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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JEROME TOWN COUNCIL
JEROME CIVIC CENTER - 600 CLARK STREET - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018, AT 7:00 P.M.

<p>ITEM #1:</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p>Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Town Clerk to call and record the roll.</p> <p>Joni Savage, Deputy Clerk, called roll. Present were Mayor Vander Horst, Vice Mayor Kinsella, Councilmember Barber, and Councilmember Currier. Councilmember Bachrach was present telephonically.</p> <p>Staff present were Kyle Dabney, Zoning Administrator and Joni Savage, Deputy Clerk. Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher was absent due to illness.</p> <p>Mayor or Mayor's designee to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Kyle Dabney led the pledge.</p>
<p>ITEM #2: 7:02</p>	<p>STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS</p> <p>Written staff reports by the Town Manager/Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Utilities Clerk, Accounting Clerk, Public Works Department, Building Inspector, Library, Municipal Court, Police Chief, and Fire Chief, and verbal reports from Council members.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst noted that any questions on the staff reports could be sent via text message to Ms. Gallagher.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier commented that \$27,000 is still unspent for the springs projects. "That's a third of the projects that haven't been touched yet," he said, "with 25% left of the year."</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst said that this is concerning to him as well, and added that Mr. MacVittie has told Ms. Gallagher that he will outsource some of the work so that it can get done by year end</p> <p>Councilmember Barber said that she had spoken to Tyler Christensen and she thinks he's doing a great job. She reminded everyone that no one to date has ever done this much work on the springs. She said that she appreciates that they analyze the situation first. She has faith in them, she said, and believes that some of the projects are being put off until spring.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier said, "I amend my comment. I'm not all unhappy with them. I think they've done a good job." He added that he thought all along that "they bit off way more than they could chew."</p> <p>Councilmember Barber thanked all of the volunteers and departments for their work.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst acknowledged some work anniversaries: Garret Greeneltch for two years' service on Public Works; Officer Mark Boan for one year with the Police Department; and Assistant Fire Chief Ron Chilston for two years of fulltime service.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst referenced Ms. Cays staff report and asked what action is being taken with respect to a business owner who has not responded to a business license renewal.</p> <p>Mr. Dabney said that he has contacted the business owner, who indicated that he was not aware of this and would be taking care of it.</p> <p>Councilmember Bachrach asked Vice Mayor Kinsella if the roof drains at the Hotel Jerome were completed successfully.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella responded that everything with the Hotel Jerome roof is now completed, but the roofers will be coming back up for one small area.</p> <p>Councilmember Bachrach asked if the drains have been entirely connected to the CMP and Mr. Kinsella replied, "No, not yet."</p>

	<p>Mayor Vander Horst noted that Mr. Boland had commented that his crew had finished the district signs, and he asked Mr. Dabney about the status of those.</p> <p>Mr. Dabney said, "Right now we are waiting on the maps from the Chamber of Commerce, they've been working on those. We can't really do the numbering system on the planks until the maps are done."</p> <p>Chamber President Kevin Savage was present and stated that those have been provided. He suggested that Mr. Dabney send invoices out to those who have expressed interest in obtaining a plank.</p> <p>Motion: Councilmember Currier made a motion to accept the staff reports and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Kinsella. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>
<p>ITEM #3: 7:05</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>Mr. Dabney read from his report. Of note, on February 7, he attended the Transportation Technical Subcommittee meeting. He spoke over the phone with representatives of NACOG and ADOT. This meeting was to look at transit services to and from Jerome, he said.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier asked if this had anything to do with CAT (Cottonwood Area Transit) or Lynx (Verde Lynx Public Transportation).</p> <p>Mr. Dabney replied, "Not ADOT and NACOG specifically, but I have been working with the manager for the Lynx system in Cottonwood for a possible partnership." He went on to say that they would be willing to work with us, and it would require a contribution from the Town of 20% of the cost. "We're looking at all options," Mr. Dabney said, "including grant applications."</p> <p>Councilmember Currier commented that he would be willing to look at a match with CAT or Lynx, depending on the cost.</p> <p>Mr. Dabney noted that we would need to do a study before we could come up with any monetary figures regarding Lynx. He has not yet looked into the cost of the study, and noted that we have already missed the deadline for this funding round.</p> <p>"Realistically," Vice Mayor Kinsella said, "we're looking at 2019 and 2020."</p> <p>"Yes," Mr. Dabney responded, "if you're doing the Lynx."</p> <p>He continued to read from his report, noting that he attended a meeting regarding the fire hydrant review.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier commented on the DRB minutes of January 8th, Item 5, page 2. It appeared to him, he said, that Mr. Schroeder had been confused about the appeals process for DRB, so he called him to discuss it and to clarify that appeals from decisions of the Design Review Board go to the Council, and not the Board of Adjustment. He added that Mr. Schroeder was not necessarily happy with Council's decision regarding signage at the Mile High.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst asked Mr. Dabney about "items under review" at Planning & Zoning. "What does that mean?" he asked, "and who's doing the reviewing?"</p> <p>Mr. Dabney answered that it referred to home occupations and interior lighting of signs. With home occupations, there was direction to staff regarding adding to the language in the Zoning Ordinance. With respect to interior lighting of signs, they are still reviewing whether they want to change that verbiage.</p>
<p>ITEM #4: 7:13</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORTS</p> <p>Budget to Actual reports, vendor ledger and balance sheet for February 2018</p> <p>Councilmember Currier said that he had some questions earlier, "but there is nobody here that can really answer them."</p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Kinsella moved to table the financial reports of February 2018 and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Currier. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>
<p>ITEM #5: 7:14</p>	<p>COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES</p> <p>February 13, 2018 regular meeting; May 24, 2017 special meeting</p> <p>It was noted that Mayor Vander Horst was not in attendance at the February meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Councilmember Currier made a motion to discuss the minutes separately. It was seconded by Vice Mayor Kinsella. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>

	<p>Motion: Councilmember Currier moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 24, 2017 and the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Kinsella. The motion passed, 5-0.</p> <p>Motion: Councilmember Currier moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 13, 2018 and the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Kinsella. The motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier asked about comments from Margie Hardie, copies of which had been provided to Council. It was clarified that these had been carried over to this meeting from the last meeting, and were not part of the minutes that were just approved.</p>
<p>ITEM #6: 7:16</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>There were no petitions from the public.</p>
<p>ITEM #7 7:20</p>	<p>ORDINANCES</p> <p>ITEM #7A: FIRST READING: ORDINANCE NO. 438, AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 2-4-6, "ORDER OF BUSINESS," OF ARTICLE 2-4, "COUNCIL PROCEDURE," OF THE JEROME TOWN CODE</p> <p>Council may conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 438, to amend the Town Code to include a "Consent Agenda" item, and to allow the Chair to take items on the agenda in whatever order he or she deems most appropriate under the circumstances.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst read ordinance No. 438 in title. He explained that our Code sets the order of agenda items and we frequently change them. He proposes to allow the Mayor to determine the order of the agenda – not to add or remove items, but to determine the order for the next meeting.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier said, "I have no objection to that, but then we get into the consent agenda, don't we?"</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst said, "There are frequently things in most governmental agencies that are handled that way -- for example, a check voucher, a temporary liquor license and that sort of thing."</p> <p>Councilmember Currier stated that "a lot of things are thrown into the consent agenda, particularly staff reports. The Council automatically rubber stamps these things. That leads to reports that say stuff that we didn't notice and nobody paid any attention to them. We only dealt with the hot button issues." He said that he is nervous about consent agendas and would like some clarity about this. "Sometimes invoices are critical," he said.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst asked, "Are you saying you won't read it if it was in the consent agenda?"</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella stated, "Everyone up here should be reading everything."</p> <p>Councilmember Currier said again that it makes him uncomfortable.</p> <p>Councilmember Bachrach noted that the proposed ordinance states that any Council member can remove an item from the consent agenda to be discussed and voted on separately. "Personally," he said, "I will read them, and that addresses any concerns I had."</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella commented that this provision represents the "checks and balances," as long as the people on the Council are doing their job.</p> <p>Ms. Hardie read her statement about Council changing the order of the agenda items via motion. She read from her notes:</p> <p>"In the interest of public participation and awareness at Town Council Meetings, it helps to have the agenda remain in the original order the majority of meetings. Having the Council vote to rearrange the agenda gives it more significance and then the entire Council can provide input when making this important decision. I would allow the Town Code to remain as it currently is, requiring the Council to vote on a motion to change the order of the agenda items. This will help people who want to be present for certain items and to know that they can depend on the written agenda for the most part in</p>

	<p>order to be present during the discussion of a particular item. And that is also because audience members can't always be here from start to finish." Mayor Vander Horst pointed out that the agenda is published ahead of time, so everyone would know when topics are scheduled to be addressed on the agenda.</p>
<p>7:29</p>	<p>ITEM #7B: FIRST READING: ORDINANCE NO. 439, AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, "GENERAL," OF THE JEROME TOWN CODE BY THE ADDITION OF NEW ARTICLE 1-4, "SCRIVENER AND FORMATTING ERRORS" Council may conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 439, to amend the Town Code to authorize the Town Clerk to make certain minor corrections to the Town Code as needed. Mayor Vander Horst read Ordinance No. 439 in title only. He asked if there was any discussion. Councilmember Currier stated that he was happy with it.</p>
<p>ITEM #8 7:30</p>	<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p> <p>ITEM #8A: RESOLUTION NO. 565, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA, TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE AUGUST 2018 BALLOT REGARDING STAGGERED FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNCILMEMBERS Council may adopt Resolution No. 565, to place a question on the August 2018 ballot regarding staggered four-year terms for Councilmembers. Mayor Vander Horst noted that, if this were to go to ballot and was approved by the voters, it would not impact us until 2020. He invited discussion. Councilmember Currier said that, initially, he thought this was a waste of time, and that people won't agree to it. "We've tried it before," he said, "and it's passed and failed." At the time it was discussed, he said, Council was told that it would cost a few hundred dollars, and that wasn't worth "quibbling over." "I have no problem putting things in front of the people," he said, "but I do have a problem with what now appears to be four or five thousand dollars." He said that he removes his former approval, and feels that this would be a waste of money. Councilmember Barber agreed with Councilmember Currier. She said that she feels it is hard to get people to volunteer for two years, let alone four. "I think if it were something the people wanted, it would already be in place," she said. Councilmember Bachrach agreed also, and said that he does not see a reason to spend that kind of money. "The Councils have been predictable and reliable," he said. "I don't think it is probable that the voters would clear out all five of the Council at once. It doesn't seem like there is a lot of public clamor about it." Vice Mayor Kinsella said that his opinion is the opposite. "It is a lot of money," he said, "but I've been on Councils where one person has stayed on and four new ones come on, and it is an absolute nightmare. It's a learning curve. When I was elected the first time in 1997, I didn't really understand what was going on until 1999. I feel a staggered term would be a good thing, but three people have said it's not such a good idea." Mayor Vander Horst stated, "The Council prior to this one had four new members. I'm guessing they didn't know a lot about what was going on. When we do a two-year, non-staggered term, that means every Council is responsible for one budget, and then they create a budget for the next one. There is no continuity, no long-term planning. I believe it is a real issue. A hundred times that cost could be spent on a Council that makes a mistake. I think it is critical." Councilmember Currier commented that he sat in the audience for a year before he ran for Council, and added that he thinks "the people want to keep us on a short leash." Mayor Vander Horst said that he believes that if we staggered the terms, there would be much less chance of a mistake. He then opened up discussion to the public. Kevin Savage, resident and business owner, said that he doesn't understand why the cost of publication is so high for a town of less than 500 people. He referred to the rack card that the Chamber uses, and said that they printed 5,000 and spent \$500. He added that he can't imagine having a Council with zero experience. "That would be devastating," he said. Ms. Hardie, resident, stated that she's lived here for 30 years, and she assumes that "when you put yourself out there for election you're prepared to learn, or why else would you run?" Over the years, she said, there have been some decisions made that she does</p>

not always agree with, but she is very grateful for the Council. She said that she believes that a four-year term could reduce the number of people running for office. She also noted the high cost of doing this, and asked "how many residents have come forward asking for this change?"

Dr. Jack Dillenberg, a resident of Jerome, stated that he is involved with public health and he has experience in government. He is on five national boards of not-for-profits, and "staggered appointments are tremendously beneficial." "It gives an opportunity for continuity and accountability," he said, "particularly with budgets and ordinances." He also does not feel it should cost four or five thousand dollars, but feels it would be money well spent. He added that, even if terms remain at two years, they should be staggered.

Mayor Vander Horst explained that State law will not allow staggered two year terms.

Jane Moore, resident, said that she has served on Council for a total of 12 years, and it is hard to find people to commit to two years. "Hopefully, you will have people willing to serve more than two years," she said, and added that she likes to see new people serve on Council. She said that she hasn't seen anyone who didn't take it seriously and try to be a good Council person, and she feels that moving to four-year terms would eliminate people wanting to run. "I would like the two-year term to continue," she said.

Mayor Vander Horst closed the floor to public comment.

Councilmember Currier talked about the Bouwman administration. "At the end of his term," he said, "none of them ran again; however, five people stepped forward. It's a headache, but it's not the end of the world. So, there are pros and cons on the issue. It can happen, and if it does happen, it can be dealt with."

Mayor Vander Horst said that, at the last election, there were six candidates, and prior to that, there were 11. He noted that three of the current five Council members have been on Council for multiple consecutive terms, and said that he doesn't see how running for multiple terms is different from running for one four-year term. "I think the continuity is critical for long-term planning," he said. He added that what he thinks he is hearing is that the objection is not putting it on the ballot, but the cost of doing so, and he agreed with Dr. Dillenberg that "we could have a lot bigger problem by not doing this."

There followed a brief discussion regarding the cost and why it may be so high. It was noted that it must be translated into Spanish.

Councilmember Currier said that he thinks it would fail at the ballot and therefore he is not in favor of spending \$5,000 for this.

Mayor Vander Horst said that he did an informal poll a few years ago, and he interviewed 20 or 30 Jeromans. There was a clear delineation, he said. People who had been here over 20 years hated the idea, and those who had been here under 20 years loved it.

Vice Mayor Kinsella asked if we could get what the actual costs were and then address this.

Motion: Vice Mayor Kinsella made a **motion to table Resolution No. 565 until there is a firm cost** and it was seconded by Councilmember Currier.

Councilmember Bachrach said that he thinks four years would be too much of a commitment. He added that he agrees with the concept of staggered terms, but is afraid that increasing it to four years may become too much of a commitment. He said that he would like to see the documentation that requires a four-year term.

Mayor Vander Horst explained, "The State statute does not require four-year terms, you just can't stagger a two-year term."

The **motion passed, 5-0.**

7:55

ITEM #8B: CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING – REVISED GENERAL PLAN

Council will continue the **Public Hearing** which convened on 2/13/18 regarding the Revised General Plan, as drafted by the General Plan Steering Committee and approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Due to a publication error by the newspaper regarding the original hearing date, no action will be taken at this meeting. Another hearing will be conducted on April 10, at which time action may be taken.

Mayor Vander Horst opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

Kevin Savage spoke on behalf of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce. "I commend a committee that works on a project for four years," he said. Mr. Savage said that there is one statement in the Plan that is most disturbing to him – it is the phrase about reducing reliance on tourism. Jerome is a tourist town, he said, and he believes that there is an

older regime of business owners who have reaped the rewards from tourism and are now reluctant to see tourism grow. However, he said, there is a younger group of business owners that want to continue this growth, but make it smarter – accommodate it with parking and a shuttle system to help tourists move around. He added that he would be very discouraged to have a new Council come in and abolish the shuttle system that has been put into place.

David Hall, Jerome resident and business owner, said that he feels that the draft revised Plan is a great document, and he applauded the committee that worked on it. It is a balanced document, he said, and there is nothing in it that discourages tourism. He noted that the Plan does not call for “reducing tourism,” but rather reducing the Town’s reliance on tourism. Mr. Hall spoke about being “one community” and said, “Our goal is to have a pleasant place to be for us, for our businesses and our visitors, and we’ve done that. We are a community of residents and businesses. There is nothing in this that wants to reduce tourism.” He thanked the committee and recommended that Council adopt the document.

Margie Hardie asked if the Zoning Administrator would be allowed to speak, to clarify what the Plan is meant to do and not do, as she believes there may be some confusion about that.

Councilmember Currier called a point of order.

Ms. Hardie then said, “This Plan does not tell the Council what to do. It does not write ordinances and it doesn’t make tourists go away. It is simply a guide to the future. It is not anti-tourism or anti-anything. It’s just to be used as a guide for Councils in the future. It doesn’t have any ability to make any rules.”

Mary Beth Barr, a Jerome resident and Jerome Chamber board member, said that she thinks that the committee did a great job, but her concern is the tone of the proposed Plan. She added that she feels that Councilmember Currier’s comments¹ are extremely negative regarding tourism. “Like it or not,” she said, “we are a day trip from Sedona.” She estimated that 80 to 90 percent of the tourists visiting Jerome come here from Sedona, and said that they come for art, wine tasting, restaurants, hotels and our history. She said that she worked in the Visitor Center for over three years, and remarked that over half of our visitors are amazed at how we have maintained this town historically. They really want to know about our history. “The tourists are not going to go away,” she said. “When I read things like this (referring to Mr. Currier’s handout), it sounds like we’re trying to lessen tourism.”

Jane Moore thanked Ms. Barr for mentioning the Town’s history because, she said, that is “the number one goal in the General Plan – protecting the history.” Ms. Moore pointed out that, at the beginning of the document, the vision states that “we welcome visitors.” The Historic Preservation Element was not a requirement, she said, but the committee felt that it was important. She read through each section, reading key words like “historic integrity” and “tourism.” “‘Local economy should diversify and become less dependent on tourism.’ That seemed to be the sticking point,” she said. “It’s possible that that could be tweaked if it bothers people. There are days when there is hardly anyone here in Town and the business owners are freaking out. If you have a diverse economy, you wouldn’t be so concerned if there were thousands of people in town.” Ms. Moore continued quoting statements from the General Plan regarding tourism, visitors and historic integrity. She noted that, in the guidelines at the end, Mr. Sengstock had included the Gulch, Dundee and North Drive, saying that one could build there. “The Gulch is historic,” she said, “and should be removed from that section.”

Mr. Dabney spoke to say that, unfortunately, he didn’t get a chance to work on this Plan. The first few meetings he attended were observing and learning. The main thing he did was to create the maps and design the layout, with the help of the committee.

Mr. Dabney said that there is confusion regarding what a General Plan is, and said that he would like to explain it in his own words. “The broad purpose,” he said, “is to express policies which will guide Jerome in the future consistent with the goals and quality of life desired by the Town’s residents. It is a crucial document. It establishes a process to create a framework for the town. It includes maps showing where land uses will be located and has a series of policies that help guide our decisions about growth, development and conservation of our resources. It does not address specific issues. It is not law. It is an

¹ Councilmember Currier had distributed to the public and to Council a written statement regarding tourism, which is included at the end of these minutes.

advisory document with the intent of thinking about the future and to reach toward a future the community wants to achieve. It helps to establish direction, priorities and short-range decisions in a long-range context. All these pieces come together and create a vision that unfolds as a set of guiding principles representing a standard to weigh current decisions against."

Dr. Jack Dillenberg, resident, thanked the people who worked on the Plan. "It's a good guide," he said, and added that, beyond the issues of parking and visitors is the health of our citizens. He would like to encourage a "healthy Jerome," and include opportunities to help those who live here, possibly some type of assisted living. He said that he would like to "weave health into the document."

The public hearing closed at 8:19 p.m.

Vice Mayor Kinsella thanked everyone again for their work on this Plan, which, he said, has been long overdue. "It takes a hell of a balance to operate this town," he said. "You have the 444 residents that are outnumbered every day." He spoke about a conversation he had recently with a local business owner who has had a successful business for many years and is now ready to retire. That person indicated that they no longer wanted the tourists here. Mr. Kinsella said that he "pondered ways of making that happen other than shutting down the state highway," and had requested information from Ms. Gallagher regarding sales tax revenues. Annual sales tax revenue, he said, divided by our 444 residents, comes to about \$2,500 per person. He wondered how many of our residents are willing to put out \$2,500.

"History was here before the arts," Vice Mayor Kinsella said. "The arts and crafts were here before the winery. I recently had the opportunity to work retail, and the compliments this town gets are incredible. The negative things we hear about our adjoining communities is appalling, and I don't want that to ever happen to this town. There is a word called 'compromise,' and that's something we lose track of in this town. Compromise is something that we have to do for us to survive, and that's all there is to it. We need to respect one another as fellow human beings. When you get into arguments and you lose respect for an individual, that's it, walk away from the conversation. The positive part of the conversation went to hell in a hand basket, and it's not going to do anything other than to create havoc. This document is well overdue."

Mr. Kinsella referenced a statement in the document reading, "In a 2006 report submitted to Arizona Department of Water Resources ... it was estimated that Jerome may be able to supply approximately 800 residents with its then available water supply (spring flow)." "I don't think there would ever be that many residents here," he said. He added, "One of the things not mentioned, which I think is important, is that there are issues with the snow melt, we need to maintain and do maintenance at the springs, and that is a must for this document and it's not mentioned in here."

He also referenced a statement in the document regarding our sewer plant which reads, "It was designed with a 70,000 gallon per day maximum capacity ... At times of high tourist visitation, the maximum capacity is sometimes approached." The Vice Mayor said that maximum capacity is approached more when we have monsoons, because a lot of our catch basins that should be going into the overflow are actually being treated in the wetlands, and he feels that needs to be corrected. "When you think about water use and sewer accounts that use a lot of water," he said, "it should be in the document."

Vice Mayor Kinsella said that he would like to see a few more additions to the document, but, "other than that, they did a hell of a job on this."

Councilmember Bachrach thanked Vice Mayor Kinsella for his comments and said, "I agree 100% about it being a small town and I would hope we could make it whatever we want to make it." Mr. Bachrach said that he has read the document three times within the past week, and did not find any anti-tourism sentiment. He did find, he said, a desire to have the option of diversification available. "It's really a broad overview with unprecise details," he said, and added that he enjoyed reading it.

Regarding Vice Mayor Kinsella's comments about the sewer system, he said, "I'm not sure that the figures in here are exact, but again, I can't imagine 800 people living here." He said that he doesn't think tourism and visitors are going away, and "everybody in Town knows that the visitors are paying the bills in Town." He pointed out that the shuttle is mentioned in the Plan, and he thinks everyone is happy with its success. "I think it is a positive document overall about tourism," he said, adding, "There is no reason not to consider other options." He commented that he was approached by a woman who was frantic that the Town Council was going to limit the amount of tourists coming to town,

and tried to explain to her that this is not the case. He added that he also appreciated Dr. Dillenberg's comments about the health and wellness of the town. "I think the document came out wonderfully," he concluded.

Councilmember Barber questioned whether a reference to new additions and construction in the Gulch should be left in.

Councilmember Currier talked about the paper he had distributed, and said that those are pretty much his thoughts. He said that he understands what Vice Mayor Kinsella was driving at, and that should be looked at and dealt with. "We should keep in mind," he said, "that although only four hundred of us live here, there are two or three thousand on the streets at least. That's where the stress on the infrastructure is coming from. ... The problem is trying to get an ambulance through town on a Sunday." Mr. Currier said that he thinks that the Plan as presented is workable.

Mr. Currier asked if it would require four affirmative votes for the Plan to be adopted². He suggested that Council address it in sections, and clean up some of the objections before taking a final vote. "We should do everything we can to pass this through," he said.

Mayor Vander Horst stated that this will come up for a vote at the April meeting. He summarized Council's options: Vote to approve it; vote to amend and approve it; or vote it down and re-adopt the 1981 Plan. "We do not have an option not to take any action," he said.

Councilmember Bachrach asked, "Could we hear the specific objections from the Mayor and Vice Mayor? With a few clerical changes, I am happy with this. ... If those who would vote it down would clarify their objections, maybe we could address the objections now."

Mayor Vander Horst said, "To my knowledge the Mayor hasn't raised any objections to the plan." He added that there are some things he would like to amend and some things he would like to see added, such as something regarding health, as Dr. Dillenberg had mentioned. He said that Councilmember Currier's concern about getting an ambulance through town is valid, and he doesn't see those types of issues in the Plan.

"There is no way we can legislate less tourism," Councilmember Currier said. "The only thing we can do is quit trying to drive in more." He added that this was his response to the ambulance problem.

Ms. Moore requested to speak again, and the Mayor stated that the public portion of this discussion was now closed. He noted that there will be another time where the public can speak again.

Vice Mayor Kinsella asked Mr. Dabney if Council could have notations on the sections that they want amended. "We've got four years into this thing," he said. "Are we going to spend the next several months hammering this out? I want to see a corrected, finished document. The health aspect doesn't have to be anything big, but it should be addressed."

Mr. Dabney stated that, while one option is to amend and adopt the Plan, another would be to adopt it and then amend it. "In my opinion, this one should be adopted and amended," he said, "not the 1981 plan."

Mayor Vander Horst said that he would hope that Council would bring their recommended changes to the April meeting, and he would hope that this gets approved at that meeting. He doesn't want to go back to the 1981 Plan.

Vice Mayor Kinsella said that he does not want to see this fall through the cracks. He asked Mr. Dabney if we can continue adding to this Plan after it's been adopted.

"You can amend it," Mr. Dabney replied.

"You can amend it," the Mayor said, "and when you re-adopt it, then the clock turns back another 10 years."

Mr. Dabney recommended against amending one item at a time.

Mayor Vander Horst asked Dr. Dillenberg how he would incorporate health into the Plan. He asked Mr. Dabney if he would have time to work on this. Mr. Dabney replied that he has a new intern from NAU, and that will help.

Mayor Vander Horst stated that the goal is to come to the April meeting and leave with an adopted Plan.

² Clerk's note: This will require a two-thirds affirmative vote, which means that at least four of the five members will need to vote "yes" in order for the Plan to be adopted.

ITEM #9

NEW BUSINESS

8:48

ITEM #9A: APPOINTMENTS TO FILL EXPIRED TERMS ON PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, DESIGN REVIEW BOARD AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Terms of the following appointees expired as of February 28, 2018:

Planning and Zoning Commission – Margie Hardie and Zachariah Runyon; Design Review Board – John Schroeder and Mark Venker; Board of Adjustment – Jane Moore and Suzy Mound. Council may take action to reappoint these members, or other individuals, to succeeding three-year terms.

Mayor Vander Horst said, "Let's take Planning and Zoning first," and asked Mr. Dabney if he had any input regarding Ms. Hardie and Mr. Runyon, and whether they wish to be re-appointed.

Mr. Dabney explained that Mr. Runyon had been present at a couple of meetings, but after that had never responded to phone calls or emails. He did not know if either wished to be seated again.

Motion: Councilmember Currier **moved to table this item until we find out who's interested.**

Councilmember Barber asked who usually finds out if they're interested, and
seconded the motion.

Mr. Dabney said, "I'm not sure how this one works, maybe you could clarify. If they're not reappointed, and since their terms are expired, they can't be on the Board, then it means we have no Planning and Zoning Commission."

Mayor Vander Horst called the vote.

The motion passed, 3-2.

Mayor Vander Horst said, "So now we don't have a quorum." Brief discussion followed.

Vice Mayor Kinsella said, "We don't need a warm body, we need somebody who is going to show up. The petitioner is screwed if there aren't enough members."

The Council discussed, at some length, the problem of not having enough members for Planning and Zoning and the probable outcome.

Councilmember Bachrach suggested that someone call Margie Hardie to ask if she intended to stay another term.

Ms. Moore said that Ms. Hardie had spoken with her and was surprised that she had not been asked if she wanted to continue to serve. The past procedure, she said, was that, when the term is expiring, the Zoning Administrator would ask if you wanted to continue to serve. She added that her term on the Board of Adjustment is up as well, and that is why she was present at this meeting.

There followed a discussion regarding the logistics of calling Ms. Hardie, and whether an item can be un-tabled. Councilmember Currier stated that it had not been tabled to a specific date/time, so it could be brought back up at any time.

Vice Mayor Kinsella said that he called Ms. Hardie, but there was no answer.

Ms. Moore said that she called also, and she wasn't home yet.

Mayor Vander Horst suggested that Council move on to the Design Review Board. He asked Mr. Dabney if John Schroeder wanted to re-appointed.

Mr. Dabney said that he had not heard from him in that regard, and had not asked him. He did not realize that was his duty. Councilmember Currier expressed frustration at this.

Motion: Mayor Vander Horst made a **motion to table Item 9A for 10 minutes to find out if some of these people want to be re-appointed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bachrach and unanimously approved.**

A brief recess was taken at 8:59 p.m., and the meeting reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

Motion: Councilmember Currier **moved to table Item 9A until the Special Meeting of March 27, 2018, and the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Kinsella. The motion passed, 5-0.**

Mayor Vander Horst asked, "Do we have a quorum on any of the Boards?"

"No," Mr. Dabney responded.

9:13

ITEM #9B: APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY ON DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Council will review an application submitted by Jessamyn Ludwig to serve on the Design Review Board, and may appoint Ms. Ludwig to fill a vacancy on that Board for the term ending February 28, 2020.

Mayor Vander Horst asked Ms. Ludwig what qualifies her to be on the Board. She replied that she has lived here for a little over a year, and fully believes in service to the Town. She came from a small historic town in New Hampshire where she served on the Planning Board for over six years.

Ms. Ludwig said that she could not serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission because she would miss every meeting, as she works on the east coast during the first week of every month. She feels that she is qualified for the Design Review Board because Design Review fell under the Planning Board responsibilities in New Hampshire. She said that she knows there will be a learning curve to learn the ordinances, but she feels she could handle it. "I'm here, I'm interested and I have the time," she said.

Mayor Vander Horst asked for an example of decisions she's made. She explained that Rindge, New Hampshire, had water frontage and they had a lot of set-backs in wetland issues. They worked on the Master Plan, which took four years to complete. One of the major cases was a gentleman who breached a stone wall, and in New Hampshire, they are not only historic, but they are boundary markers. She spearheaded the rebuilding of the stone wall and making him redo his entire driveway.

Ms. Ludwig added that she doesn't invite conflict, but she's not afraid of it. She likes to follow the rules.

Councilmember Currier said that he looked at the Zoning Ordinance for Rindge, NH, and it is a lot different than ours. They have no design review questions, he said. "It will be a significant learning curve for you," he said, "but you've handled yourself well here tonight. I'm willing to get on board."

Councilmember Bachrach thanked her for stepping up, and added that he knows her well enough to know that "she will do a heck of a job."

Motion: Councilmember Bachrach made a **motion to appoint Ms. Ludwig to the Design Review Board** and Vice Mayor Kinsella seconded the motion. The **motion passed, 5-0.**

8:21

ITEM #9C: RESOLUTION NO. 567, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA, EXPRESSING SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WITH EMPHASIS ON TEACHER SALARIES, AND CALLING UPON EVERY TOWN- AND CITY-ELECTED BODY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO CONVEY BY RESOLUTION THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE STATE OF EDUCATION FUNDING IN ARIZONA

Council may adopt Resolution No. 567, as described above.

Mayor Vander Horst turned this item over to Councilmember Currier.

Councilmember Currier did not realize that he had been listed as the sponsor of this item, but said that he definitely approves of it.

Councilmember Barber pointed out that the Yavapai-Apache Nation had given statistics about what they do annually. They contributed \$13.1 million into the state coffers for education last year.

Vice Mayor Kinsella talked about a mass union walk-out of teachers in the Phoenix area. Their coffers are up 18% as of that day, he said, and they're looking at a surplus. "Education is on the burner," he said, "but there are other priorities as well, such as interstates and prisons. ... It upsets me to no end that our future leaders are not educated. We would be remiss not to bitch."

Councilmember Bachrach asked if this is a message to our Governor and Legislature. It was speculated that it would go thru the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, other cities would get on board, and it would be more effective.

Mayor Vander Horst said the turnover percentage for teachers in the Verde Valley is 25% a year. "I don't know how you run an organization with that type of turnover," he said. He noted that this Resolution had come from Fountain Hills.

Motion: Councilmember Currier moved **to approve Resolution No. 567** and it was seconded by Councilmember Barber. The **motion passed, 5-0.**

ITEM #10
9:26

TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL

Council may direct staff as to items of pending importance that they would like placed on a future meeting agenda.

Regarding the residential parking ordinance, Vice Mayor Kinsella said that he, Chief Muma and Marty Boland have begun putting temporary markings on the streets. School,

	<p>Center and Hull are done, and next week they will do First, Second, Third, Verde and Holly. Chief Muma will bring the totals to Council.</p> <p>He further reported that the Hotel Jerome roof is completed, roof drains are in and they just have to be connected to the CMP. He said that it turned out really nice.</p> <p>Councilmember Bachrach had spearheaded this effort, and he filled in while Mr. Bachrach was away.</p> <p>Lastly, Vice Mayor Kinsella reported that, on March 24th at 2:00 pm at Spook Hall, there will be a memorial for Katie and Joey. Joey's children will be coming, and they will have Katie's movies being shown – at least three of them.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier said that we should look at the idea of a visiting nurse. There are people here in Jerome that could use someone checking in on them, he said, and he believes that Jerome could use that. He said that he would be happy to look into it.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst reminded all about the budget retreat on March 27th and asked that they bring ideas for things they would like to see accomplished. He asked for ideas on how to generate more revenue. He added that one thing they may want to discuss is what the next step should be for the Hotel Jerome. After speaking with Dr. Dillenberg, he said, perhaps it could house an assisted living facility.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella noted that Fire Department personnel perform welfare checks all the time. They cannot dispense medications, but they do check on people.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier said that he was thinking of something "a little more nurse-y."</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst asked to take a tour of the Hotel Jerome when Councilmember Bachrach comes back into town.</p> <p>Councilmember Bachrach said that this would be a great idea.</p>
<p>ITEM #11</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Upon motion by Councilmember Bachrach, seconded by Councilmember Currier and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.</p>

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APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Frank Vander Horst, Mayor

Candace B. Gallagher, CMC, Town Manager/Clerk

Date: _____