



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL
February 26, 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, Geovona Thompson, Town Manager Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Town Clerk Brandye Thorpe (not voting), Town Attorney Thomas Benavidez (Not voting).

Absent:

- 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.

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 February 26, 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 [Suzanne Harvey/Ruben Villa]: Approval of the proposed budget adoption calendar.

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

Manager Harvey advises that the only change she suggests to the calendar before Council is to move the first work session from June 11, 2026 to June 18, 2026 because the 11th is a regular Council Meeting. Council reviews and discusses.

Motion: The proposed budget adoption calendar with that one adjustment to move our first work session to the 18th of June **Action:** Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Approval of additional repairs to the Caterpillar D6 dozer in the amount of \$30,235.63.

Motion: E.2 **Action:** Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey advises that Council already approved a repair on one side of the final drive. When they got it up there and took it apart, both sides need to be replaced so it is an additional \$30,000, that is our D6. It's a critical piece of equipment. We also just paid it off, so we need to do the repair.

Council discusses.

Motion: The additional repairs to the Caterpillar D6 dozer in the amount of \$30,235.63.

Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Brandye Thorpe]: Presentation of plans for Culpepper and Merriweather Circus to perform in the Town.

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

Clerk Thorpe presents information on the Circus, including the scheduled show date of April 22, 2026 with show times of 5pm and 7:30pm. It will be at Keeline Park. Mayor and Council discuss.

E.4 Discussion and/or Action [Chief Berry]: The Police Chief will present a year-end report to Council, including an update on the traffic enforcement grant.

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

Chief Berry presents the statistics for the Police Department for year 2025. Council asks questions and discusses. Mayor Wallace would like to get with Chief Berry at a later time to discuss a few things.

E.5 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Update on the Greater Arizona Development Authority ["GADA"] funding. GADA provides funding to small and rural

communities for public infrastructure projects. The Town seeks funding for acquisition of heavy equipment needed for landfill and public works operations.

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

Manager Harvey advises that this was the first Agenda where they were giving out money since the program came back and we were approved for \$4,529,000.00 in a low interest long term loan. We will be able to purchase equipment that is badly needed for the Town and budget better for the purchase and maintenance of them. Council discusses.

E.6 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL, AMENDING THE TOWN CODE TITLE 18 "ZONING," CHAPTER 18.100 "SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS," SECTION 18.100.210 "HOME BASED BUSINESSES," TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON FIREARMS-RELATED HOME-BASED BUSINESSES.

Motion: E.6 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Mayor Wallace advises this is the second reading and will be voted on. This is something we have to adjust based on state law.

Motion: Ordinance 2026-03 Action: Adopt, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.8 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: PROCLAMATION NO. 2026-02: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR, DECLARING MARCH 2, 2026, AS "READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY."

F. Reports of Current Events by Council

Councilmember Butterworth- Food distribution last Friday had over 70 individuals. SVMPO meeting yesterday. House Bill 2304 was approved giving R Tach priority authorization for the projects they have. House Bill 276015 was approved for the Arizona Smart Fund and it has bipartisan support, but it's pending review. Review to verify that their money will be in the state budget to be there. The environmental clearance for the crosswalk movement and the hawk that's in the process and scoping of the project is in process. And we have the we had an update to the law 2050. Yeah, 2050 long range transportation plan update as a result. And we selected Justin as our new Sierra Vista SVMPO director.

Councilmember Cardella- I'm simply going to go read to kindergartners. I'll be just representing myself with the Council member and sharing some of those, and also with my career path.

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- Be on the next committee for the food distribution next month. And then also there's Angels Grace class this Saturday at 10:00 AM and what it is is it's cognitive and memory skills. It's fair exercises and you sit the entire time so you don't have to get. It's not up and down and it's not high paced. But it does look pretty it's umm about 45 minutes and you do it at your own pace and the Lions Club is where they're going to do the presentation. And the lady who is doing it, her name is Carrie Pelton, and she's been doing it. She's a certified Angels Grace instructor. Anybody's welcome to come to that.

Councilmember Arreola- I'll also be there on Monday to read to them.

Councilmember Thompson- Plans on attending the next food distribution.

Mayor Wallace- So I think the Secretary of State's office or somebody's coming or there's a AG, it's coming down next month to really kind of get some people information, just a whole lot of information dealing with like notary services and it is trademarks. I'll also be reading to some kids next week.

I took Thursday afternoon, be reading to the 4th graders and kindergarteners, and I picked the 7th and 8th grade classes too.

Ain't nothing wrong with reading like you know, little engine that could you know.

Oh, I will.

No.

Press book. So yeah, but I'm gonna. I'm reading. I'm gonna have fun with this. Yeah, read across America week next week.

And with that.

Like that last two weeks, been pretty quiet.

But the next two weeks we start to pick up.

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 March 12, 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 26, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk