



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL
May 14, 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, Christy Hirshberg, Nallely Arreola (online), Debra Trate, Cynthia Butterworth, Geovona Thompson, Town Manager Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Town Clerk Brandye Thorpe (not voting), Town Attorney Thomas Benavidez (Not voting).

Absent: Danielle Cardella

- 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.

Mayor Wallace recognizes Mr. Newcomb.

Mr. 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 April 23, 2026 and Public Hearing held on April 30, 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 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 [Suzanne Harvey]: Applications for Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] and State Special Projects [SSP] program funding.

A. Public Hearing. The Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive input from members of the public regarding selection of projects/activities for potential funding from the CDBG and SSP programs.

- B. Following the public hearing, the Council is expected to select specific projects/activities for potential funding.
- C. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-05 authorizing an application for CDBG funds to implement the selected projects/activities.
- D. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-06 authorizing an application for SSP funds to implement the selected projects/activities.

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

Motion: The public hearing for the CDBG and SSP program funding Action: Open, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

William Osborne: Good evening, mayor and council, and folks here in Huachuca City. Thank you, Suzanne. A couple months back, we had a first public hearing to get ideas of projects for Huachuca City. Tonight is a night where we make those selections of projects and so we have to also cover a few things that Community Development Block Grant is about. It's a federal funded source through the Housing and Urban Development Department. It's supposed to help communities with housing, infrastructure and living environment issues and also for economic opportunities. Allocating limited tax dollars to community and economic development needs through programs that are either divided regionally or competed for statewide. Those are both opportunities for you to consider this year. The national criteria for funding eligibility and cover those very briefly as we did the first hearing. And also we'll have a brief recap of the past Huachuca City CDBG projects. And so this evening, hopefully we will end with selecting a project with the resolution to apply both for the regional account, which is not competitive and for state special projects which is actually competitive statewide with other rural communities. And so this year, this year cycle for regional account non competitive, Huachuca City has the option to get approximately \$515,000 and you see here on this slide, other communities throughout our service area and Graham County, Safford is their recipient, they may get up to \$290,000.

Clifton and Greenlee County could get up to 100 and 100,000. And Nogales in Santa Cruz County could get around 440,000. And so the national objectives on which projects qualify or don't qualify first, it may be, would have to primarily benefit low and moderate income populations, households and persons within the service area.

What you consider does have at least 51% of its whole community is low, moderate income, and so many of the projects that are being brought forward do qualify automatically, but if there are special needs communities within which you can senior citizens or folks who have disability issues or domestic violence victims, those folks may also be funding in projects that would benefit them. Or a project could be selected that would prevent or eliminate some of the blight conditions, but typically those sorts of awards are parts of larger projects. They have an end goal of something else, such as clearing a, clearing a property of junk and weed and so forth in order to actually prepare for a final building or for some other community improvement that has continued use that the property does not currently have.

There's also if there's emergency in the Community, natural disaster or something similar, those kinds of projects, those kinds of issues may also provide the opportunity for use of CBG funds.

So the eligible project categories and types can include planning, design and engineering. You guys had a comprehensive or general plan update back about maybe about 13 years ago. CDBG funds could be used towards updating that plan, though you may have other sources of funding to be able to do that. There's also area specific plans or strategic plans that might implement a comprehensive or general plan. The engineering design plans for CDBG qualifying infrastructure projects is another possible use of funding and architectural engineering plans for CDBG qualifying building projects another possibility.

The past projects at the Town of Huachuca City has had CDBG funding for include planning, design, engineering for the Skyline Drainage Project. The general plan update that I referenced before back in 2013. Also, for public and community facilities. The actual construction of improvements at the Skyline drainage, a water system improvement that included construction of a tank and replacement of that and also five parks improvements back in 2020 was funded by CDBG and that was the last project that Huachuca City had. So with that we have a list from a couple months back in our first public hearing. 25 items are identified in here.

Goat heads. Eliminating goat heads was a large, popular call. And activity center improvements for both kitchen and also Ada compliance a number of other things related to that were identified. Replacing grass with comfortable sitting picnic grass.

Park improvements generally, public pool improvements to include shade structures.

And also to improve ADA compliance and parks with connections to public facilities.

Also to consider zeroscaping, the grass and wildflowers for public grounds. Installation of smart water conservation meters, water main infrastructure improvements, path improvements to connect lower and upper Huachuca City and engineering assessment of water and wastewater systems and finally the last the last 13. East Yuma Street. Water and wastewater improvements. Water, wastewater improvements, ADA compliance for public buildings, slum and blight debris removal, water sprinklers and parks. Library program support, low income housing, apartments, construction of a Boys and Girls Club and after school care, traffic calming and neighborhoods, particularly Skyline Hill, diaper changing stations in public buildings. Gila Street improvements and lower Huachuca City Splash pad park improvements and finally owner occupied housing rehabilitation. That's a lot of projects. That'd be a lot of great ideas. There's a lot of good energy in that first public hearing, and so tonight there are a public number of these projects that have been whittled down for consideration and with the resolution of application to be filed hopefully by the mayor and Council tonight for the regional account, which you non competitive money that CDBG, through ADOH, Arizona Department of Housing, provides to each community on an annual basis which Huachuca City is one of six cities in Cochise County that gets a regional account fund, but they get every six years. So this is your year and one project can be for that regional account fund. And there's also state special project funding that is competitive again with other communities in Arizona, in our rural, not with Phoenix, not with Tucson. But possibly with Prescott Valley. Possibly Chino Valley. Such places like them and with that I will go ahead and hand it over to Suzanne.

Suzanne Harvey: So, Mayor Council, we do have, staff worked on this to come up with some suggestions. And what we tried to do is consolidate some of those many suggestions under one umbrella. We can only pick one project for CDBG funds.

And we know that the approximate amount of money is 500,000 dollars. You're going to go through it and then kind of give it back to the public.

Mayor Wallace: Before you before you put up staff recommendations, can we go back to the alternative? Head up the 25 and maybe ask the public first.

Kind of get their input so that they have that list available for reference before we go into you? OK. So, so we are in a public hearing portion, which kind of still free flow, some conversation or thoughts. So for the members of the public that are actually in attendance based on the list that William went through before we get into kind of what staff recommendations are, anybody have thoughts on that list, or even something that's not on that list? Can we add more things, William?

William Osborne: No, no.

Mayor Wallace: OK. So anything that's on the list. Your guys' thoughts?

Public Question: Turning to goat heads, is that for like individual yards too or is that just in Community areas, the Community areas?

William Osborne: Actually one of the items was removable town wide. So that was one of them.

Suzanne Harvey: I know what they did was there was a lot of issues that would be related and there's a lot, there's a lot.

Councilmember Thompson: OK, something where they can rent or check out tools to help them remove them in their private properties?

Mayor Wallace: All right. So go ahead and do you have any questions?

Raise your hand if you have a thought. Andre, go ahead.

You want to get rid of goat heads, you have to get them when they're flowering.

Mayor Wallace: Yep. OK. One last go, Sir.

Number 20 say boys and Girls Club. Is that gonna be built at the school building or facility is gonna be built? For our boys and girls, or were they just using the facility?

Mayor Wallace: So that's actually a great question. I think the best way to answer that is we don't know. You know, if whatever project we end up picking, you know, whatever project that we decide on moving forward with that is just you know that's the project. So then project management, you gotta identify stakeholders.

Identify your project. Once you identify your project and your stakeholders and stakeholder, one of the stakeholders in the funding streams that the money portion covered, then that's when we start working through the each is the engineering, design, location, that's when we start getting those specific, those specifics. I think that's for any one of those projects up there. We just have to identify the project, identify the stakeholders, get the funding source and then we start working everything else. All right. So, Suzanne.

Suzanne Harvey: OK, Sir. And they may have more to say once they see what exactly staff recommends.

Mayor Wallace: So we'll give them another chance. Wanna make sure they have the opportunity to say something.

Suzanne Harvey: All right. So a lot of those things had to do with community facilities, the activity center, the Community Center, those places and space.

This is for the public, right. And so one of the projects we thought that could incorporate some of the ADA accessibility issues, the kitchen for the activity center was a community facilities accessibility and improvement project. And so we would look at trying to do that. It could include also the library, but we were thinking more along the lines of the activity center and the Community Center because the library recently, it's going to be installed in the next few days. Ada doors, we got a different grant for that, and there's not a lot. That needs to be done

over there.

We do have a lot that needs, particularly the activity center. It is very difficult for folks. We do not have the proper doors. Our bathrooms aren't quite right.

We would like to make that more welcoming to folks with disabilities. We also would like to look at maybe as part of this improvement project well, I'll get to that. Parks improvement. I'm gonna have a whole other slide parks improvement project we talked about. We talked about accessibility in the parks as well. We talked about shade structures so that could be another project. I am proposing 3 projects for Mayor Council to choose one or come up with something different.

The last one is water infrastructure assessment and improvement project.

Again, you saw a lot of stuff up there about water. We could put a lot of things under one umbrella and have one project. The Community facility improvements, so we were talking about the Community Center and activity center, the accessibility, a commercial kitchen and the commercial kitchen would help the public in a lot of ways. Because not only could it allow us to have events there that the public is come to, you know, we do a Thanksgiving dinner for the public. We would have a place to do that, right? But we can also do classes. We have a community garden.

They would love to come and teach classes on how to cook the vegetables that they grow and to combine it with other things that we're already doing, and it would also be available for folks to rent out for private events as well. So beautification there and depending on how far the dollars stretched because of course that's something that we're going to have to look at, it might stretch to improve the parking and the lighting, and I say that because that's really part of accessibility too, right? So that we have better lighting in that parking lot and we redid the parking lot. Well, we did a Band-Aid right to improve that parking lot, but it's still pretty rough. It would be great if we could make that a little bit better. I would say as the mayor said, once you all choose a project, we have to get into what the costs are related to that project. There would be some engineering. There'd be different things, right? It may not stretch that far, but I think we could do a great deal. Same thing at the Community Center. The access the door is not good. It's not that accessible for ADA.

The parking has the same issue and then the bathrooms, so that is the idea around that and you can see that picture is like a CDBG grant that we got way back in 1989.

What is now the activity center was the Senior Center at the time and that's when they redid it. And so it's a long time ago. Parks improvements we were looking at the ballfield rehab. We know that that's something that folks have been asking for and that we're working with a nonprofit right now. And I'm not saying just the ball field because I think we could also look at the bathrooms there if we wanted different seating. But Keeline Park would be one of those under parks improvement and I believe we could do the shade structures for the pool and the playground too. We did playground equipment with the last CDBG grant, but it didn't, the dollars didn't stretch far enough to put shade over it, and in the summertime, a hot slide, right? So it would be and these are plastics, they're not as bad as the metal one. We use that which was like only for their but we could put some shade structures up and we did include the pool as part of our park last time, so I believe it would be included this time. And again depending on the actual cost for these things. We've been working on Veterans Memorial Wellness Park and we want to get that walking and accessible walking path for folks to go through that park. It's specifically meant for veterans, and we do have disabled vets in our community. So when we do do a walking path, we don't really do something that is not easily accessible in a

wheelchair or with walker or with crutches or anything like that. And we can include some landscaping of all of those parks and we can attempt to goat head removal, we can try. It takes some time and it can be difficult. Water infrastructure is important, important to the town. This is one that I think we really have to look at. We need to get an assessment of our water system. I don't know when, if ever we've ever had one. We have not had one since I've been here. We need to figure out what is the major stuff we're gonna need to do in the next 10 years so that we can start budgeting for that. We I mean I believe that. And this is likely to be costly. So I think it would be an expensive project because we would need to get a hydrologist and I do think we need to take a look and see how many years is our water gonna last. They can go in and they check the aquifers. We kinda need to know that so that we can plan for the future. Smart meters. We've been attempting to do that. We're going to keep attempting to do that. We do have a congressally directed funding request in for that. I should hear by the 15th. Well, that's tomorrow. I was told by Kelly's office that they would they were planning to announce whoever got it or didn't get it on the 15th. Yesterday, the mayor, manager meeting, that's what was said. So we'll know if we got it. It's one that I'm going to keep pushing. We're going to get it sooner or later, but that might fit under that. It might be that they say, well, you know, we want you just to do the assessment. They might give us money just to do the assessment and then later we have to come back and ask for more money, but also some water main infrastructure improvements. If the assessment shows that they're necessary. The curveball. So this is a good curve though. We can apply for the CDBG State Special Project grant as well as the RA, the regional account. So I would hope and my request to Mayor and Council today is that we do apply for both and that you identify a project for the regional account which is noncompetitive, so that when we're not competing with anybody, we just have to make sure that we fall into those eligibility guidelines and we select a separate project for the special, the state special project fund. That's not open yet, but we can go ahead and correct me if I'm wrong. William, we can go ahead and do the resolution to apply for it as soon as it opens, correct? I think so.

William Osborne: We can do the resolution today. Yes, Sir. It's basically sit on it and once it's yes, OK, it gives. It gives staff direction. OK, because usually the grants, just as a point of information, those are typically kind of short term rounds, yeah.

We have to do a lot of burning to get the application together, but also to do the environmental review that needs to be done.

Suzanne Harvey: So these are the decisions or these are the recommendations from staff and the entire staff did work on these together to present to Council. It's decision time after public input and Council discussion now that the public has heard what we're recommending, they may have some thoughts on it.

Mayor Wallace: Council, any thoughts, questions. Input?

Public Speaker: It's fine meaning minimal because the water is important. Really important. You know, if what good is to have a nice activity center. You know what?

The activity center is important too, so I don't know. Flip a coin. Yeah, yeah.

Mayor ProTem Hirshberg: I think whichever one benefits the town and the people the most. But which one do we need first? The water, the Community Center or the parks. I mean, it's gonna come down to what do we really need?

Is there anyone that we might find funding for elsewhere?

Suzanne Harvey: It's the parks. Some of the things that we've mentioned in the parks. I am looking for some additional grants. We may be able to get one if we do an environmental

through Arizona parks and trails, especially for Veterans Memorial Park. If I am going to speak for the staff, our recommendation for the regional account is the Community Center and activity center improvements. And then for the special projects, Special State project would be the water infrastructure assessment.

The you can correct me at any time, William. If I say something wrong, we we don't know the amount. But we have to put an amount in the resolution, so we're gonna, if Mayor and Council decide to go for that special state project fund, I'm saying up to \$750,000. And that's more than the 500 that we already know we're pretty much there for the CDBG. The water infrastructure project may be pretty expensive and so I, that would be my recommendation. But it's based on very little actual knowledge of the costs.

Councilmember Butterworth: I don't, if we have a chance of getting the water through the special stage, then I'm up in the air on the on the parks. But we've done a lot of work on the parks. But I'd still like to see the Veterans Memorial done better and need more accessible and for that we definitely need the pathway and some more benches and such. But then it would be the Community Center on the activity center and the ADA accessibility which is with the aging population, I see where that that's becoming that's going to become an issue. I guess if there are other options for the water and for the parks to include all of them then I would say the activity center or Community Center.

Mayor Wallace: Let me get to the rest of council for you, OK?

Councilmember Trate: I was thinking the Community activity center, that was something that upgrading the activity center was. We've heard a lot of OK and I think we could have more events there. Like people said, if we had, you could have the holiday meals there and we could bring it out which would be a revenue source. And make it ADA, cause eventually they're gonna crack down on us and say, hey, you gotta do it anyway. I agree that the water we should go for that other one that's competitive now if we do. It would be nice to improve parks. We spent a lot of money there last time. I well, they need to it needs to happen. I just think that that if she can get funding from other sources, maybe even the VA has something. Since it's a veteran's thing, you know, I think there might be other sources there for funding for that. So it would be community for this 500, you know those facilities. And then in order for the competitive one to you.

Councilmember Thompson: I'm in agreeance with the fact that the Community Center and activity center does fit what it seems like a lot of people are really looking for us to support and so I would select that as my first choice and being me I would love to see the parks. I know that the water is super important. Like there are funds out there for that specifically, but I just I know that there's been money put into the parks. But I do feel like there could just be more done to make them more inviting for people to enjoy, especially because we try to do a lot of community events here.

We do the Easter egg hunt, we do, you know our Christmas and you know, and fireworks. People are out there and they wanna be able to enjoy the space and it's really hard when the landscaping just does not cooperate.

Mayor ProTem Hirshberg: I agree with what everybody says like all for the Community and activity center upgrades with the CDBG funding because there are revenue sources for the wastewater, which I think is really, really important.

And then the parks, you know, there's other places we can get grants. I think we should move forward and work on those as well.

Mayor Wallace: Yeah, Mr. Newcomb.

Andre Newcomb: This may be premature with the solar project that's out there, there's the potential for a lot of water being saved from that. And because not only does it repel the water, but it also creates shade so that it stays moist so that the next storm might create some recharge and and you know not in front recharge.

So I know it's a little premature, but you know, they said they planted grass out there so that the cattle eat, you know, I mean that means they told all the farm. Now the grass is going to flourish. But will that help the bodies have some surface water.

Mayor Wallace: So Yep, I agree with everybody. Sounds like the Community facility accessibility improvement project. I think that's number one. Especially for the RA funding, the original account, we know that the it's guaranteed money that we know we can put it through this to address you know, just overall appearance, accessibility make it more accessible and then actually like Deb mentioned, you know those are those are two revenue generators and we have to keep them in mind both of those are revenue generators for the town. May not be a whole lot, but if you build it, they will come. If we improve it, it will get used, especially the activity center. If it has a good full working kitchen, people will rent that out and people will use it. So that's.

So I think that the idea of the Community facility accessibility improvement project is going to be number one. I think #2 to use the SSD funds kind of heard a little back and forth. I think there was more in the water infrastructure assessment improvement project side. Even though that's competitive money, if anybody's been paying attention to the news, there's a lot of stuff happening in the water.

You know, Tucson just shut off water to a contract that's been on your project blue because a lot of money. So being able to leverage grant funds to get a good assessment of not only our water infrastructure, but understand what is our water like. Because that's gonna inform. Hey, we need to get into conservation efforts.

And we need to start actually looking at things like that for the town, so knowing where we stand, I think is a break right now. And not only that, just like the cuts with the Colorado River, everything. So I think there's a good chance for us to maybe get some funding from that one for the SSP funds. The parks improvement project, I think we're in a good place now. Personal opinion with our new Public Works director because I think a lot of things from our parks can be taken care of in the house, we just lack the the knowledge, skill and ability. Our willingness to do it.

So I think we might actually be able to do a lot of things that our parks in house and then like I was mentioned, find plenty of funding there. So I think from the number one for the RA, the CDBG with the Community facilities accessibility and approval project and then for the SSD was we water infrastructure assessment and improvement project. So I think that's what I've heard. In general, plus we did, you know, we did put the money towards the parks through our last CDBG. Obviously didn't go as far as we wanted to. It was a horrible timing and I think it would be bad for every get a lot of Flack if we doubled up and didn't make use of this money elsewhere.

Go ahead.

Councilmember Thompson: For the Community facilities project, would that include like in doing landscaping around those as well? In my thought process it would we will have to develop and figure out the cost, but absolutely I mean, if we're gonna, we're gonna make the building more attractive.

Mayor Wallace: So basically like whatever we end up setting in the setting we're gonna do,

then we're then gonna figure out we're gonna do all these things, right?
And we'll we'll have to take some of them off. We're gonna do all these things.
It's like really got this much and all these things. OK, so based on this bunch of what's gonna be cost, we gotta take this off. Take this off.
That's usually how this third CDBG thing we've gone through. The first one was when we refurbished the water tower. Yeah, we do parks and don't do this. So yeah, it's the same thing. Like we start out here and it's like we got this much money. You gotta take this. And again, you know, there might even as we identify things there might, we might be able to find things that do this project. Then maybe I start identifying the Hey, we don't need to spend money on that because we can do that ourselves.
So we've got the public hearing part done. Is there any last? Any last comment or thoughts for the public hearing portion before I close the public hearing portion?
All right.

Motion: Public Hearing portion of this meeting Action: Close, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: For the regional account funds or the CDBG funds approximately \$515,000.00 to be applied towards community facilities accessibility and improvement project Action: Apply, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: For the SSP funding in the amount of approximately \$750,000.00 to go forward with or go towards the water infrastructure assessment and improvement project Action: Apply, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Resolution 2026-05 authorizing an application for CBDG funds to implement the selected project activity of Community facilities accessibility and Improvement project Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Resolution 2026-06 authorizing an application for SSP funds to be to implement the selected project activity of water infrastructure assessment and improvement project Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Resolution No. 2026-03 - Approving an intergovernmental agreement [IGA] with the Southeastern Arizona Communications Center [SEACOM], acting through its fiscal agent, the City of Siera Vista, for dispatch services.

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

Manager Harvey advises it is just time to renew the contract for dispatch services. We will see and increase from \$81,950, which is what we were paying last year and it will go up to \$86,582, which is \$4632.00 increase which, when you think about it, with inflation is about what you would expect for an \$80,000 contract.

Motion: Resolution 2026-03. Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Approval to allow the Lending Shed to place another storage facility on Town property.

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

Manager Harvey advises that the Lending Shed would like another connex on Town property. We do have an IGA with them, however it does not cover this. Council discusses the possible placement of another connex, including the landfill and Keeline Park. Manager Harvey advises that the current IGA expires on June 30th. Council would like to bring this back at the same time as the IGA renewal. No further action tonight.

E.4 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Resolution No. 2026-04 - Approving an intergovernmental agreement with the Tombstone Unified School District No. 1 for a Town police officer to serve as a school resource officer.

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

Manager Harvey explains that this is a renewal of our existing IGA for a school resource officer.

Motion: Resolution 2026-04 Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.5 Discussion and/or Action [Chief Berry]: Approval of a subrecipient grant agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security ("AZDOHS") to receive federal funds to cover police officer overtime and vehicle milage to participate in the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program for enhanced multi-agency cooperative law enforcement in the borderlands region.

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

Motion: The sub recipient grant agreement with AZDOHS Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.6 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Update on upcoming Council work session meeting dates.

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

Council discusses Manager Harvey's suggestion and determines that a Work Session will be held on May 28th prior to the regular council meeting. The first budget work session will be on June 4th. Regular council meeting on June 11th. And a second budget work session on June 25th in conjunction with the regular council meeting.

Motion: Go ahead and make the necessary adjustments to the language on our meeting agenda to clarify the open call to the public as discussed during this meeting.

**Action: Direct Staff, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.**

E.7 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Update on the rock painting project for a path at Leffingwell Park.

Motion: Item E.7 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey proposes that Mayor, Council and staff paint rocks to complete the path started by the school. Rocks and paint can be provided and she can even schedule a time/date for everyone to come to the Lion's Club and paint their rocks.

E.8 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: First reading of Ordinance No. 2026-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, AMENDING THE TAX CODE TO INCREASE THE TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX RATE IMPOSED ON SELECTED TAX CLASSIFICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE GRANDFATHERING OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS; AND DESIGNATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF AUGUST 1, 2026.

Motion: Item E.8 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

E.9 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: First reading of Ordinance No. 2026-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, AMENDING THE TOWN CODE TITLE 18 "ZONING," CHAPTER 18.10 "DEFINITIONS," CHAPTER 18.35 "R1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS," CHAPTER 18.50 "R4 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS," CHAPTER 18.75 "B/C GENERAL BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL DISTRICT," AND CHAPTER 18.100 "SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS," TO ADD DEFINITIONS, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS, TINY HOMES, TINY HOMES ON WHEELS, TINY HOME PARKS AND MIXED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS; AND CHANGING STANDARDS FOR MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE AND FENCE HEIGHTS.

Motion: Item E.9 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace,
Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

E.10 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: First reading of Ordinance No. 2026-08 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, AMENDING TOWN CODE CHAPTER 2.20 "COUNCIL PROCEDURE" SECTION 2.20.100 "RULES OF DECORUM FOR MEETINGS" TO CLARIFY THAT TOPICS FOR CALL TO THE PUBLIC MUST BE LIMITED TO ISSUES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Motion: Item E.10 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace,
Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

F. Reports of Current Events by Council

Councilmember Butterworth- We have food distribution tomorrow. Anyone who wants to volunteer, come on out. We start at 7:00 and if you have kids that you can shuffle off to another adult and give with a note saying that adult has permission to supervise your children, assisting as long as they're, you know, teenagers and they don't get trampled by things. Then they can come out as long as the adult stays there as a volunteer. Also, hopefully there will be signs tomorrow because with Skyline I don't know which way is what. I'm just going to show up and wherever the cars are lined up, I will be there. And I have nothing more.

Councilmember Cardella-

Councilmember Trate- No report

Mayor ProTem Hirshberg- I was going to say project graduation. I know I went up there this morning bright and early and I did not know where the high school was. So I went and I saw the office thing and the lady. And there was like, no, just bring the baskets in here so people helping me and we got all the baskets in there. Skyline is being worked on as you can tell. The pool opens Memorial Day weekend and then I went to the mayor manager luncheon yesterday with Suzanne in Benson and this Friday and Saturday is Douglas days. There's a parade Saturday. The event features 80s music on Friday, mariachi bands on Saturday. Tombstone has wired Earth days coming up Memorial Day weekend. That's the 23rd and 24th of May. They have gunfights and all kinds of fun activities. Sierra Vista has a new vet center that just opened and it's offering free mental health. Help to the veterans. So if you know of anybody that needs help, that's a really important thing and it's free. Free movies start the 16th of May at dusk and on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30. They're going to have concerts in the park. Fort Huachuca grew by 110,000 acres. They're now into New Mexico. They've been given some land. And Colonel Childs is doing a change of command with Colonel Margaret Hughes. That'll be on the 1st of July at 7:00 PM at Brown, great field. If anybody wants to attend that and then there are some infrastructure grants up to \$1 million that government Governor Hobbs is doing. And also I have picked up a flyer and it's called Power Arizona and it's a governor Hobbs initiative and what it is is it helps lower monthly bills. It'll help you pay bills. And who qualifies are the lower income families. And to apply, you go to Arizona des site, go to the AC portal and you will be able to see this. So it's called Power Arizona and I'll give this to Suzanne. So the city will have this if anybody needs to have some help with their utility bills. And that's all

Councilmember Arreola- I was at the Huachuca City Water Day last week. The kids had so much fun. Fry Fire did so good, like those kids were having a blast. Everybody was such a

good sport at one point they weren't even dunking them. They were just pressing. It was great. I was at the Renaissance Awards at the high school this week. So many of the kids are doing great things, going great places, so much money and scholarships that they all got. The Tombstone School District kids are amazing. And just a reminder that summer splash is happening this summer, if you need to sign up your kids. My kid is signed up. And there's also summer school through the school.

Councilmember Thompson- I did personally get my yard cleaned up.

And finally knew we needed her some yards cleaned up.

So that's all I've done. Thank you.

Mayor Wallace- water day at the school's fun, I had the 9:00 shift. It was mayhem.

I was, yeah. I was at the 9:00-ish o'clock shift in the dunk tank. It was cold. And we actually had we actually had both Whetstone and Fry Fire out there and it was very diabolical of these firefighters. You had a truck on both ends. There was no escape from for these kids at all.

Anywhere I moved it was following. That was awesome. They had endless absolutely no escape for these kids. It was fun, and in fact they were able to reach sitting the dug tank.

You know, not only am I getting dunked, I have Sam up there hitting only me with the Canon.

So it was really awesome. 'Cause had a lot of fun, and with that said, next week, next week's graduation and promotion for, you know, the the kinders here, Huachuca City School for the 8th graders. We have the high school. Around around the county. Next week's gonna be busy from just promotions getting out of school, kids being on the road, doing their project graduations. So if you're on the roads, keep your eyes open. Please be cautious. Please be careful, especially after next week when you're gonna have a lot of more kids not in school because they're out for the summer. So the high school is still accepting masks for project graduation till tomorrow. School's out here soon. Keep your eyes open. We have more kids on the road and more cars, cars on the road and you're going to have seniors graduating looking for jobs.

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 May 28, 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 May 14, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk