussion/Possible Action

7:23pm (23:07) A. Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance No. 489, Amending Article 10-3, "Special Events" by Replacing it in its Entirety.

Council will consider and may approve the second and final reading Ordinance No. 489.

Ms. Barber introduces the new ordinance for special events, replacing the old special events ordinance in its entirety. She queries from council if it has reached the final point, they want it at?

Ms. Harvey motions to approve the new ordinance.

Ms. Sheffield seconds the motion.

She thanks the hard work of staff, noting that special events have turned into a lot of work. She hopes that this will get us to where we the Town of Jerome is compensated for how much work is being done. She calls the question, and the new ordinance is passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 489, Amending Article 10-3 by Replacing it in its Entirety.

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

7:24PM (24:00) B. Consideration of Resolution No. 663 Adopting New Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates and Fee Schedule

Council will consider and may approve Resolution No. 663.

Ms. Barber introduces the Resolution for new water and sanitary rates. She then defers to Ms. Moore for a question. Ms. Moore shares, we discussed the rates at the last meeting. She then asks, "It does not have to stick to this schedule, correct?"
Mr. Klein confirms, "Correct, it's a 5-year schedule, you can review it next year."
Ms. Moore adds, she would like to figure out another way to deal with it. She furthers that she would like to look at it and compare sewer usage again. She finishes, so we are basically adopting the first year of it going up the amount it is. Mr. Klein adds if it's not brought back up then it won't come up again, and it will follow this plan, but you can revisit it anytime you choose to.
Ms. Barber points out that resolution 663, on the back shows exhibit A; the exact amount of how this is going to work. She adds this was one of the least impactful, as far as hurting low-income residents, because it's not a really steep increase. She then asks if she hears a motion and a second.
Dr. Dillenberg motions, and Ms. Harvey seconds.
Ms. Barber calls the questions receiving 4 ayes. She says "I will say nay again. I know we need it, but I just don't think town should have to pay for it." She adds that the motion is approved and that we do need it.
The motion is approved with 4 ayes and 1 nay.

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 663 Adopting New Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates and Fee Schedule

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

7:26PM (26:00) 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Continued Discussion and Possible Staff Direction Regarding the Town's 2024 Anniversary Celebration and Recognition

Council will discuss any potential updates and may provide staff direction regarding the Town's Anniversary celebration.

Ms. Barber starts by asking what ideas council came up with.
Ms. Muenz updates on behalf of Scott Kolu. She shares that Scott talked to Chief Blair, and Chief Blair was concerned with disrupting traffic with a later parade around 2pm, but he willing to have one at 11 am.
It was discussed when parades normally take place through town and confirmed that the only parade through town currently is the 4th of July parade.
Ms. Barber says she things parades are nice. She asks if anyone else has anything to add to it.?
Dr. Dillenberg shares that works.
Ms. Barber shares the Chamber has lots of ideas, so we will work together and do what we can on our part to push out media, adding it's pretty exciting.
Dr. Dillenberg shares he thinks it will be very successful.
Jane shares she's always bah humbug.
Ms. Barber follows, saying she heard Ms. Moore was asked to make a speech but didn't want to, so she will do it instead.
Dr. Dillenberg asks what action needs to be taken, if any.
Mr. Klein shares that committees will look for help coming up soon, and that he put this on the agenda so that it remained in the forefront.
Ms. Barber confirms that there is no motion to approve needed. She then defers to Mr. Blodgett for further information.
Mr. Blodgett shares the gentlemen currently running the State Park are planning to work with the Chamber as well.
Council expressed their thanks and moved on to the next item on the agenda.

7:28PM 9. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

7:28PM (28:02) A. Discussion on New Proposed Lighting Regulations to Comply with Dark Sky Standards

Council will review the initial staff draft and may provide input and direction for future consideration on proposed lighting regulations.

Ms. Barber shares she likes most of this. She points out that a lot of people throughout town like string lights. She shares that she has an old Jerome house, and that is how she has lighting out in the front of her house, noting they

aren't always on. She doesn't think it would be in noncompliance, but she also knows other people have little trees with solar lights and wants to make sure everyone is still able to do that kind of thing. She says the one other thing is lighting needing the shades. Adding according to APS if we want to do anything to those lights then we get to own the pole and do the work. She shares they were replacing the bulbs in town because the old bulbs are no longer available. They said if it is not already shielded, they cannot put a shield on it, if it has a shield then they will use it.

Ms. Harvey says that's for us, we're talking about people putting lighting on their businesses.

Ms. Barber adds she thought it was for town lighting as well.

Ms. Harvey confirms no, not for the Town lights, and Ms. Moore adds there are exemptions on public rights of way.

Ms. Barber asks if anyone else has any comments. She then defers to Ms. Harvey.

Ms. Harvey shares the only thing that she questioned was page 136, under Lighting Controls, B3, "multiclass lighting shall conform to the time limitations of strictest class". She was unsure what that meant, and asks if it's talking about the class 1, class 2, class 3?

Bk confirms yes.

Ms. Harvey then asks what the time limit would be?

Ms. Klein confirms the time limit is 10pm.

Ms. Harvey asks if that can be made a little more clear?

Mr. Klein answers yes.

Ms. Harvey shares other than that she likes it.

Ms. Moore says that it's very wordy.

Dr. Dillenberg and Ms. Harvey expressed their agreement, including Ms. Harvey who comments the first time she picked it up she read one page and put it down.

Mr. Klein says do you want to hear something funny about that?

Council says yes.

Mr. Klein says Michele did this. So, she can be very thorough.

Council members expressed she is smart and coachable.

Ms. Moore inserts, if it is condensable and more understandable to the general public.

Mr. Blodgett adds that when he initially wrote the first draft of his new Design Review Guidelines, this lighting didn't exist so his next is to condense it for the Design Review Guidelines.

Ms. Moore adds the only other thing is seasonal lighting, she reads "temporary seasonal lighting between the months of October and January 15th." She asks if we're putting Christmas lights up in October now?

Other councilmembers all share, no Halloween lights.

Ms. Barber says this is discussion and possible action. She asks, "So we are going to have a future revisit of this, correct?"

Mr. Klein confirms yes, we will make more concise. He adds this was more of a throw everything out there, with hundreds of samples brought it in. So, we are going to work on making it a little more concise and chronological, more user friendly and easy to understand. We now have changes to incorporate so we will get it updated and bring it back.

Ms. Moore says there is a certain house that has what she believes is a mercury vapor light, that lights up the whole hillside. She asks, if somehow with this that would not be allowable?

Ms. Barber asks if the house is in her neck of the woods?

Ms. Moore answers yes. Adding it doesn't really light up adjoining properties.

Mr. Klein answers that this is for new lighting and modifications.

Ms. Harvey adds the old stuff grandfathered in like anything else in town.

7:33PM (33:53) B. Consideration of Sewer Lining Proposal on Center Avenue and First Street

Council will consider the proposal from Mr. Rooter and may approve the proposal and subsequent repair.

Ms. Barber introduces the new business and asks what sewer lining is. She further asks if they put a pipe in the pipe.

Mr. Klein confirms yes.

Ms. Moore adds it's like a sleeve.

Ms. Barber says she understands, points out the photos and says it looks like this is a good area. She then confirms the amount of the proposal.

Ms. Harvey shares the total is \$28,982.50.

Ms. Barber asks if this is within budget.

Mr. Klein confirms yes, in the operations and maintenance budget. He adds the years go by so fast and we don't end up spending money. He shared that Marty was going to bring it to next budget, but he thought it was a great opportunity to utilize our current budgeted funds available.

Ms. Barber expresses her thanks to Mr. Rooter. She adds it's hard to get people to come up to address Jerome when anything is failing. She defers to Ms. Harvey.

Ms. Harvey imparts, there is a reason that Mr. Rooter is the one, the only one, because he is the one who works on everything up here. He is the one that works on the restaurants, houses, and buildings. She adds anytime you see plumbing problems that our Town crew cannot handle, these are the guys that are hired and come up here and deal with the pipes broken, the clogs, and the roots from the trees in them. They are the ones that understand Jerome and

are not afraid of it. She shares they used to do it at the Mile High and The Mine Café, adding there are couple of businesses on Main Street in the last couple years that have had to use them. She finishes, they are really good and are really knowledgeable about our plumbing in Jerome.

Dr. Dillenberg says he seconds that.

Ms. Barber shares that she thinks they also helped the Historical Society with their major thing this last year. She notes there was a motion to approve and a second. She calls the question, and the proposal is approved unanimously.

Motion to Approve Sewer Lining Proposal for Center Ave and First St.

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

7:36PM (36:27) C. Discussion and Possible Staff Direction Regarding Rich Street Turning Issues and Parking Considerations throughout Town

Council will be discussing traffic flow and turning issues on Rich Street, along with parking considerations in certain areas, and may provide staff direction for consideration at a future meeting.

Ms. Barber says it was brought up in a To and From the Council that her father, who drives a very low vehicle, lives down this road. She points to a map saying she doesn't know who this is that parks in a specific spot. She then points to where it is a red zone, and where the concrete parking pad is as you come into Rich Street. She then shares that Ms. Harvey pointed out where a large vehicle was parked, so that she couldn't see the pedestrian standing in the road taking pictures until it was almost too late. She notes there are couple of mirrors in one area, adding that those mirrors are hard to see, sometimes because of the lighting, or older eyes.

Jerome resident Mark Krmpotich adds the mirrors are practically useless. He shares that he lives right there so he sees everyone who makes illegal turns there.

Ms. Barber points out there is a little parking pad that she thinks is for Ghost City Inn parking or Vino Zona.

Mr. Krmpotich corrects that one is for Ghost City Inn, and the other is for the Miner's cottage. He notes one of them says private parking.

Mr. Barber points out the direction in which parking is marked, adding it's not exactly parallel. She shares that there is a line in one spot and not in another, so it's not spelled out that is not a spot. She adds when you try to come out of Rich St. and it is not evening, she notes in the evening you can see the lights making it safer. She says if you want to come out at Rich St. to go down the hill and there is a car parked there, in the middle of the day the safest way is to go all the way through town and come around, otherwise it is very dangerous to make that turn. She proposes the first spot be red striped to make it not a spot so that people coming out of Rich St. can see the road enough to make a safe turn.

Ms. Harvey says she would second that proposal.

Ms. Sheffield continues that she agrees.

Ms. Harvey adds that Ms. Sheffield used to live down that road.

Ms. Sheffield confirms and shares it was rough even before they had parking spots. Adding she's only been down there a couple of times since then.

Ms. Barber points to an area on the map, adding that the parking pad is an old garage, and it sticks up high. She says there is a part that is painted red and doesn't understand why people don't understand that you can't park there when it's red; it's because it's not spelled out with a bunch of lines. She shares when the area is lined with big trucks you have to come out of the street far enough to see past the trucks.

Ms. Harvey adds not only can you not see coming out, but if all those big vehicles are parked there you also can't see if someone is coming out.

Ms. Barber agrees and says if staff needs to go look, she is ready to put boots on the ground to walk around the area. She adds the other part they are talking about is turning issues. She points out at the end of Rich St. there is a Historical Society owned lot, and Town owned lot. She says it looks like, based on the picture, that the people that live here have blocked it off so that there is no turnaround. She adds it would be nice to be able to have a turnaround, adding that she doesn't know how turning around could be made easier. She shares if you go in past the parking lot for Hotel Jerome, there's a big wide-open area, you come down to Rich St. there is a big wide-open area. She shares that she visits her father and points to where she backs out. Again, pointing to the picture, she shares that she notices people in big cars, like you see parked, they turn around and back in so they can forward out. She points to the area that is privately owned, which area are houses, and which area is residential. She shares that the whole area is being used as peoples' parking spots when it's Town and Historical Society owned. She states, "we could do a little bit of "you can't park like this anymore" and try to make a parking turnaround." She adds that she doesn't think anyone there would have an issue with it, or that they might be more upset being told they can't park there anymore and making a turnaround than just dealing with it. She shares that she doesn't know if anyone else, the Fire Department or who else wants to make a turnaround but she wants to make it safer to come out of the road.

Ms. Moore asks what part of the area is private property?

Ms. Barber points to the private property.

Ms. Moore asks what about the turnaround area.

Ms. Barber points to what she believes is a piece owned by John McDonald, a piece owned by the Town, and a piece owned by the Historical Society.

Ms. Moore asks if you would have to cross private property to access that area. Adding property ownership may have to be checked.

Ms. Barber points out the road, saying that no one can own the road.

Ms. Moore points to an area and says it's on the edge of the slide zone property.

Ms. Harvey adds just so everyone knows, they are talking about the northern side of Rich St. at the end closer to the park.

Ms. Moore says if it's public property, or the road leading to Town property, and you're not crossing any private property then you could definitely make a turnaround and say no parking there. She then points to a different area and asks if you can tell somebody about the private property?

Ms. Barber clarifies that she is not talking about that lot, she's pointing to one right next to the state highway. She then points out two parking spots and shares that they are turned into three spots by another vehicle parking in a specific spot. She says it's someone from Jerome or believes it is because they have the copper plate. She further adds it's someone who works in those businesses on the corner.

Ms. Harvey asks if it's a black Jeep.

Ms. Barber says yes, it is, most of the time. She adds sometimes it's there when she leaves for work and still there when she comes home.

Ms. Harvey shares there are two businesses right there with owners who drive black Jeeps, adding it could be two different people using that spot.

Mr. Krmpotich interjects, one is the caretaker/cleaning lady at Ghost City the other is the lady that runs Vino Zona.

Ms. Barber says it's just that it makes it very dangerous and that's a state highway right there. She adds she knows that part of the area is privately owned and that's why they were able to piecemeal the parking to lease it. She shares we had it surveyed and she points out they are encroaching on our survey marks. She further shares they pulled a couple of the property pins/stakes out and put up their parking signs anyway. She adds that she brought it to previous Zoning Administrator, John Knight's attention but he was on his way out, so he didn't do anything about it. She adds you give them an inch and they take a mile. You let them do it for too long and they say it's our property because you never said that it wasn't. She adds it was definitely spelled out, clarifying what the Historical Society owns and what Jerome owns. She was told by the historical society at the very beginning that, that was their parking, and we could never utilize it. She adds we had a survey done and they have a little piece of the pie with the rest of it belonging to the Town of Jerome. She shares right now it's being used as public parking because nothing is being done with it. She also points out that there are a couple of dead vehicles and trailers on there right now that don't even move anymore.

Ms. Muenz brings up a Google map of the area of Rich St. being discussed. Ms. Harvey points out the area that should all be red.

Ms. Barber points to the map to a spot where cars will park where it is not lined as if it's a spot. She notes two lines indicating a parking spot but there is not another line to mark the other area as a parking spot. She adds that spot needs to go away for safety.

Ms. Harvey adds it should be red lined just like the front of the garage.

Mr. Krmpotich adds you should put a red stripe on the other side of the white line showing no parking there.

Ms. Barber adds it sucks to lose a parking space but as far as safety it needs to happen. That is not safe for anyone coming out of Rich St. to have a car parked there.

Ms. Muenz points out that the property lines on the map are slightly skewed so we must be absolutely sure that that area is in an easement and can be red lined before we can do it.

Mr. Blodgett shares that he can inquire if ADOT has surveys that are more accurate.

Ms. Harvey asks if he can check with ADOT, he confirmed yes.

Ms. Sheffield proposes can we make it compact cars only?

Ms. Barber answers the Jeep is short but makes it so you can't see coming out.

Ms. Harvey points to in the picture, a vehicle parked by the garage, saying that causes the same problem. She shares the black car in the photo is also a problem to see when coming out. She further adds when they started using the area as parking, they were parking all the way forward, but it was decided it was not safe for them to park there, so they moved it back, which creates more of a problem. Adding the end spot at the garage is going to impede the line of vision for people pulling out of there.

Ms. Krmpotich suggests making it a right turn only.

Ms. Harvey says good idea.

Ms. Barber says that is hard on a busy Saturday. She shares that she has had to do that and loop through town, when doing so she met traffic at the top of the Gulch Road and experienced stop and go all the way up, she adds it doesn't happen a lot, but that area can get really congested. She points out from the picture Ms. Muenz pulled up on screen in Council chambers, there is a truck, she says there is a black truck that impedes so much that it's hard to get cars

through. The other spots that are spelled out as required parking for businesses needs to be compact only, because when you put a bunch of big trucks there now you have a road the fire trucks or a visitor or resident can get a car down. Ms. Muenz adds that google maps has not gone down a lot of the Jerome side streets.

Ms. Harvey points out on the google map displayed onscreen an area that was previously talked about making into no parking. She adds now there's a bunch of parking spaces there like its private property.

Ms. Muenz notes she can see a sign that says private road, and no parking.

Ms. Harvey shares that they had previously talked about making it a red zone because the Fire Department was having a trouble getting in and out of there for calls. She shares there's not a lot of people that live down that road but most of them are elderly, and they're going to need medical assistance from our Fire Department, and our trucks need to be able to access all our roads.

Ms. Barber agrees.

Jerome Resident Jera Peterson asks, the red part that has the stripes is that private property or Historical property?

Ms. Harvey confirms its private property that's been leased by the businesses across the street, so they can have off street parking.

Ms. Peterson adds too bad they couldn't make it parallel.

Ms. Harvey continues, they impeded what was being worked on in making red zones there by doing that and stopped us in our tracks. She adds like the mayor said we had a Zoning Administrator at the time that didn't care and ignored us. (inaudible conversation)

Ms. Barber says it is privately owned.

Mr. Dillenberg notes a couple that bought the house and redid the garage.

Ms. Barber says she knows the Town did a survey down in there, but she's not sure the people that own that property actually had a survey done to spell out where their pieces are.

Ms. Harvey answers they pulled some of our survey stakes out.

Ms. Barber says they absolutely did in the area you pointed out.

Dr. Dillenberg asks, "the bottom line is what's our next step?"

Ms. Barber asks Mr. Klein what can we do about it?

Mr. Klein says we'll start by getting to a T the rights of way, making sure we're talking about public and private property. We'll bring that back as Unfinished Business in next month's meeting. Then we'll work the process in code for making a parking area. Then if we need to talk to private entities, we will do that and see what can be done in trades, or working with, to see what can be done to make a safer intersection for public safety access. He shares he thinks the first step really is to identify parcels.

Dr. Dillenberg says yes accurate borders.

Ms. Barber says yes, you can look up in the last couple years that we had that surveyed. She adds that she will point out where that the asphalt that goes into the dirt, she says that thing is so bad. She says it looks like they did a little bit of patch it seems in the last year or so, but that street is really in disrepair right now. She then defers to Vice Mayor Moore.

Ms. Moore starts by saying Verde Exploration owns some prop across from town lot.

Ms. Barber tries to locate the property on the map.

Ms. Moore continues that she believes it's above Steve Cheifetz's property and was wondering if maybe we could work with them to have two parallel spaces across from the town owned lot.

Ms. Barber shares that she thought we had property stakes that went down into his yard. She then points out on the map all the places that were staked.

Ms. Moore notes it was supposed to go with the Hunter Bachrach House.

Ms. Barber says our survey said we pretty much owned this whole area, and the Historical Society owns a little tiny triangle piece in here.

Dr. Dillenberg shares that Mr. Blodgett will get the accurate information.

Ms. Barber has a brief conversation pointing out to Dr. Dillenberg the stakes Ms. Harvey pointed out that were pulled out.

Dr. Dillenberg adds it's a great spot if we can get it straightened out how it's supposed to be.

Ms. Moore says what a mess that looks like.

Ms. Barber notes you must get a surveyor up here to find the corners because it's all wrong.

Sage points to a piece, which she says is actually most of the end of the road, is the Verde Exploration.

Mr. Blodgett shares that with GIS there is as much as 25-30 feet of potential discrepancy. He shares that he can get pretty accurate surveys along the highways from ADOT, and there are a number of properties we do have surveys for. There was a discussion about locations on the map about Verde Exploration property.

Ms. Moore adds, she just wondered if you're taking away a couple of spots could you add more parallel spots if you widen the area a little bit if able.

Ms. Harvey says you might be able to get two spots if you make them parallel. She further adds if you make it compact only, most of the people that live on the street drive small cars.

Dr. Dillenberg says maybe see the availability is of some of the land adjacent to it, there might be an opportunity to do some good there.

Ms. Barber shares so we'll have more discussion on this next month?

Mr. Klein shares yes.

Dr. Dillenberg and Mr. Blodgett both agree we need accurate information.

Dr. Dillenberg says there is an opportunity to get some good out of this.

Ms. Moore adds there are other problematic areas that we talked about at the last meeting, like the one spot.

Ms. Harvey asks if it's in front of Vaqueros.

Ms. Barber says she agrees with what Ms. Moore is talking about.

Ms. Moore says it should be either parallel or compact parking only.

Ms. Harvey add also the stretch of private in front of grapes should be compact parking only.

There is discussion about where the parking is located.

Ms. Peterson adds there's a truck that always sticks out right there.

Ms. Harvey confirms that is what they are talking about. Adding it's a gray truck.

Ms. Muenz shares other areas in town it also happens in.

Ms. Harvey shares it was her understanding after talking with the Chief of Police, when that building was reconstructed, they were supposed to put compact only parking signs there. She says there's a reason for it, trucks don't fit there, and if it's a long bed they're a good 2 or 3 feet in the road, and if they have a hitch there's a good chance, they're talking up half of the road.

Ms. Moore shares she thought about another thing in that area; those spaces should be diagonal and not straight in.

Ms. Sheffield adds it would make it a lot easier to get in and out of them.

Ms. Peterson adds they wouldn't go as far over the sidewalk either.

Ms. Muenz points out that some of the spaces are also in a major blind spot because of where they are located near curves in the road.

Ms. Barber shares when they tried to revamp some of the parking, she notes they have a one way, and says instead of making the spots straight it's a little more angled. It was done to force you to go one way rather than turn around.

Adding by the way you are parked you would have to do some finagling to go the wrong way. She adds that this area was private parking and that's why it was not made diagonal. She adds it's privately owned but it butts up to a state highway. There's a line that shows the parking and the State Highway if you're not in the line you can't park there. She adds she knows that its common sense, but common sense is not common anymore. She points out the parking that has been changed to diagonal adding it was all done to force you to go the way we want you to go and not come up the wrong way.

Ms. Harvey suggests approaching the owners of those stores and see if they'd be willing to change the lineage.

Ms. Moore shares that she's been fighting it for years.

Dr. Dillenberg shares we have the authority to do that if we want to, they may own it, but we could change it.

Ms. Barber says she doesn't about that.

Mr. Klein interjects for safety and welfare.

Ms. Harvey adds they need to not be in the road.

Dr. Dillenberg says, yes for safety and welfare we should be able to change that. Adding if we could get collaboration that would be ideal, but we clearly have the rights for safety to change that to more diagonal.

Ms. Harvey says more diagonal or compact cars.

Ms. Peterson asks what direction diagonally would you go, people coming?

Multiple parties expressed agreement that it would be coming down, or people coming from Prescott.

Ms. Moore says the way it is now you have to back up across two lanes to get out now. If it's diagonal, you'll only be backing into one lane. Noting you're not supposed to be backing out into a highway anyway.

Ms. Barber points out that instead of being straight they would be angled.

Ms. Sheffield says ever so slightly. You wouldn't have to make them extremely angled.

Ms. Barber adds, it sounds like a majority of that work would be painting new lines.

Ms. Sheffield says you might lose a space.

Ms. Harvey says if you look at the photo now, what's parked in there, those are all sedan cars or small trucks. Adding nothing looks like it's hanging out in the road and that's how that parking needs to be.

Dr. Dillenberg and Ms. Barber express their agreement.

Dr. Dillenberg then says we'll start with will getting the accurate reality of the layout.

Mr. Blodgett shares he will start to clean up the information.

Dr. Dillenberg adds he thinks we have an opportunity to make a difference there.

Ms. Sheffield says it's important, somebody will be t-boned there. She then adds, Verde is tricky too; if anyone is going over the speed limit you are very likely to get hit. She shares that a neighbor had suggested a sign beforehand for a "blind drive" to make observant drivers aware there could be somebody coming out into the street.

Ms. Harvey adds we may have to address ADOT for that because it's on their roadway.

Ms. Barber says Verde St. is hard place to come out of, but the thing about Verde is there is not a bunch of street parking blocking your view, just oncoming traffic.

Ms. Barber gives direction to staff to investigate and get options for sake of public safety.

Ms. Moore adds Rusty (Blair), and Allen (Muma) may have some input.

Ms. Barber says she agrees adding this is probably something that Rusty finds out will agree.

Ms. Harvey adds that Rusty was on board with us, when they made parking on Rich, what we were going make into a to red zone. She thinks he will be alright with this as well.

Ms. Barber says we'll see what we can do; private property opposed to public safety along a state highway.

8:03PM (1:03:31) 10. TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL

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

Ms. Barber shares some announcements, The Town Christmas party, this upcoming Saturday December 16th. She asks what time it starts.

Ms. Muenz shares the kids Christmas with Santa is at 10AM and the and Town Luau dinner is at 6PM.

Ms. Barber adds, the Town Dinner is potluck still, people bring a dish.

Ms. Muenz answers she believes it is bringing a dish.

Ms. Barber says kids that live in Jerome or work in Jerome get to sit on Santa's lap and get a present at 10 o'clock in the morning. Ride around on our 1928 parade truck through town and have a lot of fun.

Ms. Harvey adds it was extended to employees in Jerome who have kids because there aren't a lot of kids left living in Jerome.

8:05 (1:05:00) 11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Barber motions to adjourn, she receives several seconds, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Motion to Adjourn at 8:05pm

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

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Alex Barber, Mayor

Brett Klein, Town Manager/Clerk

Date