



TOWN OF JEROME

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ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF JEROME

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JEROME TOWN HALL

600 CLARK STREET, JEROME, ARIZONA

TUESDAY, APRIL 08, 2025, AT 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL 7:00 P.M.

Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order

Town Clerk to call and record the roll.

PRESENT: MAYOR ALEX BARBER, VICE MAYOR JANE MOORE, COUNCILMEMBERS DR. JACK DILLENBERG, ISSAM 'IZZY' SHARIF, & SONIA SHEFFIELD

2. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Jerome

Mayor Barber will read or summarize the proclamation.

APRIL PROCLAIMED FAIR HOUSING MONTH

B. Proclamation: April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Barber will read or summarize / paraphrase the proclamation.

APRIL PROCLAIMED SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

C. Representatives from Colby and Powell will Present the Firm's Audit of Jerome's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024.

Council may make a motion to accept the FY 2024 Audit findings.

TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Discussion/Possible Action

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

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

APPROVED

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.

APPROVED

5. 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

6. PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

MATT MOORE-REQUEST TO HAVE TOUR BUSINESS APPLICATION ON AGENDA FOR NEXT SPECIAL MEETING

MARK LUCAS-ALCOHOL AT ART WALK, POSSIBLE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES, SUPPORT OF DRAGSHOW

TOMMY ANDERSON-OWNER OF TOMMY ROCKS, HOLDING UKULELE EVENT

MARYBETH BARR ON BEHALF OF JEROME HISTORICAL SOCIETY-CONCERNS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE

CAROL ANNE TEAGUE-CONCERNS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE, PARTIES

BECCA MILLER- CONCERNS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE, OVERREACH

KACEY LARSON ON BEHALF OF SPIRIT ROOM-SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE, MUSICIANS

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consider Approval of the March 11th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Council will consider and may approve the March 11th, Regular Council Meeting minutes.

APPROVED

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance No. 493 Amending the Town Zoning Map in

Accord with the Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendation to Rezone 537 School Street from C-1, to the Dual Zone of C1/R2

Council will consider and may approve first reading of Ordinance No. 493.

FIRST READING APPROVED

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consider Taking the Item from the Table and Discussion and Update / Possible Direction Regarding the Proposed Community Garden and the Community Garden Shed Along with Updated Discussion on Fruit Trees for the Community Garden

Council will be provided an update regarding the proposed community garden and shed, and may provide staff direction, along with discussing fruit tree additions to the community garden.

DISCUSSION HELD

10. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consider Proposal and Agreement from Southwestern Environmental Consultants (SEC) for Engineering and Design Plans for Verde Central Line and Deception Water Improvements (WIFA Grant Funded)

Council will consider and may approve the proposal and agreement from SEC.

APPROVED

B. Consideration of a Special Event Permit Application for Jerome Chamber's Art in the Park

Council will consider and may approve the permit for the Special Event.

APPROVED

C. Consideration of a New Tenant for 500 Main Street and Setting Terms of the Lease Agreement

Council will consider and may select a new tenant, along with setting the lease terms (duration and rent amount) for 500 Main Street unit.

APPROVED FOR 2-YEAR LEASE

D. Consider Approval of the Design Review Board's Recommendation of Design Guidelines for the Town of Jerome

Council will consider and may approve the Design Guidelines.

TABLED FOR REVIEW

11. TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL

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

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION On a public majority vote of the members, Council may enter into executive session in accordance with ARS § 38-431.03 (A)(4) Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation; and

ARS § 38-431.03 (A)(7) Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

A. Discussion and Negotiations for Easements for the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

The Council may provide its representatives and legal counsel with instructions regarding negotiations for easements for completing the wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

ENTERED E-SESSION AT 7:54 P.M.

B. Return to Regular, Open Session and Consider Action to be Taken from the Executive Session

Council may make a motion to take necessary action as a result of the Executive Session discussions, to include, but not limited to the approval of settlement terms of litigation with Verde Exploration, Ltd. and Jerome Verde Development Co., and a potential settlement agreement.

EXITED E-SESSION AT 8:27 P.M.

APPROVED TERM SHEET WITH VERDE EX & VERDE DEVELOPEMENT COMPANY & AUTHORIZED TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE THE AGREEMENT AS THE TOWN REPRESENTATIVE FOR FORMAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTING THE TERMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

8:39 P.M.