



TOWN OF JEROME

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MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF JEROME COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JEROME TOWN HALL 600 CLARK STREET, JEROME, ARIZONA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, AT 6:15 PM

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

6:17PM (0:26) 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

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

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

6:17PM (0:37) 2. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Introduction, Presentation and Interview of Finalist Respondents to the Town's RFP for Legal Services

- At 6:15 the Town Council will hear from representatives from Pierce Coleman for 20-minutes, followed by representatives from Gust Rosenfeld for 20-minutes. No further action will be taken at this meeting.

Mayor Barber introduced the item, inviting representatives from Pierce Coleman to the podium for their presentation.

(1:24 – 12:20) Trish Stuhan and Michelle Stinson, Pierce Coleman Attorneys, presented to the Council. They provided a PowerPoint presentation to accompany their verbal presentation.

(12:26) Ms. Moore asked questions regarding opinions on historic preservation, if they had litigated on behalf of towns regarding zoning ordinances, and their opinion regarding Airbnb's in certain communities and their willingness to work with the Town in that regard.

(18:10) Mr. Sharif asked if they had worked with other municipalities on a tax to offset the stress on town infrastructure. He asked how many cities and towns under a population of 10k they work with.

Mr. Klein escorted the Pierce Coleman attorneys from the room, inviting attorneys from Gust Rosenfeld into Council Chambers for their presentation.

(23:01 – 27:20) John Gaylord, Attorney for Gust Rosenfeld, presented to Council. They did not provide any additional visual presentation with their verbal presentation.

(27:42) Mr. Sharif asked the same question regarding a tourism or infrastructure tax as well as how many cities or towns they represent are under a population of 10K.

(30:03) Ms. Moore asked the same questions regarding historic preservation, litigation on behalf of a Town regarding zoning or ordinance as well as their willingness to work with the town regarding Airbnb's. She asked if they had any experience with water law and negotiations with mining companies.

After questions from Council Mr. Gaylord asked for 2 minutes to allow his colleague to introduce himself.

(34:55) Michael Goodman introduced himself to the Council and gave a quick background of his expertise regarding environmental related law and his family history in Arizona.

Mr. Klein then asked the gentlemen to provide a quick summary of how they would work as a team.

Mr. Gaylord answered that they would prefer to attend meetings when necessary so they can proactively head off problems. He said he would be the primary and that Mr. Goodman would likely be the backup. He added that if they need a different attorney for a specialty then they could consult with someone within their firm.

6:56PM (39:24)3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barber motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Sheffield seconded.

Ms. Barber called the question, and the meeting adjourned at 6:56p.m.

Motion to adjourn 6:56 p.m.

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

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Alex Barber, Mayor

Brett Klein, Town Manager

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