

TOWN OF JEROME

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DRAFT MINUTES SPECIAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF JEROME COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JEROME TOWN HALL 600 CLARK STREET, JEROME, ARIZONA

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

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

(0:01) 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL 6:30 P.M.

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

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

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

(0:28) 6:31 2. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Conduct a Public Hearing on the 2025-2026, Town of Jerome Budget and Tax Levy

Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2025-2026, budget and tax levy for the Town. Any taxpayer may appear and be heard in favor of, or against, any proposed expenditure or tax levy. No increase in the tax levy is proposed.

Mayor Barber opened the public meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Town Manager Brett Klein explained to the mayor and council that they have his final memo on the budget. He said the process started at the meeting in November, discussing Council and staff priorities and projects, and over the corresponding six months, we have had numerous meetings. He feels this is a balanced budget that meets many of the town's needs, based on our revenues, and staff feel it is ready. Ms. Barber said there was one member of the public in attendance and asked if they had any comments. Town resident Mark Krmpotich replied that he had no comments, he was just pouring over the budget. Councilmember Dr. Dillenberg said he would like to make a motion to accept the budget; he remarked that great work had gone into it.

Vice Mayor Jane Moore said that she would second that motion.

Ms. Barber asked for clarification on whether she could ask a question now or end the public hearing first and Mr. Klein said the public hearing was an opportunity for the public or the council to speak. Ms. Barber said she had a follow-up question that she had asked at the last budget talk in regard to the total general fund. The proposed budget had said \$1.00, and now she noticed it has gone to zero. Mr. Klein replied, as it should. He explained that the number to the far right is the proposed budget amount, and the final numbers are expenditures over budgeted revenues, which should be zero if they are balanced. He said if there is a small number, that is also okay, but the overall budget should ultimately be zero for a balanced budget. He pointed out that if they were to look at the total of the overall budget, encompassing all funds, it is at zero on page 29 of the packet. The grand total is zero, and that is a balanced budget. *Ms.* Barber asked if there were any other questions or concerns from the council, and hearing none she closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Dr. Dillenberg said let's have the vote and Mayor Barber moved the meeting to item number three.

(3:39) 6:34 3. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consider Resolution No. 678; A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 Council will consider and may approve Resolution No. 678.

Mayor Barber read the resolution in title and stated that we had the motion and the second. The vote was called and the budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026, was approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 678, Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

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

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

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

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Alex Barber, Mayor

Brett Klein, Town Manager