



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, AUGUST 12, 2025, AT 7:00 PM

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

7:00 P.M. (0:01) 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 Councilmembers Dr. Jack Dillenberg, and Sonia Sheffield. Councilmember Issam "Izzy" Sharif joined the meeting via speakerphone

Staff present included Town Manager/Clerk Brett Klein, Zoning Administrator Will Blodgett, Deputy Clerk Kristen Muenz, Chief Russell San Felice, and Deputy Chief Mike Odle.

7:01 (1:12) 2. PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

A. Issuance of a Letter of Commendation and Acknowledgement of Chief San Felice's Outstanding Leadership Demonstrated During the Recent Shooting Event at Town Hall

Mayor Barber will read the letter of commendation and provide the Chief with the signed letter.

Mayor Alex Barber read a summary of the presentation and then the full letter of commendation. Ms. Barber thanked everyone on the Jerome Police Department, Chief San Felice, and everyone who aided in the difficult situation. There was a round of applause from the council, staff, and members of the public.

Chief San Felice thanked them and said it was an outstanding job by all who were involved; particularly our first responders from the Jerome Police Department, Jerome Fire Department, as well as our town crew and employees. Chief San Felice said that the evacuation was done perfectly, so he appreciated the effort from everyone involved.

Dr. Dillenberg added, thank you all so much, and there was more applause.

7:24 (24:24) 3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Financial Report and Detail Invoice Register Report for July, 2025

Council will consider and may approve the financial reports for month ending July 2025.

Ms. Barber asked council if there were any financial questions.

Ms. Moore moved to approve the Financial Reports and Dr. Dillenberg seconded that motion.

The vote was called and carried unanimously.

Motion to Approve the Financial Report and Invoice Register Report for July, 2025

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

7:25 (24:55) 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.

Mr. Klein explained that there was a recent development; Prescott Valley dropped out of the CDBG Program, and that will cause a shift in how the money is allocated. NACOG put out options for methods of disbursement. The amount changes because it is federally controlled, but generally \$1,000,000 is available every cycle, of which we get

approximately \$350,000 to \$450,000. In 2024 we received approximately \$405,000. It is every 4 years that we can receive this money, but with Prescott Valley dropping out it caused all entities within Yavapai County to assess the situation. Mr. Klein said that we are the smallest entity. There was a meeting last week, but he did not get an invitation, nor did our NACOG representative, Councilmember Sharif. Some items discussed were changing it and lowering the amount we obtain. Of the NACOG suggested options, only one stated remaining option; instead of \$333,000 every 4 years it would be \$500,000 every 6 years. What seems to be gaining momentum with other entities is a 3-year cycle, and in that 3-year cycle we would get \$250,000 every 3 years. We know now, having recently worked on the Gulch drainage project, \$250,000 does not go very far. Mr. Klein said that he voiced his opinion on the matter, and NACOG concurred that more funding less frequently is better than less funding more frequently. To put it in perspective, \$250,000 does not meet the statutory bidding threshold. We would not be able to bid out a project formally, and we cannot do much with that \$250,000. Again, this happened very quickly, and we were not at table. NACOG is looking for consensus; what the other entities have suggested is not the most equitable. Supervisor Check called that meeting last week, but they do represent all communities, and they do want a consensus. Mr. Klein said he would prefer his recommendation, which is more money less frequently. He added that when he started in 2022, he inherited a project. Projects take so long, especially when they involve ADOT. Our Deception project right now is being held up because it runs parallel to the highway; so, this project from 2024 will not be completed until 2026, which is typical. It would be a continuous cycle of grant application, grant management, grant oversight, construction oversight, and the bidding process. Mr. Klein repeated that his opinion would be more money less frequently would better serve Jerome. Ms. Moore said that she did not understand; does one community dropping out mean less money as a whole? Mr. Klein replied no, it is just an opportunity to change what better serves these communities, and the amount we receive.

Ms. Moore said that it would seem that if Prescott Valley was not involved, we would get more.

Mr. Klein explained that under this change, we will get the same amount of \$250,000 every 3 years rather than \$333,000 every four years. The NACOG option of \$500,000 every 6 years would be what we prefer. It is not less funding, but Yavapai County does have 10 times more people and more than 10 times more area than the largest municipalities, so they are getting a bigger piece. We would be paired with Yavapai County who would receive \$750,000 every 3 years while Jerome would receive \$250,000. Basically, nothing would change for the other groupings. We are out in a sense, although the bottom line is it's the same amount of money, but the time frame limits what we are able to do in the ongoing cycle.

Dr. Dillenberg asked what action council was able to take.

Mr. Klein said this was just a part of his report.

Ms. Barber said there was an email about it last night. She asked how they were going to decide. NACOG is going to decide it, or are they going to listen to the people that get the funding and come up with a consensus between them?

Mr. Klein answered, the latter, the consensus of all. From what he heard, we will be the only ones that want more funding, less frequently.

Dr. Dillenberg thanked Mr. Klein for his report.

Mr. Sharif stated that he agreed with Mr. Klein to get more funding less frequently. He said he knew that there would be discussions that will come up at the LACT conference and we will definitely want to analyze and review.

Ms. Barber asked if there were any other questions on Mr. Klein report and, hearing none, offered congratulations to Martin Boland of Public Works for 9 years of service, John McDonald of Town Hall for 20 years of service, Wendy Schall from the library for 18 years, Michele Sharif from Town Hall for 2 years, Leo Shakespeare from the library for 8 years, and Police Chief Rusty San Felice for 13 years of service. There was a round of applause. Ms. Barber added that John McDonald also takes care of the new public restrooms.

Motion to Approve Staff and Council Reports

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

7:35 (34:45) 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

Zoning Administrator Will Blodgett reported it has been a busy month. There have been many projects underway and small code enforcement issues. Now he is dealing with larger planning issues with EPA changes, which will add cost

and time to environmental clean-up and even environmental testing. He is trying to figure out how it will impact us, because it will have an impact. He will add more to that as he finds out more information.

Dr. Dillenberg thanked Mr. Blodgett for his report.

Ms. Barber asked if there were any questions and hearing none, moved to the next item.

7:36 (35:51) 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consider Approval of the July 8th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Council will consider and may approve the July 8th, Regular Council Meeting minutes.

Ms. Barber asked for questions, comments or deletions.

Ms. Moore said that she had given her small correction to staff.

Ms. Muenz agreed that Ms. Moore had pointed out a typo that would be corrected.

Ms. Barber said that she also found a small typo on page 98; at 7:34, "Ms. Barber said pointed out." The "said" should come out and it should just be pointed out. With that, she would move to approve.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 8th, 2025, with Minor Corrections

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

7:37 (37:14) 7. PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(37:40) Petitioner Eric Jurisin was invited to approach the dais. Mr. Jurisin thanked the council for their time. He said we would like to talk about grants; he would like to talk again about Kimber Lanning and Local First. Last year, Kimber Lanning founder and president of Local First reached out to him about participation in an event, and Jerome was brought up. Kimber's brother Michael still owns home, which is down in the Gulch, and her mother had the Lanning Gallery in Sedona for years. She has a connection in the Verde Valley and a true love for Jerome. For Background, Local First helped communities around Arizona receive over \$100,000,000 in grants last year. As of March 2025, Jerome received over \$1.6 million with Brett [Klein] working with John Luther working with Local First I believe. On January 7th of this year, I met with Kimber to show her around Jerome, pointed to some failing infrastructure, water pipes, retaining walls, Hotel Jerome and city hall. She took photos and said she could help. Later that day I introduced her to our town manager, Brett, and she told us that not only does she have sixty-some grant writers now, but twelve project managers. Because what they realize is that towns like us don't have the manpower to write grants, and more importantly, to manage these projects. She told us to come up with a priority list and she would help us secure what grants are available. Fast forward to August 1st; she just texted me. Mr. Jurisin read a message. He said all I did was mentioned this to a few of you; I just talked to her and drove her around, I did zero follow up. I called her back and apologized and asked if there was even still grant money in this new orange world and she replied, yes, there are some, especially if water is connected to it, which to me is always a hot button for us. For example, if you get grant for a new pipe that's behind a retaining wall, you will get money to replace the pipe and the wall. Same goes for streets to replace a deteriorating pipe, get some new pavement. She then forwarded an example of one that is available now for up to \$9.6 million. Mr. Jurisin said I believe I have always had a private/public partnership with Jerome. Even before buying the 'burger,' I met with town officials, and we came up with solutions and easements so The Palace could be reopened, and the Haunted Hamburger happened. The deal is I would love to help with these grants, but I am not a city official, so I cannot get the ball rolling. I do not have the authority or knowledge of what our priorities are; I just don't even know. I would be happy to help if I can, so I am mentioning this again that this person has reached out as a business owner in town saying, 'hey, we would love to help Jerome, what can we do to help.' It's time. Who has time? That's why I'm bringing this up before you in a meeting rather than on the street or casually when you're eating a pizza. (41:25) Real quick on parking, I think that we have paid parking for a while. I think before just coming up with a number we want to raise the price to, or how we want to handle the parking or meter systems we are using, I think it would do us well to have met with the Police Chief and if we got some citizens, council, and business owners, I think we could do better. I think we could come up with ways to make it work better for everyone. Me being on the front line, like some other business owners, the complaints aren't necessarily the money part, it's the inconvenience. I think if we could talk about it more, we could make it better, so if we put it on an agenda or had a private meeting, preferably without a newspaper, that would be great.

Council thanked Mr. Jurisin for his comments.

(42:25) Petitioner Josephine Vojnic was invited to approach the dais next. Ms. Vojnic thanked the council for everything that they do, and said she knew they didn't get paid to do it. She said my name is Josie Vojnic and my family owns Paul & Jerry's Saloon. I'm here today to share my frustrations and to be a voice for local business owners. The Frosty Cauldron

is a drink truck that parks in front of local businesses in free parking spots, with no running water, no plates, no trash cans and runs a noisy generator throughout the day that also has fumes that come off it. According to Ordinance 450, Food Trucks are required to have trash cans in front of their trucks, and she does not and by doing so she is contributing to the trash by serving her beverages in plastic cups with plastic straws. Paul & Jerry's pays \$146 a month to the town for trash and I would like to make sure that it is equal. I would like to offer my suggestions to the town to have food trucks park in a designated area or at least pay for parking, and to also have a power source that does not disturb businesses around them or to visitors' shopping experiences. I know that the council is actively working to come up with solutions to these issues; I spoke with Will [Blodgett] on the phone the other day about it. She thanked council again.

Dr. Dillenberg thanked Ms. Vojnic and said she made a great point.

Ms. Moore asked, as a point of clarification, don't we have something about not running motors all day in Town Code?

Mr. Klein confirmed this.

Ms. Vojnic was thanked again.

(44:24) Petitioner Jeff Koppelmaa was invited to approach the dais. Mr. Koppelmaa said, as a grammarian himself, he would like to give full marks to Madame Mayor for correcting the typo in the report of your correction of a typo. Second, I want to say thank you to all of you, you got it done because I live on Company Hill, on the other side there, and for a long, long, long time we had to battle that turn. So, Public Works recently did such a great job paving that area as you turn up County Road, and it's making a big difference in our quality of life heading up that road. I just wanted to say thank you. Dr. Dillenberg commented that he was glad it worked out. He asked if that was all and Ms. Barber said that was all of the petitions.

There was applause from the members of the public.

7:45 (45:29) 8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consider Resolution No. 681; A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, Adopting a PSPRS Pension Funding Policy for Fiscal Year 2026

Council will consider and may approve Resolution No. 681.

Ms. Barber read a summary of Resolution No. 681 and asked if we just did this, or had it already been a year.

Mr. Klein replied that it has already been year.

Ms. Barber said that we are getting it funded, it looks like we have slipped a little, but we are still good because most of them are in the higher range of where we are.

Mr. Klein said that we are still considered a well-funded program. We will continue to try to make our goal of 100% by 2036 and should get there especially with our extra contributions. He said this does not reflect the most recent catch-up contributions. Also, it has our higher paid retirees on it as opposed to newer staff. Things should look better next year but they are looking quite well now.

Ms. Barber thanked Mr. Klein.

Dr. Dillenberg said he would like to go back, while we have the Police Chief present. He said he was very upset about this garbage with this truck with food. Can we do anything about that?

Mr. Blodgett explained it was in his wheelhouse, and he is already working on it. There are some complications because it is a state highway as well as a local road, but he does have an idea for it.

Dr. Dillenberg thanked Mr. Blodgett

Ms. Barber asked if he was making a motion to approve and Dr. Dillenberg replied, yes.

Ms. Barber said she would second that motion and called the vote, which carried unanimously.

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 681; A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, Adopting a PSPRS Pension Funding Policy for Fiscal Year 2026

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

7:04 (4:38) A. Consideration of a Request from the Arizona Road Racers for a Council Approved Exception to the Special Event Permit Application in Accordance with Section 10-3-7(D) of the Jerome Town Code for the Jerome Hill Climb

Council will consider the request from the Arizona Road Racers and may approve an exception for a special event permit.

Ms. Barber introduced Item 9A.

Ms. Moore stated that she was recusing herself due to making some of the awards for the road racers.

Ms. Barber asked if council had any questions or comments.

Dr. Dillenberg moved to accept the exception.

Ms. Barber pointed out that we could consider the request for an exception because they qualify as a nonprofit organization, which is an allowable exemption in our Special Event Ordinance.

Mr. Klein replied, correct; it was also the second longest continuous road race in the State of Arizona. There have never been any issues, and they will only spend a short time within the incorporated boundary of the Town of Jerome. He explained that they will park at the 300 level and walk up Perkinsville and UVX roads and out. Moving forward, even though they do qualify for an exception, they will bring forward the special event permit application for consideration.

Ms. Sheffield seconded the motion to approve. The vote was called and was carried by a majority.

Motion to Approve the Request from the Arizona Road Racers for an Exception to the Special Event Permit Application for the Jerome Hill Climb

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

7:07 (6:49) B. Consideration of a Special Event Liquor License for Jerome Fire Department's Auxiliary Halloween Dance on October 25, 2025

Council will consider and may approve the Special Event Liquor License.

Mr. Klein explained this was the annual event that was held every year; there is the formality of needing council approval to get the liquor license.

Dr. Dillenberg moved to approve of the liquor license, which was seconded by Ms. Sheffield.

The motion was called and carried unanimously.

Motion to Approve the Special Event Liquor License for Jerome Fire Department' Auxiliary Halloween Dance on October 25, 2025

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

7:07 (7:32) C. Discussion and Possible Staff Direction Regarding Staff's Request for Establishing a Volunteer Auxiliary Police Pilot Program

Council will discuss and may provide staff direction.

Ms. Barber asked the Police Chief to explain the program, and Chief San Felice said he would defer to Deputy Chief Odle who had taken the lead on it.

Deputy Chief Michael Odle approached the dais and said that he hoped to answer any questions council may have. He said that Anthony Webber was present, who was the brain trust of the program and brought that knowledge with him.

Mr. Odle said what we would like to do is establish a volunteer program to augment our staff for Special Events, assisting officers on patrol, and those types of things. In the past, we have reached out to other organizations in the area for that type of assistance and we have also used Arizona Rangers. Mr. Odle said that the Arizona Rangers have been an asset, but the downside is they are not vetted; we don't know who they are or their background or training. Having our own auxiliary officer program will give us the opportunity to vet the applicants and provide training and proper supervision for the applicants with the responsibility that they will have. He said that Anthony is very conversant in what will be allowed in that position, and what is not allowed. They are not a peace officer and are not certified but they would be sworn in as a representative of Jerome. Mr. Odle said that he and Mr. Webber have had a lot of discussions as to how the program would evolve. It would take about 6 months for training program, and to make sure to identify potential candidates for the program and hopefully get the program started. Once it starts, there will be an additional 6-month probationary period to see if it is beneficial. Other than the initial investment with uniforms, they are there to serve but are not paid.

Dr. Dillenberg replied that he liked it and moved to accept.

Ms. Moore said that she would like to discuss and possibly give directions to staff.

Mr. Klein explained that the council could do that or simply tell them to go forward.

Ms. Moore replied that she did have some questions. She asked what it would cost in the budget for training and equipment, Workmen's Comp. For liability, would there be extra cost for insurance?

Mr. Odle replied that as far as the uniforms are concerned, right now the plan is those would be supplied by the town. He said he'd had a discussion with Mr. Klein about having a maximum of 5 volunteers. It would take some time to get up to that, but no more than \$2,000.00 initial investment as far as equipment. The volunteers would have to bring their own firearms, so that will not be a cost to the town, and the training is going to be done in-house. He discussed with Mr. Webber that we will identify officers within the department to be able to do the training. In addition, they will be required to do X number of hours per year. Mr. Odle said that the cost is minimal for the town other than the initial cost of uniforms. In regard to insurance, Mr. Odle deferred to Mr. Klein.

Mr. Klein said there will be a small increase, based on volunteer hours, but it will be minimal.

Ms. Moore asked if the cost would be a couple of thousand dollars per person.

Mr. Odle answered, no.

Chief San Felice explained it would be approximately \$2,000.00 for the entire program. We will have in-house training for the most part. He said we might have to get assistance for some of the training if there is driving training involved or something similar, but otherwise, it is just a matter of buying uniforms. Chief San Felice said we can uniform and outfit up to five, which is a full complement, for \$2,000.00 from the town over a 2-year period of time.

Ms. Moore asked if that was within the current budget or would it begin next budget year.

Mr. Klein replied that it was a small enough amount that they could find it in their budget and then they could add it to their budget for the next fiscal year.

Ms. Moore asked, if they are certified in the state, will they still need additional training?

Mr. Odle said that they will not be certified as peace officers.

Ms. Moore about the possibility of having officers or out or in state that are already officers; she mentioned a phrase on the paperwork.

Mr. Klein clarified that it meant former certified.

Mr. Odle agreed and said, for example, we have some interest from someone who is a member of the Sheriff's Department. Now that they are near retirement they might want to get involved and be a volunteer. They would not be certified to be a peace officer in Arizona, but they would be sworn in by the Chief as an auxiliary officer.

Ms. Moore read the section of the paperwork that referred to certified officers.

Mr. Klein replied yes, and the person the Deputy Chief mentioned was certified but upon retirement will no longer be. Just like he had been certified [as a former officer] but was no longer certified, the volunteers most likely will have formerly been certified.

Mr. Odle explained that the beauty of this program is we have a say in who these folks will be. With no disrespect to the Arizona Rangers, we don't do Driver's License checks on them or even know what training they have had, and that is problematic for the town.

Ms. Moore asked if the volunteers would be using a police vehicle.

Mr. Odle said that they could, absolutely. He said that just like the program at the Sheriff's Department, they were in full marked vehicles. They were very clear with what their responsibilities were and what they could do; we would make sure that it was part of the training.

Ms. Moore read a section about dressing in period attire, such as Old West or miners costumes "to enhance the atmosphere of Jerome." She said she would have a problem with a police officer not looking like one.

Mr. Odle replied, absolutely, and that would be a situation based on an event, but they were not sold on it. He agreed with Ms. Moore on having an obvious uniform.

Ms. Moore read that one thing they are not authorized to do is domestic violence calls, or domestic violence disturbances unless without a JPD call. What does that mean?

Mr. Odle replied that basically, they are not going to be involved with anything with violence associated with it. He said, does that mean that they couldn't go with a JP officer to assist a call? They could assist them, but they would not be directly tasked with those kinds of calls. If there was something that was out of the ordinary, they would have to ask permission from an on-duty officer to respond, but that would be very limited. It is important to understand that we are trying to avoid them getting involved with any type of law enforcement capacity, or where violence could occur.

Ms. Moore commented, but they are going to be carrying a gun.

Mr. Odle confirmed, yes, they would.

Ms. Moore said that she liked that it said they will generate support for the Jerome Police Department by providing assistance to tourists of Jerome, motorists, and citizens of Jerome. She would hope that the entire Police Department would introduce themselves to people in Jerome, as it would be nice to get to know the community.

Mr. Odle said that, with the exception of one officer, that has been done. He introduced himself to some businesses, and Mr. Webber said that is one of the key components of the officer program, it will give them the opportunity to walk Main Street, go into every business and say hello, and make contacts. Mr. Odle said that Jerome PD is very supportive of making those contacts.

Ms. Moore commented that it is helpful for the community to know who you are. She asked if he had worked with community outreach programs before.

Mr. Odle replied, yes, I have.

Ms. Moore said that was the end of her questions, other than the dressing up.

Ms. Barber pointed out that it does say it would be for special events.

(20:43) Jerome resident Carol Anne Teague with to make an observation. She said that if we are going to coming in with auxiliary people, and they are going to be on domestic violence and maybe rape calls, she was wondering if we could get a couple women volunteers.

Ms. Barber commented, good point. She said that on page 119, it says "hire and retain one highly qualified man and woman." She said she knew that extra manpower was always needed. This is something that YCSO have had since 1995, and it looked like they were modeling this program from what the Sheriff's Office has done, and it sounded like they already have someone that is interested in the position.

Mr. Odle said there is an individual interested, and his wife might get involved as well.

Chief San Felice explained that we still have Sergeant Nicole Florisi as a sworn certified officer part-time. She is an instructor, so we don't get her as often as we used to, but she was instrumental in helping with the critical incident. He said we would certainly love to enhance, and as this program grows, attract as many female applicants as we can.

Dr. Dillenberg said that he would like to make a motion again to go forward, and thanked Mr. Odle.

Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

Ms. Barber explained that we were going for approving going forward by making the motion and asked if Mr. Sharif had anything to add.

Mr. Sharif said that he did not.

Ms. Moore asked if it would be under consideration that the program be run by us [council] before it starts.

Mr. Klein said that the motion was authorizing the pilot program to begin.

Ms. Moore repeated that it would be without dressing up and we can afford it in the budget.

Ms. Barber repeated the exception for special events and called the question. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion to Approve Staff's Request for Establishing a Volunteer Auxiliary Police Pilot Program

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

7:48 (47:53) D. Discussion and Consideration Regarding Direction for the Town's Representative on the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Resolution Committee

Council will review the resolutions and may provide direction based on Council majority input.

Ms. Barber said that Councilmember Sharif is our representative who will attend the conference. She said it is a little confusing; they give us all these resolutions, and they say these are the only ones that will be voted on, but a few say they are already approved. On the first page, the policy committee reports, there are 4 different resolutions that we are either for or against, correct?

Mr. Klein answered, yes. They represent us along and all cities and towns. He said that he had read through them all and some are just policy statements. There is nothing that is contrary to the welfare of the town of Jerome. Mr. Klein said he felt they were all worthy of our support.

Ms. Barber asked the council if any more information was needed. She said she was really interested in the STR resolution that said it was approved.

Mr. Klein clarified that it was approved to move forward to the committee.

Mr. Sharif said that he agreed, he had read them all and agreed with the one on STRs. He was also interested in the resolution looking into donating property, as we need a garbage truck. Some of it is for voting on and some of it is just moving the discussion further down the line. Mr. Sharif said he was interested in, and what he felt we should all be interested in, is the potential of adding more taxation for the purpose of infrastructure. He said that he was looking forward to being a part of it.

Ms. Barber thanked Mr. Sharif and asked if the majority of council were for the resolutions.

There was general consensus.

Ms. Moore said there was another one she felt was good; oversight on neglected historic properties.

Mr. Sharif and Ms. Barber agreed.

7:52 (51:26) E. Consideration of an Application to Combine Two Contiguous Lots Owned by the Same Owners, Lots 401-08-019A and 401-08-020D, Recommended for Approval by the Planning and Zoning

Commission

Council will consider and may approve the application for the minor lot combination.

Zoning Administrator Will Blodgett introduced item 9E, considering combining two contiguous lots. He said the owners, the Schalls, have acquired an adjacent parcel which is such a minor plot of land that it is not significantly changing any potential use. He said the Planning & Zoning Commission approved it without any additional conditions or problems. Mr. Blodgett said it would clean up some of the small parcels that we have around town.

Dr. Dillenberg moved to approve the lot combination, which was seconded by Ms. Moore.

The vote was called and passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve the Application to Combine Two Contiguous Lots Owned by the Same Owners, Lots 401-08-019A & 401-08-020D

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

7:53 (52:41) F. Consideration of Opting in to the Most Recent Opioid Settlements, referred to as, the "Third Wave Settlement" and the "Purdue Settlement" and Authorizing the Mayor and Town Manager / Clerk to Execute All Documents Related to These Settlements

The Council will consider and may approve the opting in and authorization of the Mayor and Town Manager to execute all documents.

Ms. Barber read a summary of the item, authorizing the Mayor and Town Manager to execute all documents related to the settlements. She asked Mr. Klein for a brief explanation.

Mr. Klein explained that it is a follow up from the other settlement; we are simply a pass through to PANT [Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking]. Mr. Klein said it is population based, and we are a very small population, so we get a small amount, and it goes to good work in prevention efforts through PANT. He said the state will get more funding based on participation, so the state wants all communities to opt in if possible. It's an administrative task, but it is a good outcome that staff recommend.

Ms. Barber read from the staff summary report that the settlement funds go to a good cause as the funds must be earmarked for narcotics prevention and education. She said it is paid out based on population, so we get a very small amount, but the more communities that opt in, the more the state receives, so one hundred percent cooperation is sought.

Dr. Dillenberg moved to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Barber.

The vote was called and passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve Opting in to the Most Recent Opioid Settlements, referred to as, the "Third Wave Settlement" and the "Purdue Settlement" and Authorizing the Mayor and Town Manager / Clerk to Execute All Documents Related to These Settlements

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

7:54 (54:25) G. Review, Discussion, and Possible Staff Direction Regarding the First Draft of a Proposed Town Transit Shuttle Policy

Council will review and may provide staff direction.

Mr. Klein explained that we have received many requests for use of the town shuttle, and we have no policy on it. So, this was the first draft. He said when writing policy, we try to capture everything and then make it more succinct. He said the council should peruse the first draft and provide input and at a later date to bring forth the policy for approval.

Ms. Moore said she thought it looked good. She pointed out a small typo, "offering a tree trip from Jerome."

Ms. Barber specified the page number of the typo.

Ms. Moore said she liked the idea that residents are encouraged to continue to use the shuttle during weekend hours. It would be nice if people who live here could ride to work during work hours. Ms. Moore said some people just want to come up and hang out in town and not pay for parking. It would be nice if it was available to residents.

Ms. Barber commented that she was not sure why residents were under the assumption they couldn't use the shuttle. It's not just for tourism; it is absolutely to help people out.

Dr. Dillenberg replied that he uses it every week.

Ms. Barber said it is really a great program for people in Jerome who can't drive and can't make it down the hill and the shuttle driver is wonderful. She said that the paperwork says they will have to pay for gas and log the time if it is a private request. She said that, beside the "tree trip," there were no more typos. She did have a couple of questions, but as this is the first reading, if we want to change any of the language we could nitpick at the next meeting.

Ms. Moore added that her other question was, and she talked to Scott about it, but people like getting rides out to Gold King and that means they are leaving their cars in town instead of parking at Gold King. She said she doesn't know what to think about that.

Ms. Barber replied that Gold King is not an official stop, but it is a visitor destination. She read a section that states the shuttle driver reserves the right to refuse due to adverse weather or road conditions. He is facilitating it, but not tied down if it is unsafe, which is instrumental; our town shuttle should be safe. Ms. Barber said that some Jerome roads get icy and rather shaded. For safety reasons, this would be altered a little in cases of bad weather.

Ms. Moore said that she does not have a problem with that, what she is saying is people are leaving cars in town, but Gold King has parking and people can drive themselves out there.

Ms. Barber and Dr. Dillenberg agreed.

Ms. Barber asked if the council would see the policy at the next meeting.

Mr. Klein answered, yes, and in the meantime, please bring forth any changes.

8:00 (1:00:34) H. Consideration of a Request to Amend / Add to the Special Event Permit Application for Jerome Chamber's 2025 Music Festival and Art in the Park, adding 2 Food Trucks along with Stages to the Upper and Middle Park

Council will consider and may approve the requested amendments / additions.

Ms. Barber explained that the Special Event Permit was approved last month, but without food trucks and stages. So, it seems they are asking for our direction where food trucks should go to be the least invasive. She asked if the names of the food trucks had been listed.

Ms. Muenz replied that the names were not included in the request, just that one would be food and one would be a beverage truck.

Ms. Barber asked if the trucks would have to be licensed through the town.

Ms. Muenz and Mr. Klein agreed they would have to be licensed. Mr. Klein said they will need to provide the names of the chosen vendors beforehand.

Ms. Moore commented that there was note stating that a list to be provided by September 1st.

Ms. Barber said there would be a list of the vendors and their TPT licenses once they know who will attend. She asked the council where the trucks should be, and if they should be added.

Ms. Sheffield said she didn't have a problem with them adding the food trucks, but she did not think parking by the dumpster on Main Street was the best idea. She did not know if the Town Crew or anyone else involved with the bathrooms would want them there. She has seen them parked in the corner by Middle Park before, and that seems to work.

Chief San Felice stated that if they are parking in the lower park area, they must pay for their parking spaces.

Ms. Barber said the Chamber has used stages before.

Mr. Klein explained that these will be new. They want to purchase them to be reused at their various different events, as opposed to having someone bring them in.

Ms. Barber asked if we had any idea as to the size of the stages.

Mr. Klein replied, no, and that is something we asked for, we assumed someone would be present to answer.

Dr. Dillenberg asked if the council should postpone the item.

Ms. Barber said that we could approve it with them meeting our demands. There is nothing about the stages [in the application]. If we did table to have someone from the Chamber present, we have already okayed it without the food trucks and stages. The date of the event is the 27th and the next meeting is the 10th of September, so we would have enough time to address this but that will not give them a lot of time to prepare.

Mr. Klein explained that, because they will need to provide TPTs and be licensed, it would be appropriate to act on the food truck request and possibly table the stage. He said he believed they knew what they wanted to purchase and were advised to be present to discuss what they wanted. We will make sure they are here next month.

Ms. Barber asked, as far as consensus, both of the food trucks should go in the middle parking lot and pay for parking, or should they go by the restrooms?

Mr. Blodgett said that he has put together a list of preferred parking locations. It takes into account access for customers, whether they were off the highway or near the highway. He said he worked with Parking Enforcement Officer Kirt, and they were close to a good plan. He said rather than Main he would suggest they park on Hull Avenue near the park. We already have trash cans there, and one of the things we don't think about with trash cans is we don't want them placed in rights-of-way or on sidewalks. Mr. Blodgett said he thinks it is workable.

Ms. Barber clarified that he was talking about the lower area.

Mr. Blodgett said either area was workable.

Dr. Dillenberg thanked him for his input.

Mr. Sharif said he agreed with that. He felt that if they tried to be put by the bathrooms, we would be playing devil's advocate because people would take their food wrappers into the bathroom and then we would be dealing with another issue. We want to keep them away from the bathrooms.

Ms. Barber said that they had a stage in Upper Park before. She said she didn't remember the size, but it was not too large. She said the stages they were talking about would probably be similar in size.

Mr. Klein replied that they would be purchasing new stages, so he would recommend tabling. The last stage, though this may be a better option, did some damage to the stairs. He repeated his recommendation for tabling the stage and suggested giving directions to the placement of food trucks.

Ms. Barber asked for clarification on the motion and Mr. Klein suggested making a motion to approve the addition of two food trucks and to work with the Zoning Administrator on proper placement in the lower parking area.

Dr. Dillenberg moved to approve as suggested and Ms. Barber seconded that motion.

The vote was called and passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve Request to Amend the Special Event Permit Application for Jerome Chamber's 2025 Music Festival and Art in the Park, adding 2 Food Trucks with Direction to Park as Directed by Town Staff

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

8:10 (1:10:13) I. Consider Authorizing the Mayor and Town Manager / Clerk to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Renew the Town's Special Use Permit Required by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (Twin Springs; Copper Chief; Silver Springs and Allen Springs)

Council will consider and may provide approval to Authorize the Mayor and Town Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Ms. Barber read the summary of item 9I.

Mr. Klein explained it is a 30-year permit, and it was time to renew. Legal has reviewed it and our water team has reviewed it as well. There were no problems with it, and it was something we needed to do.

Dr. Dillenberg moved to approve, and Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

The vote was called and carried unanimously.

Motion to Approve Authorizing the Mayor and Town Manager / Clerk to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Renew the Town's Special Use Permit Required by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service

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

8:11 (1:11:21) 10. TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL

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

Ms. Barber said that she had nothing to add to a future agenda at this time.

Ms. Moore asked if there was anything to add from the petitions from the public, such as grants, parking, or food trucks.

Mr. Klein said that he would follow up with Mr. Jurisin. He added that we are seeking other grants as well.

Mr. Blodgett said that the issues with the food truck were already under consideration.

Ms. Sheffield, Mr. Sharif and Dr. Dillenberg said they had nothing to add.

Mr. Klein commented that Dr. Jack's book is now out, You Don't Know Jack.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 8:12 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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