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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JEROME TOWN COUNCIL

Via ZOOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M.

<p>ITEM #1: 7:00 (0:05)</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL</p> <p>Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order.</p> <p>Mayor Dillenberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Town Clerk to call and record the roll.</p> <p>Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher called the roll. Present were Mayor Dillenberg, Vice Mayor Mandy Worth, and councilmembers Alex Barber, Sage Harvey, and Jane Moore. Also present were Zoning Administrator John Knight, Accounting Clerk Melanie Atkin, and Deputy Town Clerk Rosa Cays.</p> <p>Mayor Dillenberg took a moment to thank everyone who participated in the vaccination event on March 31. He said it was a great collaboration, a tremendous outcome, and 314 people were vaccinated.</p> <p>The mayor rearranged the agenda and moved items #8A and 9A to immediately follow item #2. The items have been kept in their original order in these minutes.</p>																																										
<p>ITEM #2: 7:03 (3:13)</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORTS</p> <p>Financial reports for March 2021</p> <p>Motion to approve the March 2021 Financial Reports</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="414 940 1414 1066"> <thead> <tr> <th>COUNCILMEMBER</th> <th>MOVED</th> <th>SECONDED</th> <th>AYE</th> <th>NAY</th> <th>ABSENT</th> <th>ABSTAIN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BARBER</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>DILLENBERG</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HARVEY</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MOORE</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WORTH</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	BARBER			X				DILLENBERG			X				HARVEY	X		X				MOORE		X	X				WORTH			X			
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<p>ITEM #3: 9:04 (1:10:03)</p>	<p>STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS</p> <p>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 Council members.</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher shared highlights from her staff report: town staff and councilmembers met with Supervisor Donna Michaels, who approved \$80k for engineering design of the slide area by the fire station; she submitted a second round of COVID expenses to DEMA and is still waiting for a response; and the first payment for the CDBG grant was submitted for the water lines at Dundee. Ms. Gallagher said she is hoping to schedule the first budget meeting on April 27 and announced that Rick Hernandez has been with the JFD for two years now. She said water flows are holding steady and that sales tax revenues are remarkable once again; that \$60k had been anticipated for March and that the town had taken in \$97k.</p> <p>Councilmember Harvey brought up the radio problems that Chief Muma cited in his staff report and wants to make sure this gets addressed. Ms. Gallagher said she has talked to Chief Muma and that they are moving forward with this.</p> <p>Ms. Barber said Chief Muma also reported that 12 oversized trucks passed through Jerome in March and asked what it was going to take for ADOT to install flashing lights. Ms. Gallagher said she would reach out to John Litteer at ADOT.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Worth praised the Public Works crew who assisted with a gas line rebuild at Fourth Street. She said Unisource could not say enough good about the crew.</p> <p>Motion to approve the March 2021 Staff Reports</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="414 1759 1414 1885"> <thead> <tr> <th>COUNCILMEMBER</th> <th>MOVED</th> <th>SECONDED</th> <th>AYE</th> <th>NAY</th> <th>ABSENT</th> <th>ABSTAIN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BARBER</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>DILLENBERG</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HARVEY</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MOORE</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WORTH</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	BARBER			X				DILLENBERG			X				HARVEY	X		X				MOORE		X	X				WORTH			X			
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<p>ITEM #4: 9:11 (1:17:30)</p>	<p>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND MINUTES</p> <p>Minutes are provided for the information of Council and do not require action.</p> <p>Mr. Knight kept his report brief and asked if anyone had questions.</p>																																										

	<p>Ms. Harvey mentioned that Mr. Knight had done quite a bit of work on the parking ordinance but did not include it in his report.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Worth asked about the Queen St. approval extension on the April 5 DRB agenda, which Mr. Knight explained was being requested partly because of effects of the pandemic on contractor scheduling.</p>																																																																																				
<p>ITEM #5: 9:13 (1:19:15)</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 9, 2021; March 25, 2021</p> <p>Note: If necessary for review of closed session minutes, Council may convene in executive session, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(2), for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection.</p> <p>Ms. Harvey had one minor correction to the March 9 regular meeting minutes under item #9D.</p> <p>Motion to approve the March 9 and March 25, 2021 Council meeting minutes, including closed session, with minor correction to the March 9 minutes</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="414 573 1416 697"> <thead> <tr> <th>COUNCILMEMBER</th> <th>MOVED</th> <th>SECONDED</th> <th>AYE</th> <th>NAY</th> <th>ABSENT</th> <th>ABSTAIN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BARBER</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>DILLENBERG</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HARVEY</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MOORE</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WORTH</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	BARBER			X				DILLENBERG			X				HARVEY	X		X				MOORE			X				WORTH		X	X																																													
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<p>ITEM #6: 9:15 (1:21:03)</p>	<p>PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC</p> <p>There were no petitions from the public.</p>																																																																																				
<p>ITEM #7: 9:15 (1:21:14)</p> <p>9:16 (1:22:00)</p>	<p>ORDINANCES AND RELATED RESOLUTIONS</p> <p>ITEM #7A: SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION: ORDINANCE NO. 468, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF JEROME, ARIZONA AMENDING THE JEROME TOWN CODE BY THE DELETION OF SECTION 10-3 THEREOF, "DRIVING WHILE USING A PORTABLE COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE"</p> <p>Council may conduct the second reading of, and may adopt, Ordinance No. 468.</p> <p>Mayor Dillenberg conducted the second reading of the ordinance in title only.</p> <p>Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 468</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="414 1037 1416 1161"> <thead> <tr> <th>COUNCILMEMBER</th> <th>MOVED</th> <th>SECONDED</th> <th>AYE</th> <th>NAY</th> <th>ABSENT</th> <th>ABSTAIN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BARBER</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>DILLENBERG</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HARVEY</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MOORE</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WORTH</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>ITEM #7B: SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION: ORDINANCE NO. 469, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF JEROME, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 8-5, "TOUR BUSINESS CODE" OF THE JEROME TOWN CODE REGARDING BUSINESS LOCATION</p> <p>Council may conduct the second reading of, and may adopt, Ordinance No. 469.</p> <p>Mayor Dillenberg conducted the second reading of the ordinance in title only.</p> <p>Councilmember Moore asked how businesses outside of Jerome could comply with needing to indicate a parking area, which is referred to in the town code. She said they are also required to bring routes to the town.</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher referred to Section 4 in the adopting ordinance and read a portion of it. She said that the portion of the Town Code referenced by Ms. Moore could be amended and notated to say that it does not apply to out-of-town businesses. Ms. Moore asked if this meant they could then use any public parking.</p> <p>Motion to adopt Ordinance 469</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="414 1587 1416 1711"> <thead> <tr> <th>COUNCILMEMBER</th> <th>MOVED</th> <th>SECONDED</th> <th>AYE</th> <th>NAY</th> <th>ABSENT</th> <th>ABSTAIN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BARBER</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>DILLENBERG</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HARVEY</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MOORE</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WORTH</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	BARBER			X				DILLENBERG			X				HARVEY	X		X				MOORE			X				WORTH		X	X				COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	BARBER			X				DILLENBERG	X		X				HARVEY		X	X				MOORE			X				WORTH			X			
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<p>9:19 (1:25:12)</p>	<p>ITEM #7C: RESOLUTION NO. 612, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF JEROME, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND ENTITLED "PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE JEROME ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING SIGNAGE"</p> <p>Council may adopt Resolution 612, declaring as a public record certain changes to the Jerome Zoning Ordinance to be considered for adoption as part of Ordinance 472.</p> <p>Mr. Knight said the primary goal is to bring temporary signs into compliance with a recent Supreme Court decision prohibiting the regulation of content, as well as add definitions and clarify setbacks.</p>																																																																																				

Ms. Moore asked if the section that prohibits digital/electronic signs would apply to the ADOT signs recently used to inform visitors that masks were required. Ms. Gallagher pointed out that section C.2 covers electronic signs used by a governmental body.

Ms. Harvey said that since gas-generated signs are listed as prohibited, keep the definition. She suggested adding murals to the list of prohibited signs. Mr. Knight said he was concerned about adding murals, and that perhaps they should clarify what is inappropriate, advertising, or art. He said the Council may not want to adopt the prohibition of murals at this point.

Ms. Harvey said she would like to add murals to prohibited signs.

Vice Mayor Worth said that Cottonwood had a similar discussion and that extensive legalese is involved. She said she was hesitant to add murals until the Council reviews the legal precedence in the state.

Ms. Harvey suggested tabling a decision for now.

Ms. Gallagher explained that Council would be delaying adoption of the resolution but could still hold the first reading of Ordinance 472 and adopt the resolution at the second reading.

Ms. Barber addressed the definition of barber pole and recalled that the town had voted against allowing rotating or lighted barber poles when Puscifer (Barbifer) applied for signage. She said she would like to retain that decision.

Mr. Knight said P&Z wanted to add the option of a rotating barber pole (although moving signs are prohibited) and thought it fit the historic appeal of Jerome.

Motion to table Resolution No. 612 for further clarification regarding prohibition of murals

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BARBER			X			
DILLENBERG			X			
HARVEY	X		X			
MOORE			X			
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9:27 (1:33:51)

ITEM #7D: FIRST READING: ORDINANCE NO. 472, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF JEROME, ARIZONA AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE JEROME ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING TEMPORARY SIGNAGE

Council may conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 472.

Mayor Dillenberg conducted the first reading of the ordinance in title only.

ITEM #8:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7:20 (20:21)

ITEM #8A: COCODONA 250

Steve Aderholt will address Council to seek final approval for the Cocodona 250, a marathon race that is planned to pass through Jerome in May.

Mayor Dillenberg said the event had been discussed several times and was ready for final approval and mentioned the article in the newspaper about the race. He then introduced race organizer Steven Aderholt and told him that questions have come up in the last few days about the cost of the race and the benefit to Jerome, so perhaps Mr. Aderholt could clear things up.

(22:08) Mr. Aderholt reminded everyone that the 180 registered runners would be traveling through Jerome on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4–5 (graphics provided in the agenda packet show a peak of runners late in the evening and early morning), and that they would be spread out over the two days and would have an extremely low impact on the town. He said organizers have worked closely with ADOT to ensure everyone’s safety and that COVID precautions would be taken. Mr. Aderholt said that Verde Exploration and Freeport McMoRan have given their permission for runners to cross their private property, as have other entities. He said other permits are still coming in, although all approvals are in line.

Ms. Moore told Mr. Aderholt that she had looked at the event website and YouTube videos, and that it seemed the event has been planned for a while. She asked how many volunteers would be in and around town.

Mr. Aderholt informed her that eight volunteers would be at Douglas State Park, and three of them would be at key intersections to help cross runners safely.

Ms. Moore then asked if he expected spectators. Mr. Aderhold said it was not a spectator-heavy event. He clarified there would be 10 volunteers within town limits, not eight, and that some runners will have support crews of one or two persons who will jump ahead to aid stations to wait for them to arrive. He said there would probably be about 12 runners per hour at the peak.

Ms. Moore asked if vehicles or film crews would be following the runners. Mr. Aderhold said, “not at the runners’ pace,” and added that pacers have been specifically told not to pace runners in Jerome.

Ms. Moore asked what would happen if someone should need medical help along the way. Mr. Aderholt told her that every runner will have a GPS tracking device, so the organizers will be able to tell if someone is in distress. He said the runners will also have a number to text in case of trouble, and that staff will be designated in 30-mile stretches, plus a mobile medical crew will be close by in case of emergency. Mr. Aderholt said they do not want to involve local emergency medical services (EMS) if possible.

Ms. Moore said the event producers were asked to provide six things, and that one was an answer to how the race would benefit Jerome. She said impact seemed minimal but that residents are concerned about disturbances day or night, with dogs barking, and that she did not see a benefit to the town. Ms. Moore said that Jerome does not need more advertisement, people, or traffic. Ms. Moore told Mr. Aderholt that the event's presence online is putting the word out about Jerome and could attract more people to the area. She said she is concerned about disturbance of the residents and pointed out that this was a commercial enterprise, and verified that the fees to enter the race were close to \$1300.

Mr. Aderholt confirmed that it was a for-profit enterprise, but said that they would not make much profit from this race.

Ms. Moore said she did not want to see residential areas in YouTube videos attracting people to neighborhoods.

Mr. Aderholt said he was committed to making the impact as low as possible and that the decision is in the Council's hands to make the call. He said he was open to ideas on how the race could benefit the town.

Ms. Moore stated that areas of town jurisdiction do not have room for people to park and explore areas shown in the online videos, and to attract people to these areas is not a good idea.

Ms. Harvey said she too was concerned about residential areas runners will be going through and disturbing the peace. She asked if restroom facilities will be available to volunteers working at key intersections. Mr. Aderholt said volunteers stationed at the state park will trade out with them to give them breaks.

Ms. Harvey said she did not see any benefit for Jerome, that there are "things we need to be protecting along this route," and that she did not like them being shown on video or for residents to be unhappy.

Mayor Dillenberg asked if there was no benefit to the town, monetary or otherwise, would it be possible to close the race down at night.

Vice Mayor Worth asked if the emails received about the event were public record, which Ms. Gallagher confirmed. Ms. Worth said that she also wanted to make sure the police and fire departments have a map of the route in case of a call. Ms. Gallagher said she would take care of this. Ms. Worth added that she had not considered the timing and disruption in the Gulch and wanted to be sure the concern about this was recognized, and that these areas would be kept private. Vice Mayor Worth then referred to an email about a recent run at Lake Pleasant where the crowds got out of hand. Mr. Aderholt said he didn't know about it but would look into it.

Ms. Barber voiced that she shared the same concerns as the other councilmembers, and as someone who lives in the Gulch, she is also concerned about the danger of javelinas for the runners.

Mr. Aderholt said the event could not be shut down at night. He said he has given much thought to how Jerome could benefit from the event and suggested a few ways, including a "bounce back," encouraging race participants to patronize local hotels, restaurants, etc., but he had not received input about his ideas. He also suggested promoting the town with bumper stickers. He said he was willing to do whatever it takes to be good partners and said the response he got was to make a donation to the town.

Ms. Moore said no advertising or promotion of "sensitive areas" would be helpful. Mr. Aderholt asked what she meant. Ms. Moore said the road running in from town is one area; that if it were inundated with hikers like Sedona has been, there would be no place for them to park, that it's a neighborhood. Even the access to Jerome has already attracted enough attention, she said. It's an area where accidents happen often, and Jerome's fire department and EMTs must respond.

Ms. Gallagher clarified that what she was hearing is that councilmembers don't want photos or video of Gulch Road and Allen Springs Road online and asked if those could be eliminated; Mr. Aderholt said they could. Ms. Gallagher then asked if the route could be moved from Gulch Road, and Mr. Aderholt said it could not. Ms. Gallagher noted that the certificate of insurance was in place, then asked if Jerome could be included in the waivers the runners will sign. Mr. Aderholt said the runners had already signed waivers but that a second waiver could be signed at the start of the race if necessary.

Mayor Dillenberg commented that the Council has been going along with the concept to do this, although certain details have only recently come up, including the late-night running, which is a concern.

Mr. Aderholt asked the Council to support this and said the organizers would be willing to do whatever it takes for the town to give them a chance this year.

The mayor said he was excited about the event but added that the town does not need more tourists.

Ms. Moore said that if this is to be approved, she wanted in writing that sensitive areas will not be in YouTube videos, including Allen Springs Road, the Gulch, and Dundee Avenue. She said residents on Dundee are only recently hearing about the race, and mostly due to the newspaper article.

Mayor Dillenberg pointed out that the race was only three weeks away and that he sees it as a positive event. He motioned to approve the event as has been discussed all along, with the added restriction of no images on YouTube of Gulch Road, Allen Springs Road, and Dundee Avenue, and that they were not to be included in any promotions of the event. He asked the councilmembers if there were any additions to the motion.

Ms. Moore reminded everyone that this is a commercial event, not just a tourist walking down a side road.

Mayor Dillenberg said he sees other positive outcomes from the Cocodona Race and pointed out that Council has been talking about it positively for a while and showing support. He said that, from his perspective, they were past the point of voting no.

Ms. Harvey said the Council's responsibility is to the residents of this town: "They're the ones who voted us in."

Mayor Dillenberg agreed that Council's responsibility is to the town and the 455 residents, not just the three to five residents who are not happy, and to also maintain the town's credibility and integrity. He made the motion again.

Vice Mayor Worth seconded with clarification of the mayor's motion: with the understanding that the chiefs receive detailed maps of the route; no public filming/photographing of residential areas including the Allen Springs Road area; and that after this year, a survey be taken to see how residents feel about it for possible future races.

Mayor Dillenberg agreed with the vice mayor's clarification and reminded everyone that this was just a two-day event. The three remaining councilmembers voted against the mayor's motion.

Motion to approve the Cocodona 250 with the conditions stated above by Vice Mayor Worth

COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER				X		
DILLENBERG	X		X			
HARVEY				X		
MOORE				X		
WORTH		X	X			

Ms. Gallagher suggested that Council break for a closed session with the town attorney. Mayor Dillenberg agreed that there were legal issues that the Council needed to consider. A brief recess was taken while the attorney was contacted and joined the meeting.

Town Attorney Bill Sims joined the meeting at 8:11.

Motion to go into executive session at 8:11 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER			X			
DILLENBERG	X		X			
HARVEY		X	X			
MOORE			X			
WORTH			X			

8:53 (1:03:00) Council returned from closed session. The mayor called for a 10-minute recess.

Mayor Dillenberg called the meeting back to order at 8:59 (1:05:23).

Ms. Gallagher reported that, during the recess, she contacted Steve Aderholt about the conditions discussed during executive session, to which he agreed: a written agreement stating there would be no use of video or photos on residential streets in Jerome or in association with any town of Jerome property.

Mayor Dillenberg said that Council will learn from this first event and asked Ms. Moore if she had any comments. Ms. Moore said she was willing to change her vote, under duress and due to legal concerns.

Ms. Gallagher noted that a motion to reconsider would need to be made by one of the members who voted "no," and then a separate motion would need to be made to approve the event.

Motion to reconsider the earlier vote on the Cocodona 250

COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER			X			
DILLENBERG			X			
HARVEY				X		
MOORE	X		X			
WORTH		X	X			

Identical motion as earlier to approve the Cocodona Race 250 with the added condition of a written agreement stating there would be no use of video or photos on residential streets in Jerome or in association with any Town of Jerome property

COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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HARVEY				X		
MOORE			X			
WORTH	X		X			

9:28 (1:34:24)

ITEM #8B: COVID-19

Council will again discuss plans and timeline for reopening Town Hall and the library, resuming the weekend shuttle service, and conducting in-person public meetings.

Mayor Dillenberg asked the councilmembers if they were prepared open Town Hall on May 1 and hold the May 11 regular meeting in public.

Ms. Harvey asked if town staff, including library staff, was ready to open to the public. Ms. Gallagher replied that they were. Ms. Harvey then asked about public meetings and how they would be handled regarding social distancing and spacing of the Council on the dais.

Ms. Gallagher said the council chambers could be set up so that space is created between councilmembers, staff, and the public, and the number of people in the room could be limited. Masks would also be required.

Vice Mayor Worth said she would like to figure out how to hold hybrid meetings where the public could gather but that it also be available via Zoom. She said she would like the option of attending meetings in person or online, depending on her condition at the time.

Ms. Harvey reminded Council that this was attempted at the start of the pandemic and that it created a lot of work and stress for town staff. She said the town would have to invest in costly equipment to pull off hybrid meetings. Vice Mayor Worth said the Zoom technology has come a long way since the start of the pandemic and that she was willing to talk to the governing board that held the hybrid meeting and see how they do it.

Mr. Knight said that on April 21, P&Z will be discussing public meetings and that DRB is ready. He said he has also talked to Judge Dwyer who suggested talking to Dewey-Humboldt about how they have returned to in-person meetings. He then explained how Sedona is conducting theirs.

Mayor Dillenberg asked what Council wanted to do for the next regular meeting. Ms. Harvey suggested holding off on making a decision to give Vice Mayor Worth and Mr. Knight time to gather information. The item could then be added to the agenda of an upcoming special meeting.

Ms. Gallagher asked if Town Hall should be opened May 1 and if the shuttle should resume on weekends.

Vice Mayor Worth said she was not ready to resume the shuttle, nor was Ms. Harvey, but was fine with opening Town Hall on May 1. She also suggested getting feedback from staff before the next Council meeting.

Ms. Gallagher said she would check with the former shuttle driver(s) to see if they were willing to return.

9:39 (1:45:37)

ITEM #8C: REVIEW OF OVERDUE RENTAL AND UTILITY PAYMENTS/RATES

Council will again review the status of overdue rental and utility payments and COVID adjustments and may direct staff in this regard.

Ms. Gallagher gave a brief report and referred to her memo in the agenda packet.

Vice Mayor Worth shared her concerns regarding some of the outstanding debts. She said the commercial account that has not responded to any communication should be visited by the code enforcement officer.

Ms. Gallagher asked in cases where accountholders do not pay or set up payment plans, if Council would like to resume shutoffs again as of May 1, and if the town should resume normal billing (i.e., no more discounts due to the state mandates being lifted). Mayor Dillenberg said yes to shutoffs and resumption of normal billing, as did Ms. Harvey.

Vice Mayor Worth recommended allowing any business working under reduced rates to petition to continue paying reduced rates, but that they need to submit justification in writing by May 1.

9:46 (1:52:30)

ITEM #8D: BEES IN JEROME

Council will resume discussion of bees in Jerome and may direct staff in this regard.

Mr. Knight said that bee expert Patrick Pynes was present earlier but had to leave the meeting. He said he had met with Alex, Sage, and Mr. Pynes and that he was looking for direction from Council.

Ms. Gallagher announced that the trash cans with lids had been delivered.

Ms. Harvey said that, in his report, Mr. Pynes suggested a bee ordinance be adopted, and that he told her that the bees at her house were Africanized bees, which could pose a problem for the town in the future if an ordinance is not in place. Discussion ensued.

9:53 (1:59:40)

Ms. Gallagher suggested planting a pollinator plot in the community garden.
 Ms. Harvey said the pollinator plants in Middle Park could be enough, but they need to be revived, and that perhaps a pollinator park could also be planted at the Sliding Jail to beautify the area at the same time, as has been discussed in the past.
 Mayor Dillenberg suggested Ms. Harvey and Mr. Knight acquire the right plants and work with town crew to plant them.

ITEM #8E: DISTRICT SIGNS

Council will continue their discussion regarding district signs and may approve removal of the existing district signs.

Mr. Knight said he was looking for direction on removing the existing district signs.

Motion to remove the existing district signs

COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER		X	X			
DILLENBERG			X			
HARVEY	X		X			
MOORE			X			
WORTH			X			

9:54 (2:00:58)

ITEM #8F: RICH STREET SURVEY

Council may approve an agreement with Capstone Professional Services Corporation for a survey of the Rich Street area.

Mr. Knight said that a couple of proposals have been submitted and that he reached out to Stan Dickey, a well-known local surveyor, who offered a good price on a boundary survey, which identifies the corners of the property; he said a topo survey would be a plus, and this could be done for \$2500. Mr. Knight said for another \$1000 the town may want to also survey the drivable surface of Rich Street to determine where it crosses private property. He said it would be a good opportunity to determine if the parking spaces on the cement slab and along the highway are indeed on private property.

Ms. Worth said the Hotel Jerome project will be determined by several things, especially available parking. To know where the lot lines are for APN 401-06-086 will determine the number of parking spaces, which will dictate the number of apartments in the Hotel Jerome. She also said access to Rich Street is crucial to get construction vehicles through and parked behind the building, so to get these surveys now at this price is a huge opportunity.

Mayor Dillenberg said this would be a good investment, and Councilmember Harvey agreed.

Motion to approve agreement with Capstone Professional Services Corporation

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DILLENBERG			X			
HARVEY	X		X			
MOORE		X	X			
WORTH			X			

ITEM #8G: CHANGES TO THE JEROME ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS AND APPEALS

10:03 (2:09:22)

Council will resume discussion of changes to the Zoning Ordinance and may direct staff in this regard.

Ms. Moore suggested postponing a decision on this item. Mr. Knight said that was fine but that it would need to also be continued at the April 21 P&Z meeting.

Ms. Moore said the definition of deck would need to be changed to make sense throughout the ordinance and explained why. She suggested P&Z discuss decks at the meeting. She also questioned setbacks for decks and the terminology of fire chief versus fire inspector.

Mr. Knight pointed out that the setback is sacred at 5 feet whether it is a deck or not. He said he could return to Council in May or June with amendments to the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Worth explained why fire inspector would be more appropriate for the terminology; that it is the task not the position being addressed. She discovered this from researching grants.

Ms. Harvey pointed out typos on pages 34, 41, and 46.

Ms. Gallagher asked if this would be coming back to Council or back to P&Z next. Mr. Knight said it would go to P&Z next.

<p>ITEM #9: 7:04 (4:03)</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>ITEM #9A: VERDE EXPLORATION Representatives of Verde Exploration will update Council regarding plans for the old High School buildings.</p> <p>Due to a previously disclosed, possibly perceived conflict of interest, Vice Mayor Worth recused herself and was moved to the Zoom waiting room.</p> <p>Mayor Dillenberg introduced Verde Exploration representative Jonathan Millet.</p> <p>(5:30) Mr. Millet shared some history of the mining company. He said the high school property, built in 1926 and purchased in 1974, is considered the “jewel” of the Verde Exploration (VE) buildings owned in Jerome. He said VE has strived to maintain the status quo despite the expense to maintain old buildings, using rental income to do so. Mr. Millet then listed repairs and upkeep needed and intimated collaborating with the town to install sprinklers and to repair the stucco. He then referred to his presentation packet and described each of the buildings. He stated that VE is in the midst of long-term planning and they have hired a consultant who is researching similar properties to determine possibilities for use. Mr. Millet said that VE has made restoring the high school a corporate priority, which will take a lot of work and expense, corporate funds they do not currently have. He said one goal is to restore the auditorium, which he sees as a shared interest with the town, and possibly pair with a nonprofit organization to help pay for restoration and make it usable for community events and more.</p> <p>Mayor Dillenberg said he saw the tremendous potential and would like to pursue funding and a private/public partnership to rejuvenate theater, music, and other events at the high school.</p> <p>Mr. Millet said that if the town gets involved, Verde Exploration is committed to being part of the community.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Worth was invited back to the meeting and rejoined at this time.</p>																																										
<p>10:10 (2:16:10)</p>	<p>ITEM #9B: PROCLAMATION: FAIR HOUSING MONTH APRIL 2021 Council may approve a proclamation declaring April 2021 as Fair Housing Month. Ms. Gallagher said this was done each year to stay in compliance with our CDBG grant.</p> <p>Motion to approve proclamation declaring April 2021 as Fair Housing Month</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="414 1094 1414 1224"> <thead> <tr> <th>COUNCILMEMBER</th> <th>MOVED</th> <th>SECONDED</th> <th>AYE</th> <th>NAY</th> <th>ABSENT</th> <th>ABSTAIN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BARBER</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>DILLENBERG</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HARVEY</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MOORE</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WORTH</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	BARBER			X				DILLENBERG	X		X				HARVEY		X	X				MOORE			X				WORTH			X			
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<p>ITEM #10: 10:10 (2:16:53)</p>	<p>TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL Council may direct staff regarding items to be placed on a future agenda.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Worth said she looked forward to seeing everyone in person at the Hotel Jerome the next day. She also brought up an incident at Clarkdale-Jerome School regarding discriminatory actions by students. She wanted everyone to be aware that at the governing board meeting that evening, she made a statement during petitions from the public that this behavior was unacceptable, based on school policy and how we want our communities to function.</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher announced that at 9:30 the next morning, APS would be relocating/airlifting a new pole near Cemetery Road.</p>																																										
<p>ITEM #11:</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn at 10:14 p.m.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="414 1612 1414 1738"> <thead> <tr> <th>COUNCILMEMBER</th> <th>MOVED</th> <th>SECONDED</th> <th>AYE</th> <th>NAY</th> <th>ABSENT</th> <th>ABSTAIN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BARBER</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>DILLENBERG</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HARVEY</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MOORE</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WORTH</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	BARBER			X				DILLENBERG			X				HARVEY	X		X				MOORE			X				WORTH		X	X			
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APPROVE:

Dr. Jack Dillenberg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Candace B. Gallagher, CMC, Town Manager/Clerk

Date: 5/11/2021