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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JEROME TOWN COUNCIL JEROME CIVIC CENTER - 600 CLARK STREET - COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M.

ITEM #1:	<p>CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL</p> <p>Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order. Town Clerk to call and record the roll.</p> <p><i>Mayor Currier called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher called roll. Present were Mayor Currier, Vice Mayor Freund, Councilmember Barber, Councilmember Bachrach and Councilmember Vander Horst.</i></p> <p><i>Also present was Joni Savage, Deputy Clerk, and Councilmember-elect Jay Kinsella.</i></p>
ITEM #2: 7:02	<p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p>Mayor/Chairperson to lead the Pledge.</p> <p><i>Mayor Currier led the Pledge of Allegiance.</i></p>
ITEM #3:	<p>COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES</p> <p>OPEN SESSION MINUTES: October 25 special meeting; October 11 regular meeting; September 27 special meeting; September 13 regular meeting (postponed from prior meeting); September 1 special meeting; May 12 special meeting; May 18 special meeting; May 24 special meeting; June 9 special meeting; June 22 special meeting; June 28 special meeting; July 26 special meeting</p> <p><i>Council reviewed the minutes provided, with the following comments/changes:</i></p> <p>May 12, 2016: No changes.</p> <p>May 18, 2016: Vice Mayor Freund noted a typo on page 2, where the word "moot" was printed as "mute." Councilmember Vander Horst noted that a reference to SB1350 should refer to section 9-500-38 not 3A.</p> <p>May 24, 2016: No changes.</p> <p>June 9, 2016: No changes.</p> <p>June 22, 2016: Ms. Gallagher noted a typo on the first page, where the word "then" should be changed to "than."</p> <p>June 28, 2016: No changes.</p> <p>July 26, 2016: Councilmember Vander Horst referenced a statement at the bottom of page 2 (regarding automatic Level 1 water restrictions between May and September), which read that he said that he was not in favor of it, but didn't mind leaving it in. "I believe I said that I would defer to the recommendation of the Fire Chief," Mr. Vander Horst stated. Ms. Gallagher said that they would listen to the tape and either clarify his statement or add a footnote¹.</p>

¹ The minutes were amended to reflect Mr. Vander Horst's actual words, as transcribed from the recording: "Councilmember Vander Horst said that he's not really in favor of it, but he doesn't think it's that big of a deal. So if it would please the staff, fire chief and emergency department, then he is fine with it."

	<p>September 1, 2016: No changes.</p> <p>September 13, 2016: Ms. Gallagher noted the correction of a typo on page 5 with respect to Councilmember Barber's full name.</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst, who had attended this meeting by speakerphone, recalled making a statement that was not reflected in the minutes, and perhaps had not been audible over the phone. After Mr. Mansel had made a comment that "tyranny and evil always rule when good men do nothing," Mr. Vander Horst recalled that he commented, "Oh good, now we're calling the Governor a tyrant." Ms. Gallagher said that they would listen to the recording and add his comment; or, if it did not come through on the recording, she will add a footnote to those minutes.²</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst noted that, also in the September 13 minutes, Mayor Currier is shown as abstaining from the vote to canvass the election results. Mr. Vander Horst noted that, per the Town Code, if a member does not vote, their non-vote is counted as an "aye" vote, so that the Resolution actually passed by a vote of 4-0.</p> <p>September 27, 2016: No changes.</p> <p>October 11, 2016: Councilmember Vander Horst noted that, at this meeting, as reflected in the minutes, he had asked a question regarding what appeared to be a discrepancy in the figures shown on the Budget to Actual summary sheets that had been provided. He was told that someone would get back to him, but that did not happen.</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher said that she had spoken with Rebecca Cretti, who explained to her that the summary page is prepared manually by her, and is not automatically generated by the system as the other reports are. Ms. Cretti had transposed the wrong line of figures when preparing the July summary. The figure shown as 21,771 should have read 45,868.</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst also noted a typo at the bottom of page 5, where "W" should be changed to "We."</p> <p>October 25, 2016: No changes.</p> <p>Motion: Councilmember Vander Horst made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, May 18, May 24, June 9, June 22, June 28, July 26, September 1, and September 13, 2016, with the changes noted above. It was seconded by Vice Mayor Freund, and the motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.</p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Freund made a motion to approve the minutes of September 27, October 11 and October 25, with the changes noted above. It was seconded by Councilmember Vander Horst, and the motion passed, 5-0.</p> <p>CLOSED SESSION MINUTES*: September 27, 2016; September 13, 2016; September 1, 2016; July 26, 2016; May 18, 2016; May 12, 2016</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher advised that Councilmember Bachrach was present at the closed session on the 13th of September, but had recused himself at the meeting of September 27th.</p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Freund made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of September 27, September 1, July 26, May 18, and May 12th, 2016. Mayor Currier seconded it. The motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.</p> <p>Motion: Mayor Currier made a motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2016. Vice Mayor Freund seconded it. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>
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² Mr. Vander Horst's comment was not audible on the recording; therefore, a footnote was added to the minutes as follows: "While approving these minutes, Councilmember Vander Horst recalled having said, at this point, "Oh good. Now we're saying the governor is a tyrant." Mr. Vander Horst was participating by phone, and his comment was not audible on the tape, so this footnote has been added to document the statement he recalled making."

<p>ITEM #4: 7:17</p>	<p>REMARKS BY OUTGOING MAYOR LEW CURRIER</p> <p>Mayor Currier said, "The swan song is basically a lame duck's quack." He said that he will be on the Council as it goes on, and has enjoyed being Mayor. "I think it's fun," he said, "even though half the Town slid away, we had the Plague, several interesting things. We got beat down by the State legislature with vacation rentals, but nonetheless it's been an interesting and pleasant try." He wished the incoming Mayor and Council all the best. Mayor Currier added that he would continue to chair this meeting until the new Mayor has been selected.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Freund said that it had been a pleasure to serve, and left the dais.</p>
<p>ITEM #5: 7:19</p>	<p>SEATING AND SWEARING IN OF 2016-18 TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p>Town Magistrate Joan Dwyer will administer the Oath of Office to members of the 2016-18 Jerome Town Council.</p> <p>Judge Dwyer swore in the 2016-18 Council, consisting of Frank Vander Horst, Jay Kinsella, Hunter Bachrach, Alex Barber and Lew Currier. Each member raised his or her hand and swore, collectively, to the following oath:</p> <p>"I, (name was stated here), do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona, and the laws of the Town of Jerome, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and defend them against all enemies, foreign or domestic, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Councilmember for the Town of Jerome, Yavapai County, Arizona, according to the best of my ability, so help me God."</p> <p>Judge Dwyer congratulated them all and asked them to sign and date their written oaths of office.</p>
<p>ITEM #6: 7:22</p>	<p>SELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR</p> <p>Council will select their Mayor and Vice Mayor by nomination and vote.</p> <p>Motion: Councilmember Kinsella made a motion to seat Frank Vander Horst as Mayor and it was seconded by Councilmember Currier. The motion passed, 5-0.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst asked for a nomination for Vice Mayor.</p> <p>Motion: Councilmember Bachrach made a motion to elect Jay Kinsella as Vice Mayor, and it was seconded by Councilmember Currier. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>
<p>ITEM #7: 7:23</p>	<p>REMARKS BY NEW MAYOR</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst said, "We are one of the smallest towns in the state, and, while we may not all be friends, I hope we can all be friendly." He said that his number one priority is our infrastructure, and he believes we need to start by knowing what we have. He said that he was involved in a situation about a month ago where we had a water pressure spike. "Late at night, we got the drawings out and we found out we couldn't find any 'as-built' drawings," he said. "Once we know what we have, we will know what we need to do." Secondly, he said, we need to address our parking situation and come up with a solution. The new Mayor said that his third priority is historical preservation and restoration. "I would like to see a relationship with other governmental agencies that is both civil and cooperative," he said. Lastly, he added, he wants to be sure to include the public in Council's discussions. He noted that Council will be using Robert's Rules of Order, and that, in the future, anyone wishing to speak will need to come to the front of the room to address the Council, instead of doing so from the back of the room.</p>

<p>ITEM #8:</p>	<p>STAFF REPORTS</p> <p>Written staff reports by the Town Manager/Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Utilities Representative, Public Works Department, Building Inspector, Library, Municipal Court, Police Chief, and Fire Chief.</p> <p><i>Ms. Gallagher responded to several questions from Council:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>She explained that the "Allowance for Doubtful Accounts" shown on Ms. Tovrea's report refers to an account recommended by the auditors to allow for bad debt.</i> • <i>She responded to Mayor Vander Horst's question regarding sales tax revenues. Revenues per ADOR for the year to date, according to Ms. Gallagher's report, are \$19,325 over budget; however, revenues for just restaurants, bars, lodging and retail show as over budget by \$36,000. Ms. Gallagher explained that other categories may be under budget. She could not say which categories those might consist of.</i> • <i>Also regarding sales tax revenues, Ms. Gallagher explained the seeming discrepancy between the budget-to-actual reports, which indicate that sales tax revenues are coming in under budget by \$28,700, and her spreadsheets taken from the ADOR reports, which indicate that sales tax revenues are OVER budget by \$19,325. The "budget" amounts shown in budget-to-actual reports, she said, are based on the annual revenue divided by 12. Her report, however, is based on the typical ebb and flow of sales tax revenues, which tend to be greater in some months than others. Her report is more reality-based, and we are doing better with respect to sales tax revenues than the budget-to-actual reports would indicate at this point.</i> <p>Motion: <i>Councilmember Currier made a motion to approve the staff reports. It was seconded by Vice Mayor Kinsella. The motion passed, 5-0.</i></p>
<p>ITEM #9: 7:30</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORTS</p> <p>Issued checks and financial reports for the month of October 2016. Figures included therein are presumed accurate as of the report's preparation date, but are subject to adjustment as further information is gained.</p> <p><i>Mayor Vander Horst asked if there were any questions regarding the financial reports. There were none.</i></p> <p>Motion: <i>Councilmember Currier made a motion to accept the financial reports. It was seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed, 5-0.</i></p>
<p>ITEM #10: 7:31</p>	<p>PLANNING AND ZONING AND DESIGN REVIEW MINUTES/ RECOMMENDATIONS/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT</p> <p>Minutes are provided for the information of Council and do not require action.</p> <p><i>There were no comments.</i></p>
<p>ITEM #11: 7:32</p>	<p>PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC</p> <p>Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), public comment is permitted on matters not listed on the agenda but the subject matter must be within the jurisdiction of the Council. All comments are subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions. All petitioners must fill out a request form with their name and subject matter. When recognized by the chair, please step to the microphone, state your name and please observe the three (3) minute time limit. No petitioners will be recognized without a request. The Council's response to public comments is limited to asking staff to review a matter commented upon, asking that a matter be put on a future agenda, or responding to criticism.</p> <p><i>Jeff Koppelmaa addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the sliding jail area. He said that he reviewed the documents regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding and would like to make some points for the Council to consider before going forward. He submitted a written document to the Council.</i></p> <p><i>Council asked Ms. Gallagher if Mr. Koppelmaa could make his statements to the Council at this time. She replied that he can, it just cannot be debated by Council;</i></p>

	<p>however, it would be good for him, she said, to provide more information regarding his submission for the benefit of the public.</p> <p>Mr. Koppelmaa said that his petition is regarding the MOU that has been drafted in response to the Historical Society's letter to the Town, which, he said, stated essentially that the property would revert to the Historical Society if the Town does not take action by a certain date. He said that his petition offers his own views regarding that, and he added that the Town has spent a lot of money improving the area in question.</p> <p>Tracy Wiesel, a local resident and board member of the Jerome Historical Society, rose to speak, and Mayor Vander Horst invited him to come forward. Councilmember Currier stated an objection, saying, "There is no debate on a petition from the public." The Mayor accepted that, and Mr. Wiesel returned to his seat.</p>
<p>ITEM #12</p>	<p>PRESENTATION</p>
<p>7:36</p>	<p>ITEM #12A: STUDY RESULTS: JEROME'S WATER</p> <p>Hydrologist Kristine Uhlman will present the results of an isotope analysis of Jerome's water supply.</p> <p><i>Ms. Uhlman utilized a PowerPoint presentation to explain the results of a recent analysis of Jerome's water³.</i></p> <p><i>"This is a short presentation," she said, "that explains the science behind some of the work we did to try to determine the long term sustainability of the water supply you have coming from the springs off of Mingus Mountain."</i></p> <p><i>The first screen was entitled "Isotope Analysis of the Town of Jerome Water Supply Springs." She showed the location of Walnut Springs, Blowout, Cliff, Baltimore, Silver, Twin Springs, Copper Chief and Allen Springs. They did an isotope analysis on samples from Walnut, Blowout, Twin Springs and Allen Springs, she said, noting that Allen Springs is at the highest elevation and Walnut is at the lowest.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Uhlman said that precipitation data from the Arizona Department of Water Resources shows that Mingus Mountain has a great deal of precipitation. The Town of Jerome has about 18" or 19" of rain or snow annually, and the top of the mountain has 28" to 30" of precipitation. The most likely beneficial recharge mechanism is snowmelt, she explained. When snow melts slowly, it can move through the soil and recharge the aquifer. Monsoon has more of a runoff and there is not much opportunity for recharge.</i></p> <p><i>"One of the things we were looking for," she went on, "is when does the recharge occur, and how old is that water. We can tell that by looking at isotopes." She explained that the aquifer is a fractured rock aquifer, and the youngest water is on top, and the oldest on the bottom. She said that the springs come out of limestone, and above that is volcanic rock which has a slow movement, although dependent on the fractures and cracks. "We look at tritium, which is an isotope," she said. "The isotopes have slightly different characteristics because of mass. There are three isotopes of hydrogen. Tritium has a proton and two neutrons, whereas hydrogen only has one proton. Tritium and hydrogen make a water molecule, H₂O. Some are stable and others are radioactive. With tritium, a half-life is about 12.3 years ... over time, the isotopes decay."</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Uhlman explained that we get tritium in the groundwater "because we made it ourselves in the 1950's and 1960's through nuclear testing. The radiation made tritium. All the atmospheric water was bombarded and changed into tritium." She said that the sample from Allen Springs showed an extremely low tritium level (0.7 tritium unit). These results mean that the water at Allen Springs fell as precipitation before there was nuclear testing. Walnut Springs has 1.1 tritium unit, she said, and this too is old water, prior to the bombs of the 1950s. It also includes some recent rainfall, she added, because tritium is being made by the sun. If we took a sample of tritium in rainfall today,</i></p>

³ The presentation is included at the end of these minutes.

she said, it might have five tritium units, but it rapidly decays over twelve years. Ms. Uhlman displayed data from other rainfall locations collected going back to 1952, and pointed out that the scale goes up to 10,000 tritium units. "If we take a ground sample and if it had a couple of hundred units of tritium," she said, "we would know that it was from around 1964." She talked about samples around the globe.

Councilmember Currier asked for clarification regarding the age of the water from Allen Springs and Walnut Springs. Ms. Uhlman said that, at both sets of springs, the water is at least 50 years old, however the water at Walnut has a little new water mixed with it.

Councilmember Currier asked how we would know if the water is over a thousand years old. Ms. Uhlman said that we would have to do Carbon 14 testing. We know that our water is older than 1950, she said, and added that some places have water that is over 10,000 years old. Queen Creek water is around 12,000 years old, she said. "We have about 1,000 feet of aquifer above the springs," she said. "It is precipitation that fell to the ground prior to 1950. It does not mean we have 60 years of water left. We're assuming this water could be 100 years ago. What we do know is that the water above it is younger."

Ms. Uhlman said that there may have been some years when water didn't enter the ground. "We wanted to know how the water is recharged," she said. "What is the season? If it's snowmelt, you need a lot of snow. If it's during monsoon, you would be very vulnerable to that. We look at the stable isotopes of oxygen, they don't radioactively decay. We're looking at Oxygen 18 and Oxygen 16. Oxygen 18 is heavier and Oxygen 16 is light. Isotopes as an element have slightly different characteristics. When you look at how much of that oxygen we have, about .2% is the Oxygen 18. If you're a water molecule with oxygen isotopes, the water evaporates. Oxygen 16 evaporates first into the air, forming a cloud and then moving over the land, and then it will rain. Oxygen 18 will be the first to drop out of the sky." She added that we can look at the temperature of the water when it fell. "A lot of communities use this type of data," she said. "Portland, Oregon looked at the oxygen isotopes in their groundwater and determined that recharge occurred at a certain elevation. They zoned that land to allow the forest land, to continue recharge. There are examples of that all over the world. We look at the oxygen isotopes to try and determine what sort of recharge you get - snowmelt or monsoons. When you get that data, you have to compare it to other data within your area. The USGS has looked at data in the Verde Valley. They have plotted isotope values over time for winter. Our data for Allen Springs, Walnut, Twin Springs and Blowout were remarkably consistent with an interpretation that the water that has recharged your aquifer is snowmelt. The summer data from the USGS shows we don't have summer recharge. The water could be 1850, it is old water and it has been recharged as snowmelt. To know the future, we have to look at the past."

Ms. Uhlman displayed data from Dr. Mike Crimmons of the University of Arizona, who has compiled all of the historic data from 1900 to 2010 for Yavapai County annual precipitation. "You can see our recharge was right around 1950," she said. "There could have been more recharge in 1970."

"The most compelling data for this aquifer is temperature," Ms. Uhlman said. She displayed a chart showing above and below average temperatures and the running average. "Temperatures have been increasing, and over the past couple of years, there has not been much snowfall." Ms. Uhlman said that she had heard a speculation that the smelter put a lot of pollution particles in the sky that allowed for more snowfall to generate, and the smelter is not around anymore. "Over time," she said, "we suspect there has been less recharge to the aquifer. Perhaps in five or ten years, we might check the tritium levels again, but at least you're not drinking recent water. At least you do have some water in reserve."

Ms. Uhlman thanked Dr. Chris Eastoe at the University of Arizona, who is now retired, Dr. Mike Crimmins, climatologist, and Henry MacVittie, who collected the samples.

Mansel Matthews, a Jerome resident, asked a question regarding condensation that was not legible on the recording. Ms. Uhlman responded that we do not know how

much recharge there has been into the aquifer between 1950 and today. If there has been no snowfall, she said, then there is very little to no recharge.

Jeff Koppelmaa, a Jerome resident, commented, "So really, the amount of snowfall, a graph of that, would be more important than temperatures."

"Correct," Ms. Uhlman replied, adding, "We were not able to get that data. They stopped collecting data on top of Mingus in 1989. They didn't differentiate between snowfall and rainfall. The Natural Resource Service, which used to be call Soil Conservation Service, collects snow volumes, but usually up on the plateau, not on Mingus Mountain. Pray for snow above the contributing area, which is above the springs."

Mayor Vander Horst asked, "Would it be important and what is the cost of doing a Carbon 14 test on our water?" Our water is from before 1950, he said, but it could be 2,000 years old. "Would it be important for us to know how old our water really is?"

"Yes," Ms. Uhlman said, "however, as a hydrologist, I am looking at the fact that you have a fractured rock aquifer - you don't have a lot of water in there. Not much water is held in those tiny fractures. I think more that we have a thousand feet of aquifer and the water down here is old." She clarified that she interprets our water to be around 60 years old, but probably not 100... "but we don't know."

Councilmember Currier noted that the top of the mountain is at 7,200 feet and Allen Springs is at 6,400 feet. It takes a long time for the water to go that 800 feet, he said. Ms. Uhlman agreed, adding that water can move one foot in 100 years, or 300 feet a day. "Most likely, it is very slow," she said.

Councilmember Currier said that we had that 100 gpm drop in flow, and it was suggested that somebody may have drilled a well which fractured the aquifer.

"That is possible," Ms. Uhlman said, "but you wouldn't know until you get into the springs. Also possible is that a tree root could get in there and plug one of the springs. You don't know if it was all or one of the springs because the only data you have combines all the spring flows. What is needed is to measure each spring flow and compare it to data from prior to that event. It could be a seismic event ... it could be an exploratory bore hole. There could be multiple reasons, but the one thing you do know is that it happened and it most likely can't be reversed, unless it is something simple like a tree root."

Henry MacVittie said that, during monsoons, we would typically see a massive influx of flow from the springs.

Ms. Uhlman said, "Think of the aquifer as a harvesting tank. When you add more water, that increases pressure. You've got more rapid flow until the elevation of the water stabilizes. When I look at the previous flow data on those eight springs, something physical happened that is not tied to precipitation. There could be a long decline because of lack of snow, but that dramatic change in 2013 is something physical."

Councilmember Bachrach said, "We can directly correlate recharge with snow pack, and apparently we can correlate snow pack with temperature."

"Yes and no," Ms. Uhlman said, noting that we do not have the actual temperatures on Mingus, and precipitation data does not differentiate between snowfall and rainfall.

Mr. Matthews asked if development in Chino Valley and Prescott Valley might be affecting us. Ms. Uhlman said that it does not.

Mayor Vander Horst called a point of order and noted that this is a discussion about Jerome water.

Mr. Matthews asked, "But what if you drill on the back side of Mingus?"

Vice Mayor Kinsella said that the majority of Prescott and Chino Valley water comes from the Chino Valley aquifer, which is Paulden.

	<p>Mr. Matthews asked again about the other side of Mingus.</p> <p>Ms. Uhlman talked about the contributing area. Anything drilled beneath that elevation has absolutely no to very little impact, she said. "Your aquifer is anything above the elevation of the springs. It is slanting down toward Jerome."</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher thanked Ms. Uhlman and noted that she did this work at no charge to the Town. "I just wanted to come to Jerome," Ms. Uhlman said. She received an appreciative round of applause from those in attendance.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst asked the Council how they felt about getting the Carbon 14 testing done. "I think it would be well worth the taxpayers' money," Vice Mayor Kinsella said.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst directed staff to look into the Carbon 14 testing.</p> <p>Ms. Uhlman said that she will prepare a cost estimate and suggested taking samples of Allen Springs and Walnut Springs.</p>
<p>ITEM #13</p> <p>8:14</p>	<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p> <p>ITEM #13A: LEGAL SERVICES – TOWN ATTORNEY</p> <p>The contract with Bill Sims of Sims Murray Ltd. as Town Attorney has recently expired. Council will discuss whether to enter into a renewed agreement with Mr. Sims or to issue a Request for Qualifications for legal services. Mr. Sims has offered to renew his contract at the same rate and terms.</p> <p><i>It was noted that Mr. Sims contract had expired on May 31. Following a brief discussion,</i></p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Kinsella made a motion to continue legal services with Bill Sims of Sims Murray, Ltd as Town Attorney through December 31, 2017, retroactive to June 1, 2016. It was seconded by Councilmember Currier.</p> <p><i>The motion passed, 5-0.</i></p>
<p>ITEM #14</p> <p>8:18</p> <p>8:19</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>ITEM #14A: RESOLUTION NO. 543, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES ON TOWN BANKING ACCOUNTS</p> <p>Council may approve Resolution #543, authorizing the following signatories on Town banking accounts held with National Bank of Arizona and Arizona State Credit Union: Mayor _____, Vice Mayor _____, and Town Manager/Clerk Candace B. Gallagher.</p> <p><i>Mayor Vander Horst read Resolution 543 by title only. The names of Mayor Frank Vander Horst and Vice Mayor Jay Kinsella were added to the Resolution to fill in the blanks.</i></p> <p>Motion: Councilmember Currier made a motion to adopt Resolution 543 and was seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed, 5-0.</p> <p>ITEM #14B: PRESCOTT ORDINANCE TO REGULATE VACATION RENTALS</p> <p>Council will review an ordinance under consideration in Prescott to regulate vacation rentals, and may direct staff regarding preparation of a similar ordinance for Jerome.</p> <p><i>Councilmember Currier stated, "Mr. Sims said he didn't think [this ordinance] did much, and wanted to see what sort of response Prescott got." Prescott is just getting this online, Mr. Currier said, and he would like to watch and see what happens. He added that he doesn't think the ordinance covers as much as he would like. It covers group homes, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, he said, and is a "step in an interesting direction."</i></p> <p><i>Councilmember Bachrach said that the ordinance is "a preliminary attempt at defining what a vacation rental is. As Mayor Currier had pointed out during his term," he said, "it</i></p>

	<p>wasn't clear. It looks like Prescott is working on accountability of the owners to address problems quickly and penalties for those that do not." Mr. Bachrach said that it appears "very preliminary" to him, and added that he thinks it is worth pursuing at some point.</p> <p>Councilmember Barber said, "It is a good outline, but we would have to tweak it to our specific situation." She added that she liked the fee attached to the vacation rental application. "Unfortunately," Mayor Vander Horst said, "that is in direct violation of SB1350. They can't charge extra."</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella said that he understands the concerns of his fellow Council members, and he feels we should "keep a close eye on it and see where it goes." He said that he does not want to "cross the line" with the recent State legislation.</p> <p>"In recap," Mayor Vander Horst said, "we will watch this closely, we're very interested, and we wish them well. In the future we will look at it again."</p> <p>Councilmember Bachrach asked if it would behoove us to begin a draft for Jerome, or appoint a committee to do that. Councilmember Currier said that he would be reluctant to get a committee focused on that, as he still believes it is early.</p> <p>The Mayor invited comments from the public.</p> <p>Doug Freund, former Vice Mayor and a Jerome resident, encouraged Council to do something right away, and said that his understanding is that, if we don't do it before SB1350 kicks in, we won't be able to do anything. "If you table it, you may not be able to do it, period," he said.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst said that he had talked to the attorney extensively that day, and he never mentioned timing being an issue, but we will check with him again.</p> <p>Bill Jensen, former Zoning Administrator for the Town of Jerome, said that he had worked on this matter, and the question remains - how do you define the length of a tenancy? "You will be challenged on that again," he said. "Someone should define it, because probably constitutionally, it is difficult to limit that."</p>
<p>ITEM #15 8:27</p>	<p>TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL</p> <p>Council may direct staff as to items of pending importance that they would like placed on a future meeting agenda.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier announced that the Humane Society's flea market is taking place on the coming weekend.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella said, "It will be a pleasure sitting here for the next couple of years," and added that "there are a lot of holiday events coming up put on by the Chamber of Commerce."</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst said that, at future meetings, he would like Council to report during Staff Reports on anything that they have going on. Also, he would like the Pledge of Allegiance to be read at <u>all</u> meetings, not just regular meetings, as has been the practice. Lastly, he said that he would like a report soon from the General Plan Steering Committee, as it appears to him that "we're 25 years late on the General Plan."</p>
<p>ITEM #16</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Upon motion by Vice Mayor Kinsella, seconded by Councilmember Currier and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.</p>

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

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ATTEST:

Lew Currier, Mayor

Candace B. Gallagher, CMC, Town Manager/Clerk

Date: _____