



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 14, 2026, 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 DILLENBRG, ISSAM "IZZY" SHARIF, AND 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, Proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Barber will read or summarize / paraphrase the proclamation.

APRIL PROCLAIMED SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

C. Proclamation Proclaiming: April 11- April 17, 2026, as the Week of the Young Child

Mayor Barber will read or summarize / paraphrase the proclamation.

APRIL 11-17, 2026, PROCLAIMED WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Discussion/Possible Action

Financial Report and Detail Invoice Register Report for March, 2026

Council will consider and may approve the financial reports for month ending March, 2026.

APPROVED

4/ STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Discussion/Possible Action

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion/Possible Action

Consider Approval of the March 10th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Council will consider and may approve the March 10th, Regular Council Meeting minutes.

APPROVED

7. PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

NONE

8/ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consideration of Responses to the Town's Issuance of a RFP for Real Estate Brokerage Services Regarding its Notice of Intent to Sell 655 Holly; and Awarding of a Bid and Authorizing the Town Manager and Town Attorney to Review and Execute all Applicable Documents

Council will consider the responses received and may approve a bid, and / or provide staff direction.

AWARD OF BID TO CAROL ANNE TEAGUE'S BROKERAGE REALTY ONE GROUP AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO REVIEW AND EXECUTE ALL APPLICABLE SALE DOCUMENTS

9. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Action

A. Consideration of Jerome Historical Society's Special Event Permit Application for Jerome's 150th Anniversary

Council will consider and may approve the permit.

APPROVED

B. Consider Removing from the Table (From November, 2025) and Consideration of a Tour Company Business License Application for US Ghost Adventures LLC

Council will take the item from the table and then consider and may approve the Tour Company Business License.

**ITEM REMOVED FROM TABLE
APPLICATION DENIED**

C. Discussion Regarding the Town's Notice of Intent to Increase Certain Existing Fees

Staff will update Council regarding the timeline and process.

DISCUSSION

D. Consideration of Contract Wastewater Operations, LLC, Proposal for Continuation of the Agreement for Wastewater Treatment System and Water System Consulting, Operation and Maintenance with a Price Adjustment

Council will consider and may approve the proposal.

APPROVED

E. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Work Session - Continued

Council will continue their discussions regarding the 2026-2027 budget, including a review of an initial draft budget. All aspects of the budget may be discussed and Council may provide staff direction regarding the 2026-2027 budget.

DISCUSSION

F. Consider Approval / Award of the Deception Water Line Improvements Project (CDBG Funded) to the Lowest RESPONSIVE Bidder, Longfellow Excavating, LLC, with a Bid Amount of \$424,879.00, and Approval of a Contract with Longfellow Excavating, LLC

Council will consider and may approve the bid and contract between the Town of Jerome and Longfellow Excavating, LLC.

AWARDED PROJECT TO LONGFELLOW EXCAVATING, LLC

10. TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL

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

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a public majority vote of the members, Council may enter into executive session in accordance with ARS § 38-431.03 (A)(3);(4); and (7)

A. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

On a Public Majority Vote of Council Members Constituting a Quorum, the Town Council May Enter into an Executive Session pursuant to ARS § 38-431.03(A)(1) Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting

Discussion regarding the leadership of the Fire Department, involving Assistant Chief Carl Whiting and Fire Chief succession / appointment planning.

ADJOURNED TO E-SESSION AT 7:34 P.M.

ENTERED PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:51 P.M.

B. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

On a Public Majority Vote of Council Members Constituting a Quorum, the Town Council May Enter into an Executive Session pursuant to ARS § 38-431.03(A)(3) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.

Discussion regarding the email received from legal counsel for Verde Exploration, Ltd. concerning streets and rights-of-way.

TABLED

12. Return to Open Session - New Business Continued

Consideration of Any Action to be Taken from Executive Session Discussion

Council may take action through a motion and / or may direct staff to prepare an action item for a subsequent meeting.

NO ACTION TAKEN

13. ADJOURNMENT

8:52 P.M.