



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL
February 12, 2026 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, **Debra Trate**, Danielle Cardella, Christy Hirshberg, Nallely Arreola Cynthia Butterworth, Town Manager Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Town Clerk Brandye Thorpe (not voting), Town Attorney Thomas Benavidez (Not voting).

Absent: Geovona Thompson

- 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.

Andre Newcomb speaks about water and the Colorado River.

Andrew Murray asks about the memorial trees in Veterans Park and when the plaques will be placed and when people will be notified of their tree location.

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 22, 2026, and the Work Session Meeting January 29, 2026.

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 Christy Hirshberg.

Motion: Approval of the items on the Consent Agenda, **Action:** Approve, **moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.**

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 [Town Attorney]: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2026-01 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL, AMENDING THE TOWN CODE TITLE 2 “ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL,” CHAPTER 2.55 “POLICE DEPARTMENT,” SECTION 2.55.070 “FEES CHARGEABLE FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK BEFORE TRANSFER OF FIREARM,” TO REPEAL A FEE CHARGEABLE FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS BEFORE TRANSFER OF A FIREARM. [Code change required to align with state law, A.R.S. 13-3108 (A).]

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

Motion: Ordinance 2026-01 Action: Adopt, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Town Attorney]: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2026-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL, AMENDING THE TOWN CODE TITLE 9 "PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE," CHAPTER 9.20 "MINORS PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING OR POSSESSING FIREARMS," SECTION 9.20.020 "EXCEPTIONS," TO AMEND THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH MINORS MAY BE LAWFULLY IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS. [Code change required to align with state law, A.R.S. 13-3108 (G)(2)(d).]

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

Motion: Ordinance 2026-02 Action: Adopt, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Debra Trate.

E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Police Chief/Town Attorney]: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2026-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CODE, TITLE 6 "ANIMALS," CHAPTER 6.05 "DOGS AND CATS," CONCERNING EXPIRATION OF LICENSES AND VACCINATIONS; CHAPTER 6.10 "IMPOUNDING," REMOVING REFERENCES RELATING TO THE TOWN'S ANIMAL SHELTER, WHICH THE TOWN NO LONGER HAS, AND REMOVING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO ANIMAL IMPOUNDMENT AND ADOPTION; CHAPTER 6.15 "RULES AND REGULATIONS," CONCERNING KEEPING CHICKENS; AND CHAPTER 6.30 "ANIMAL CAPTURE," CONCERNING TRAPS.

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

Motion: Ordinance 2026-04 Action: Adopt, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

E.4 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Authorization to apply for transportation alternatives grant funding. The ADOT Transportation Alternatives Program provides funding for infrastructure projects through a competitive grant program. Staff seeks Council direction to develop project proposals for potential grant funding.

Motion: Item E.4 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey speaks of the potential projects and asks for Council approval. Council discusses.

Motion: To develop project proposals for potential grant funding **Action:** Direct Staff, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

E.5 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Authorization to apply for funding through the Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] program. The CDBG program is a federally funded program through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Staff seeks Council direction to begin the process for identifying projects for potential grant funding, including scheduling a Council work session meeting and public hearing for selection of specific projects.

Motion: Item E.5 **Action:** Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey explains the funding and the process to apply, which includes the requirement to hold Public Hearings. Council discusses. First Public Hearing to be held on March 21, 2026 at 1pm at the Activity Center. Busses should be made available for residents wishing to attend who needs transportation.

Motion: begin the process for identifying projects for potential grant funding, including scheduling a Council work session meeting and public hearing for selection of specific projects **Action:** Direct Staff, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

E.6 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Proclamation 2026-01 – A Proclamation of the Mayor Declaring February as Career and Technical Education [CTE] Month in the Town. This proclamation is intended to promote public awareness of the importance of Career and Technical Education.

F. Reports of Current Events by Council

Councilmember Butterworth- Food Distribution next Friday. MPO meeting on February 25th. Friendly reminder to pick up after your dogs when out walking them.

Councilmember Cardella- Movie night at the school tomorrow. You can get your taxes done at the Library for free right now.

Councilmember Trate- Attended the event with Governor Hobbs. It was nice but the introductions were too long. Attended the USPP meeting, however there was not a quorum so no business could be completed.

Mayor ProTem Hirshberg- Sierra Vista Mayor posted about Governor Hobbs' visit and shared a photo that Suzanne was in.

Councilmember Arreola- Bingo at the High School tomorrow.

Councilmember Thompson- absent

Mayor Wallace- Lion's Club events. Judged the science fair. Governor's fireside chat and VIP event. Photo with Governor Hobbs and Suzanne will be getting shared. Will be signing a letter of support for a House Bill that would make it so we won't have to pay taxes on Fire apparatus.

G. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on February 26, 2026.

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 February 12, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk