



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, JULY 11, 2023, AT 7:00 PM

7:00 (0:01) Item 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 Jack Dillenberg, Sage Harvey, and Sonia Sheffield.

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

For the convenience of those present, it was decided to move up several items. Item 9B was moved to the front, followed by items 9C, 9A, 9D, and 8A. The items are presented here as originally agendized.

7:27 (26:58) Item 2) FINANCIAL REPORTS

Discussion/Possible Action

Financial Report and Detail Invoice Register Report for June, 2023

Council will consider and may approve the financial reports for month ending June, 2023

Motion to approve the Financial Report and Detail Invoice Register Report for June 2023

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

7:27 (27:18) Item 3) STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Discussion/Possible Action

Reports by the Town Manager / Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Utilites Clerk, Accounting Clerk, Public Works Director, Building Inspector, Library Director, Municipal Magistrate, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Council Members

Council will consider and may approve the staff reports.

Town Manager Klein said the council had his written report. The only thing to add was that ADEQ agreed to an amended timeline for the WWTP design and construction, so we are on the clock now to have the design completed by 365 days from June 10th and 450 days after that to have the construction complete.

Mayor Barber asked if that timeline was possible, and Mr. Klein confirmed that it was.

Ms. Barber asked if we needed to follow up with Clarkdale.

Mr. Klein said that they owe us a few items of information and we are going to get together again.

Ms. Barber gave congratulations to Chief of Police Allen Muma for 24 years of service and to Shuttle Driver Scott for 2 years of Service. She said we are lucky to have the glue that holds this community

together. She pointed out that Sales Tax Revenues have a lot of red, but she has never seen the water flows coming from Verde Central.

Councilmember Harvey said that she wanted to point out there were 12 riders on the CAT transit, but only one of them is a resident. Her understanding is that we must finish out the pilot, but she thinks we should drop it when it is done and start using our own funds and van because there are residents in this town that need door-to-door.

Mr. Barber said that she thought we were still doing the Wednesday shuttle run.

Ms. Harvey replied that we are, but we talked about using the \$4,500 we are using for the pilot program to pay for another day for an employee.

Ms. Barber said it was a no-brainer; we tried to make the transit program work.

Ms. Harvey said she would like to say one thing about the library report and the banned books thing. She said she knows that people think that she is against the library, and she is not against the library, just against subsidizing so much. Ms. Harvey stated that as things are shutting down around us, we have a beautiful library. She said she talked to Mr. Klein about the legalities if libraries around us ban, and if we have to ban books. Mr. Klein said it is a local decision and the Council gets to decide; she thinks we should not ever ban books.

Ms. Barber said we should stand behind the library staff on a banned-book policy because we have never banned books here and we need a policy to deal with a ban request. She asked, what is a ban request? Someone is going to come into our library and say, "I don't like that book that is on your shelf," and we are going to say, sorry, this is Jerome, and we have the right to protect history. If we get rid of everything, then we cannot learn from our mistakes; we cannot whitewash. She said she knew Ms. Moore was disgusted by it, and a digital library was wonderful, but a true library includes books. Ms. Barber said we have received more books and we have a wonderful new Old Bookroom director. Jerome reserves the right to protect our books, we have a bookroom that has some really cool things in it. As far as the book ban, she said that we say what is on shelf stays there, and if you have a problem with some of our books, you don't have to look at them.

Ms. Harvey made the analogy that you don't have to open the donuts and eat them.

Ms. Barber said she also wanted to know what happened with the art workshop. She invited kids and adults alike to come to the library and try metal embossing. Ms. Barber said we are lucky to have the library and she knows that Ms. Harvey is very budget conscious, which was why she would bring up how much we are spending. But we have to have this library because we have people who don't have internet access and that is how they are able to do things. We are a tiny town that loves books.

Ms. Harvey added that we have a very large percentage of our population that use our library for as small of a town as we are.

Jerome resident Gary Felix mentioned that the Clarkdale library possessed some of Jerome's history and said we should keep our history.

Motion to approve the Staff and Council Reports

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

7:34 (34:47) Item 4) ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/PLANNING & ZONING AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MINUTES

Information/Council Review

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

Zoning Administrator Will Blodgett said that he has been more focusing on code enforcement issues.

Also, he finally has the budget for purchasing GIS equipment, which will open up new doors. Finally, the

representative from SHPO will be coming back for a training session for the Design Review Board members.

Ms. Barber commented that it was wonderful that Ms. Urban from SHPO gave us a pat on the back about how, usually, elected leaders do not care about historical preservation. She said that we are a National Historic Landmark and our whole town is historic, which is rare.

Mr. Blodgett replied that Ms. Urban said it was unheard of in this state for the amount of support he has been given. He said he feels very special.

Ms. Barber said the members of the council have roots in Jerome, are not going anywhere, and try to stand up for the community we love. She said that she has been on the council for 10 years and it is a volunteer position. Ms. Barber said it's sad that we do not have any kids in Jerome anymore.

Ms. Harvey replied that there are only about a half dozen.

Ms. Barber continued that the vacation rental industry was crushing Jerome. She wished to say on public record that in the 80's, the General Plan said we would have 800 people living here. According to the census, we have 444, and we have lost a few since then. So, we have not grown, we've actually shrunk because we are now a bunch of hotel rooms with a million-dollar view.

Ms. Moore said that she had a question for Mr. Blodgett. She asked if he talked with Design Review about things other than the actual structure, such as rock walls and other types of historic features.

Mr. Blodgett answered that we talk about some on a case-by-case basis, but not in general terms. Those are sections that he will have in the new design guidelines.

Ms. Moore said that SHPO didn't seem terribly interested in old rock walls and concrete walls and she thought that a lot of people here in town were.

Mr. Blodgett responded that a lot of SHPO review lands on use because we are C.O.G. and we can prioritize things.

Ms. Barber said that she saw that they had mentioned the cobblestones in the first look-through. She said we have people who are passionate about walls.

The council thanked Mr. Blodgett for his report.

7:39 (38:40) Item 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion/Possible Action

Consider Approval of the June 13th Regular Council Meeting Minutes, and the June 26th Special Budget Meeting minutes

Council will consider and may approve the June 13th and June 26th meeting minutes.

Ms. Barber said that she would separate the minutes for voting because she was absent from the special budget meeting. She asked if any member of council had any comments or corrections on the regular meeting minutes.

Ms. Harvey motioned to approve the minutes, and Dr. Dillenberg seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the June 13th Regular Council Meeting Minutes

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

Motion to approve the June 26th Special Budget Meeting Minutes

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

7:40 (39:50) Item 6) PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Petition - Speed Limit on Dundee (Gary Felix)

Ms. Barber thanked resident Gary Felix for his petition and said that, from what she understood, Jerome owns the road just past where North connects to Dundee, so anything past that is County. There has been talk about why we don't just annex it and take it over, but annexation is a long discussion, and we usually never see a light at end of the tunnel. As for 5 miles per hour, Ms. Moore brought up something a police officer said about it, that you can't have 5 MPH. She said that she lives on a road that is 5 MPH, and Ms. Harvey and Dr. Dillenberg both said they did as well. She added that in Old Town they have reduced the speed to 15 MPH due to the number of crosswalks. Ms. Barber said that she did not know what to say to Mr. Felix besides she is sorry that his neighbor seemed to be picking on him. She asked Mr. Felix if he would like to come up and speak.

Mr. Felix agreed to approach the dais.

Ms. Moore said that some roads are not safe enough to go 15 MPH. She asked Mr. Klein if he might speak on it from a police point of view, and there is some terminology about how safe it is to drive.

Mr. Klein explained that, yes, it is based on conditions, there are some roads where it is safer to go 5 MPH. He said that he knew the state trooper mentioned that we potentially can't enforce it, but that is not the issue. He said that Mr. Felix had an issue with going uphill, and he agreed that going uphill at 5 MPH is tough, even a little gas will make you exceed 5 MPH. However, Mr. Klein said he believed our speed limits are appropriate.

(42:33) Mr. Felix said that he followed the town dump truck up and down there, and they go 15 miles per hour between houses to pick up the cans. He asked, "you going to give us all tickets?" It's ridiculous. He can't maintain a 5 MPH speed in the winter for sure, and sometimes in wet conditions. So, what are you going to do? He said that in wet conditions, his light-weight truck doesn't have enough weight in the back to have traction. Mr. Felix said your speed limit might make sense if you read that and the road was paved, or paid some attention to the rest of the issue, which was the obstructions. He said that everyone squats on the easement. He got sick last year, and it took a long time for the ambulance to get down the road. Apparently, when the alarm went off, everyone was in the restaurant. So, we had citizens, police, all that stuff out there. Mr. Felix said that, out in the county, there are not many obstructions in the road, it is mostly cup in town. Ramped driveways coming 10, 15 feet out into a 40-foot road, and then people park on the other side. So, he does not think making any unusual... a 40-foot fire lane is required by the laws on your books.

Ms. Barber asked Mr. Felix if he had been given a ticket.

Mr. Felix replied that, no, the police followed him to his house and knocked on his door. He said that all this is, is David Soule's threats. He is cranky; he put a speed bump out there and he doesn't want you to injure his pets. Mr. Felix said he should fence his pets. He said the other part of the issue is that nobody seems to care what goes on down Dundee. Mr. Felix said the town has a dump out there, and it doesn't enhance his house or property values. The state department of solid waste disposal says you are supposed to cover a dump. You don't cover a dump; you don't even fence the dump. It has a cattle fence and people step through there and go picking every day.

Ms. Barber said that was in the county, and Ms. Harvey agreed it was not in Jerome.

Ms. Barber asked Mr. Blodgett to investigate the obstructions, which he agreed to do. She introduced Mr. Blodgett to Mr. Felix and let him know that he would be doing some code enforcement.

Ms. Moore said she would like to add that we don't have jurisdiction outside town limits.

Ms. Barber asked if we should call the county to deal with it.

Mr. Blodgett said that he would be happy to reach out.

Item 7) ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Discussion/Possible Action

7:46 (46:11) Item 7A) Consider Resolution No. 654; A Resolution of the Town of Jerome Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for Officially Submitting the Fiscal Year 2024 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General

Council will consider and may approve Resolution No. 654.

Ms. Barber introduced item 7A, and said that the Chief Fiscal Officer has always been the Town Manager. She moved to adopt Resolution Number 654 and Ms. Harvey seconded the motion.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 654, Designating Town Manager Brett Klein as the Chief Financial Officer for Officially Submitting the Fiscal Year 2024 Expenditure Limit Report to the Arizona Auditor General

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

7:47 (47:07) Item 7B) Consider Resolution No. 656; A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, Levying Upon the Assessed Valuation of Property Within the Town a Certain Sum of Money for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to be Assessed Against the Valuation of Real Property for Primary Tax Purposes

Council may approve Resolution No. 656, which is the Tax Levy for the Town of Jerome for FY 2023-2024. There is no proposed increase to the tax levy from last year.

Ms. Barber introduced item 7B, which was Resolution Number 656. She said we are not proposing any increase to the tax levy from last year, and moved to adopt Resolution Number 656.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 656, Levying Upon the Assessed Valuation of Property Within the Town a Certain Sum of Money for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to be Assessed Against the Valuation of Real Property for Primary Tax Purposes

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

Item 8) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

7:19 (19:38) Item 8A) Discussion and Consideration on Park and Open Space Benches and Tables, Including Possible Receipt of Dedication from the Jerome Chamber of Commerce

The Council will continue their discussion regarding the placement of benches and tables in Town parks and open spaces, and will consider a request from the Chamber for dedications. The Council may provide staff direction.

Ms. Barber said that the benches in the Sliding Jail and basketball park, the wooden benches are so bad and covered in splinters. She said she talked with Public Works Director Marty Boland, who said they are not too expensive. Ms. Barber said that she felt both the suggested people deserved a dedication plaque and the Chamber had said some of their grant monies may be available for plaques.

Ms. Harvey read that the idea was the Chamber would help with the benches. Do they want to split the cost with us?

Ms. Barber asked the representative of the Chamber for details.

She replied that they will do the installation of the plaques and do the dedication.

Ms. Harvey clarified that they wanted us to purchase the benches and the Chamber would do the plaques, which was confirmed.

Dr. Dillenberg commented that it sounded good to him, and Ms. Harvey and Ms. Barber agreed.

Ms. Moore asked if we had benches that were already being put in Upper Park.

Ms. Barber said that was a part of the discussion, we have a lot of benches and the Public Works crew want to put concrete pads down. We said that there is already a bench from a former graduation class,

and we could have a plaque for former mayor, council member, and historian, Nancy Smith. She said we need to come up with enough people that were loved to put plaques on each of the benches in the park. There was further discussion of who might be memorialized on a plaque, as well as how to go about it. Jerome resident Gary Felix suggested memorializing the 10 men that helped build the wall in the park.

Motion to approve request from the Jerome Chamber of Commerce to Provide or Purchase Benches

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

Item 9) NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

7:08 (8:08) Item 9A) Conduct a Public Informational Meeting in Relation to the Town's Application for a USDA Rural Development Grant for Funding Assistance for a Preliminary Engineering Report for the Town's Water System Storage Needs

Council will conduct a public informational meeting providing residents an opportunity to comment on the proposed project and ask questions on such items as economic and environmental issues that may impact the area along with discussing alternatives to the proposed project.

Mr. Klein introduced Item 9A and explained that it was a federal requirement when applying for many federal grants. Mr. Klein then explained the grant and the purpose of the grant, along with why the Town was applying for this particular grant. Mr. Klein said the Town's storage tanks are aging and deteriorating, and requiring much more maintenance due to age. Mr. Klein indicated the Town needs to plan for a new water storage tank and upgrade its aging infrastructure.

There was some discussion about the Town's current water storage capacity based on a question from Mr. John Krmpotich. Mr. McVittie, the Town's contracted water operator, said that we have storage, however, we lost a tank and if we lose another for a period of time we are not able to fight fires as well. Mr. Krmpotich said that was one of his concerns as well because his son works for the Fire Department Ms. Moore said that she would like to add that we have 750,000 gallons of storage, she believed the tanks were each 100,000 gallons. She said that the Verde Central could potentially have a larger tank because it was a bigger area. There were no other questions, nor comments from the public.

7:00 (0:43) Item 9B) Consider Request from Haven United Methodist Church Food Pantry for Assistance in Providing a Driver and Transportation Twice Weekly for Delivery of Jerome Food Bank Items to Assist those in Need.

Council will consider and may approve and / or modify the request.

Mayor Barber introduced item 9B, a request from the Haven Church Food Pantry for a town vehicle, and asked the council how they felt about donating the old town van rather than selling it.

Ms. Sheffield replied that she felt it was okay.

Ms. Barber added that Haven needs something, and we are not using it, so why not furnish them with it. Wouldn't that be a wonderful thing to do for our community?

Dr. Dillenberg agreed that it would be wonderful. He said he wondered if there was a way to get a benefit, not money but some credit or something that could benefit the town for donating our van for community service.

Ms. Barber said that in the request, they wanted a truck. She asked, would a van be better? She invited the representative from the Haven Food Pantry to approach and talk about the need from the community. She said that it was beneficial to the community, and pointed out the number of community members helped in the report provided by Haven. She thanked them, and said she is a long-time Jerome resident that used to go to after-school bible class at Haven Church. She asked if the van could be useful.

On behalf of Haven Food Pantry, Randy Boardman answered that a van would be useful. They were not sure what to ask for, a truck or the old van if they still had it.

Ms. Barber confirmed that we still had the old van, it was parked under a fig tree. She said that if it isn't being sold, and Haven needs it, it could be moved from under the tree.

Mr. Boardman said they would request, if possible, that the town retain ownership of the van and they could use it, rather than attempting to get it licensed and insured themselves.

Ms. Moore said she wondered what the legal issues might be, and Ms. Harvey said she was also concerned about legal as well as financial issues.

Mr. Klein explained that the town was okay either way, and the van was a revenue source in the upcoming budget. Also, after talking to the Haven representatives, it did not matter which vehicle it was, but they also were requesting a driver. He said the Public Works Director may be able to spare time. Mr. Klein said that he had checked with our insurance, and they were okay with it. He added that if we used the van for the time being and then sold it, we could then use another truck.

Ms. Moore asked how much time would be involved.

Mr. Boardman answered that right now, they were asking for 2 hours on Tuesday morning. He explained that during the summer, they try not to take as many items on Fridays because of the heat. Once it is cooler, they may need someone for 2 hours on Friday.

Ms. Moore said that she did not like the idea of taking crew time.

Mr. Blodgett said that workload provided, he may have time to volunteer.

Mr. Klein agreed that there were other employees available to help and it would not just be the Public Works crew.

Ms. Barber said that we should see what we can do to help the food pantry with whatever they need. She made a motion to approve the request to utilize a town vehicle and provide a driver. She thanked Mr. Boardman for all that he did for the community.

Motion to approve Haven United Methodist Church Food Pantry's request to utilize a Town Provided Vehicle and Driver for Transportation

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

7:07 (6:53) Item 9C) Consider Renewal Extension of Contract with Contract Wastewater Operations to Include New Monthly Contract Price Terms

Council will consider and may approve a new contract extension along with a monthly increase of \$250.00, to the new rate of \$4,350.00 / month.

Ms. Barber introduced Item 9C, which was a renewal of contract with our wastewater treatment with a small increase in cost. She thanked Henry McVittie for asking for such a small amount and moved to approve the renewal.

Ms. Harvey seconded the approval.

Ms. Barber thanked Mr. McVittie for his service to the town and said we were lucky to have him.

Ms. Moore asked if anyone would be staying for the informational meeting regarding the grant for engineering the town's wastewater treatment facility.

Ms. Barber responded that we could discuss that item next.

Motion to approve Renewal Extension of Contract with Contract Wastewater Operations to Include New Monthly Contract Price Terms

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

7:17 (16:52) Item 9D) Consider Real Estate Contract from Jerome Investments 1, L.L.C. to Purchase for the Sum of \$40,000.00 an Approximate .052 Parcel of Land Owned by the Town of Jerome as Described on Exhibit A, and Authorizing the Mayor or Town Manager to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the Town and Accomplish Such Other Administrative Actions to Complete the Sale.

Council will consider and may approve and execute the offer to purchase real estate from Jerome Investments 1, L.L.C.

Ms. Barber introduced Item 9D and said this was our consideration and approval if we want to go forward with the sale. She said that Eric Jurisin could not be present, but his son was present and asked the council if there were any questions.

Ms. Harvey said that Eric Jurisin has done everything we asked him to, so she would make a motion to approve.

Dr. Dillenberg agreed with Ms. Harvey's comment and seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber said that she wanted to know a detail about when they talked about encroachment. She said that she would look into it, but it seemed to her that they had encroached on the property, but now they are going to buy the property, so what would happen to the encroachment?

Ms. Harvey replied that it would now be included in their own property.

Ms. Barber thanked her for clarifying.

Motion to approve to Execute the Offer to Purchase Real Estate from Jerome Investments 1, LLC

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

7:48 (48:12) Item 9E) Discussion and Possible Direction Related to Staffing at Town Hall
 Council will consider a staff proposal in relation to Town Hall staffing and may provide input or direction.

Mr. Klein explained that our Finance Director resigned in March, and we spent money recruiting to get a replacement. In the interim, Kristen Muenz has been doing a good job taking it on, and is eager to learn. He said he talked with Ms. Muenz, and she would like to be the permanent Finance Director. Mr. Klein said that he thinks she can do it, and the town will be lucky to have her because she will bring stability to the position. Not only that, but we did not get anyone with any credentials in advance of Ms. Muenz's, in fact, less because she already understands the position and the software that we are using. We do know that we need to get a position filled in Town Hall as soon as possible. Ms. Muenz does not want to give up the Deputy Clerk position that she has worked toward for the last three year completely, so her title would remain "Finance Director/Deputy Clerk." Mr. Klein explained that the new position would cross-train in Utility Billing so that if the Utility Billing Clerk was not available, they would be able to do that, but also cross-train in other functions that must be done in a timely fashion, like payroll. So, this position will slide somewhere between the Utility Clerk and the Finance Director and, looking at other cities of a similar size, with similar staffing, this has been done to success. Also, we believe a couple of individuals in town have already expressed interest in a similar position. Rather than a Finance Director, we will have a much easier time filling this role expeditiously.

Ms. Harvey said that it sounded good to her, and Ms. Barber agreed.

Ms. Barber thanked Ms. Muenz and suggested to Mr. Klein that we follow up the discussion over time.

Mr. Klein said that the next step, would be a formal appointment and wage adjustment for Muenz.

7:52 (52:27) Item 10) TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL

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

Ms. Barber said that at the last meeting, she talked about talking with ADOT about a big truck turnaround. People don't seem to see the sign that says, 'no trucks ahead, proceed through roundabout.' Once they see the signs, they don't feel safe. She said we have three crappy spots to pull off on the side of the hill. She was driving, and there was a car in the middle of the road, they were too scared to go, and when she honked at them, they pulled off. She said it seemed they wanted to turn around, but it was dark. There are accidents and people lose their cool because it is 45 MPH, but people are scared and go 20 MPH. If there were 3 spots that you were able to pull over, then you would be able to get around them. Ms. Barber suggested that people look at the 3 spots, and Ms. Harvey agreed that the one with the drop-off is really bad. Ms. Barber said we should ask ADOT to make them more friendly to vehicles, there is really only one going up, but a few spots going down. That is our only road coming in and out of town, to have someplace that someone could pull off in safely, people going too slow might pull over if they didn't think they might roll over the edge. So, let's talk with ADOT and see if we can have something different. Ms. Barber said she would call them safety areas.

Ms. Moore said that she thought ADOT wants 240 feet to be considered a pull-off. So, it would need convincing them to make it smoother and not call it a pull-off.

Ms. Barber said that right now, if you had a disabled vehicle that needed to get off the road where it is only 2 lanes and with the switchbacks, it is life. To be able to get off road, some people have even said we need another lane. This is the problem with Jerome, it is the only way to get up here and when an accident happens, it is such an inconvenience. She is trying to make it safer; she has never seen someone in the middle of the road like that, too scared to even turn around. So, let's have a talk with ADOT and see what we can possibly do.

Item 11) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 P.M.

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

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Alex Barber, Mayor

Brett Klein, Town Manager/Clerk

Date: _____