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TOWN OF JEROME

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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JEROME TOWN COUNCIL

JEROME CIVIC CENTER - 600 CLARK STREET - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M.

ITEM #1:	CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order. Town Clerk to call and record the roll. <i>Mayor Currier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.</i> <i>Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher called roll. Present were Mayor Currier, Vice Mayor Freund, Councilmember Barber, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vander Horst.</i> <i>Also present was Joni Savage, Deputy Clerk.</i>
ITEM #2: 7:01	PUBLIC HEARING: ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION (HOME RULE) Council will conduct the second of two public hearings, in accordance with A.R.S. 41-563.01, regarding an Alternative Expenditure Limitation for the Town of Jerome (a.k.a. "Home Rule"). <i>Mayor Currier opened the public hearing, and explained that the Town operates under Home Rule, which allows us to set our budget however we need to, rather than allowing the State to set it. He noted that there were no members of the public in attendance, and said that he would wait five minutes in case someone does show up that wishes to comment.</i> <i>Councilmember Vander Horst asked, "Do we know of any town that <u>doesn't</u> do this? If not, then why do we have this law?" Mayor Currier opined that it does give the public the opportunity to vote on it, and it may be a holdover from some prior time, or a way to require us to adopt a budget.</i> <i>Ms. Gallagher said that, on rare occasions, the public has voted against Home Rule in some places, but as far as she knows, nearly every town adopts it.</i> <i>As there was still no public in attendance, Mayor Currier asked Ms. Gallagher if the agenda had been posted. She confirmed that it had. She further confirmed that this is the second and final hearing that will be required.</i> <i>Councilmember Vander Horst asked if this will be on the ballot for the August election, and Ms. Gallagher confirmed that it would.</i> <i>Councilmember Stewart asked what the Town did before 1986 (prior to approving Home Rule). Ms. Gallagher opined that it may not have been a law at that time. Mayor Currier said that that was around the time he served as Town Clerk, and he recalled the disarray and disorganization of the Town's front office just prior to his coming on board. "They had no general ledger, they had a shoe box with bills in it, and they paid the bills when they had the money," he said. "We hadn't been audited in years. When I took office, the first thing I got was served, demanding an audit."</i> <i>As no members of the public had arrived by that time, Mayor Currier closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.</i>
ITEM #3: 7:07	RESOLUTION NO. 534: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME PROPOSING AN ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION The Mayor and Council may adopt Resolution 534, proposing an Alternative Expenditure Limitation (a.k.a. "Home Rule") for the Town of Jerome. Motion: Vice Mayor Freund made a motion to adopt Resolution 534 . It was seconded by Mayor Currier. The motion passed, 5-0 .
ITEM #4:	ADJOURNMENT <i>Upon motion by Councilmember Barber, seconded by Vice Mayor Freund and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.</i>

Jerome Town Hall Located at 600 Clark Street, Jerome Civic Center

Edited by Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher from minutes taken and transcribed by Deputy Town Clerk Joni Savage.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Lew Currier, Mayor

Candace B. Gallagher, CMC, Town Manager/Clerk

Date: _____