



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL
January 23, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 N. GONZALES BLVD.
HUACHUCA CITY, AZ 85616**

A. Call to Order – Mayor

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call and Ascertain Quorum

B. Roll Call.

Roll Call.

Present: Johann Wallace, Christy Hirshberg, Cynthia Butterworth, Danielle Cardella, Geovonna Thompson, Town Manager Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Town Clerk Brandye Thorpe (not voting), Town Attorney Thomas Benavidez (Not voting).

Absent: Debra Trate, Nallely Arreola

- c. Invocation

Any prayer/invocation that may be offered before the start of regular Council business shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, for the benefit of the Council and the citizens present. The views or beliefs expressed by the prayer/invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Council, and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker. A list of volunteers is maintained by the Town Clerk's Office and interested persons should contact the Town Clerk's Office for further information.

B. Call to the Public – Mayor

A.R.S. 38-431.01 states the Public Body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Public Body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Public Body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Public Body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Public Body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

C. Consent Agenda - Mayor

All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine matters and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Member of the Town Council requests that an item or items be removed for discussion. Council Members may ask questions without removal of the item from the Consent Agenda. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered in their normal sequence as listed on the agenda, unless called out of sequence.

C.1 Consider approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on January 9, 2025.

C.2 Consider approval of the Payment Approval Report.

Motion: Items listed on the consent agenda Action: Open for Discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

Motion: Approval of the items on the Consent Agenda, Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Unfinished Business before the Council – Mayor

Public comment will be taken at the beginning of each agenda item, after the subject has been announced by the Mayor and explained by staff. Any citizen, who wishes, may speak one time for five minutes on each agenda item before or after Council discussion. Questions from Council Members, however, may be directed to staff or a member of the public through the mayor at any time.

E. New Business Before Council - Mayor

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E.1 Discussion and/or Action [Stephanie Fulton]: After Action Review of the Town's annual Toy/Food Drive, Polar Express/Tree Lighting and Gift Basket events.

Motion: Item E.1 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

Manager Harvey advises that Stephanie Fulton was unable to attend tonight. She gives an overview of each of the events. She asks if Council would like Mrs. Fulton to present at the next meeting or perhaps give a written report with the counts and such. Council agrees that a written report will work.

E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Brandye Thorpe]: After Action Review of the Town’s annual Christmas Parade.

Motion: Item E.2 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

Brandye Thorpe gives a presentation of the Christmas Parade.

E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Chief Wyatt Berry]: Year in Review from Huachuca City Police Department. The Chief will report on the department’s activities, call volume, current staffing, traffic enforcement, public safety issues and cooperative activities with other agencies.

Motion: Item E.3 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

Chief Berry gives a presentation reviewing the year.

E.4 Discussion and/or Action [Chief Mark Savage]: Year in Review from Fry Fire Department. The Chief will report on the department’s performance under its agreement with the Town, including call volume, staffing, apparatus deployment, fire prevention and public safety issues.

Motion: Item E.1 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

Fire Chief Mark Savage gives a presentation reviewing the year. He invites Council to look at some of the new equipment after the meeting.

E.5 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: PROCLAMATION NO. 2025-01 - A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2025, AS “BLACK HISTORY MONTH.”

F. Reports of Current Events by Council

Councilmember Butterworth- Food distribution last Friday. There were fewer people than usual. Special MPO meeting on January 29th to discuss the rural summit. Arbor Day is coming up in April.

Councilmember Cardella- Going to attend the Governor’s talk. Helping Buena Culinary prepare the food for the Garden Event.

Councilmember Trate- Not in attendance

Mayor ProTem Hirshberg- Nothing to report.

Councilmember Arreola- Not in attendance

Councilmember Thompson- Met with the Town Manager. Reviewed some information regarding her new position and role.

Mayor Wallace- Mayor/Manager luncheon yesterday. Still looking at the food sales tax issue. Tomorrow will be a judge at the Yes Fair science fair. First of February is the garden thing. Every Councilmember should have received an invite to the Governor's Fireside Chat. Got an email from the local Congressman Ciscomani rep about a Lowe's Grant opportunity. Will be bringing that back to Council.

G. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.**

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on January 23, 2025.

Mr. Johann R. Wallace
Mayor

Attest: _____
Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk

Seal:

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Meeting for the Huachuca City Town Council held on January 23, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk