

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025, AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 181 NORTH 9TH STREET, SHOW LOW, NAVAJO COUNTY,
ARIZONA**

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Leech called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Leech, Vice Mayor Kakavas, Councilman Adams, Councilman Clark, Councilman Hatch, and Councilman Whipple.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Judd.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: F. Morgan Brown, City Manager; Anna Atencio, City Attorney; Justin Johnson, Deputy City Manager; Brad Provost, Police Chief; Mike Mariscal, Community Services Director; Bill Kopp, Public Works Director; Shane Hemesath, City Engineer; Jacob Allen, Airport Manager; Mischa Steinbrecher, Finance Manager; Chris Tewalt, Information Technology Manager; and Rachael Hall, City Clerk.

GUESTS: Kylee Hogan, Adrianna Hanson, Kiara Neese, Alexandria Wiltbank, Chris Jones, Ashlee Kay, Samantha Athehly, Doug Roberts, Gary Martinson, Esmeralda Orona, Marleen Rios, Faustino Rios, Maria Ornelas, Andrea Rios, Santiago Rios, Summer Matheson, and others.

3. Invocation.

Councilman Whipple gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Kakavas led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Any citizen desiring to speak on a matter that is within the jurisdiction of the City Council may do so at this time. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person and shall be addressed to the City Council as a whole, and not to any individual member. Issues raised shall be limited to those within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the City Council cannot discuss or act on items presented at this time. At the conclusion of the call to the public, individual City Council members may (1) respond to criticism

made by those who have spoken, (2) ask staff to review a matter, and (3) ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

Doug Roberts said the Cruz'n Down the Deuce will be held June 6, and the Cruz'n the Rim Car Show will be held on June 7, 2025, at Frontier Park.

6. **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- A. Recognition of Winners of the Kids ROCK Poster Contest and Presentation of Prizes

Ms. Hall gave a brief overview of the Kids ROCK program.

The Council presented gift baskets to the winners of the Kids ROCK poster contest.

- B. Recognition of Show Low High School Cheerleading State Championship Team

Councilmembers congratulated the Show Low High School Cougar Show Cheerleaders for winning the State Cheerleading Championship.

- C. Presentation of Changes to Fiscal Year 2026 City Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026.

Mr. Johnson said staff worked on a few changes to the recommended budget. He reviewed the draft tentative budget and said it would be presented to the City Council for adoption on June 3 and would establish the expenditure limitation for the next fiscal year. He said the final budget would be adopted at the June 17 Council meeting. The secondary property tax levy for the streetlight improvement district would be adopted at the July 15 meeting. A copy of the FY2026 Changes to the Recommended and Draft Tentative Budget was attached.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. Proclamation by the Mayor Proclaiming May 22, 2025, as **MICKEY ROGERS DAY** in the City of Show Low
- B. Consideration of Approval of Additional Grant Match Funds for Arizona Department of Transportation - Airport Pavement Management System Projects 2022A and 2022B at Show Low Regional Airport and Authorization of Associated Budget Transfers (Jacob Allen)
- C. Consideration of Emergency Facilities and Land Use Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service at Show Low

Regional Airport (Jacob Allen)

D. Consideration of Minutes of Show Low City Council meetings:

1. Regular Meeting of May 6, 2025

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS; PASSED 6 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, COUNCILMAN ADAMS, COUNCILMAN CLARK, COUNCILMAN HATCH, AND COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE VOTING IN FAVOR.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Consideration of Application Submitted by Dana Gail Foster for Permanent Extension of Premises/Patio Permit for Buffalo Nickel Brewery + Grill at 402 North Clark Road, Show Low, Arizona (Rachael Hall)

Ms. Hall said Dana Gail Foster submitted an application on behalf of Buffalo Nickel Brewery + Grill, located at 402 North Clark Road, for a permanent extension of its premises. The Buffalo Nickel Brewery + Grill currently had a #6 Bar liquor license, which allowed for the sale and on-site consumption of beer, wine, and spirituous liquors, as well as limited off-sale (to-go) privileges. The applicant sought to permanently extend the licensed premises to include the nearby Buffalo Bills Tavern and Museum. The intent was to allow the seamless movement of alcohol and customers between both locations under a single liquor license. This shared license arrangement was intended to support operational flexibility, improved customer service, and simplified logistics for staff and inventory management.

Ms. Hall said Buffalo Bills Tavern and Museum currently had a #12 Restaurant liquor license, which allowed the sale of beer, wine, and spirits for consumption on the licensed premises. The applicant expressed their desire to surrender their #12 Restaurant liquor license if the permanent extension of premises was approved. The two establishments are under common ownership/management and were in close proximity, with no public or vehicular barriers that would prevent safe and controlled transfer of alcohol between venues. As required by state statutes, the Buffalo Nickel Brewery + Grill must apply for a Permanent Extension of Premises/Patio Permit from the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, with approval from the City Council. Also, as required by statute, the application must include a diagram showing the proposed physical alteration of the licensed premises, which was attached.

Ms. Hall said the Show Low Police Department conducted a background

check on the applicant and found nothing amiss. The Department of Liquor Licenses and Control would conduct its own internal investigations and background checks. Based on the investigator's findings and the recommendation of the City Council, the State Liquor Board would decide whether to approve or deny the application. She said that if the City Council chose to recommend denial of the application, the motion must state the reasons for the denial.

Mayor Leech asked for clarification on the extension of premises. Mr. Martinson said it would cover the area that was outlined on the map, which was attached to the application.

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE STATE LIQUOR BOARD OF THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY DANA GAIL FOSTER, ON BEHALF OF BUFFALO NICKEL BREWERY + GRILL, FOR A PERMANENT EXTENSION OF ITS PREMISES; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HATCH; PASSED 6 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, COUNCILMAN ADAMS, COUNCILMAN CLARK, COUNCILMAN HATCH, AND COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE VOTING IN FAVOR.

- B. Consideration of Resolution No. R2025-14 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Navajo County for Construction of Six Lateral Connections to Middle-Mile Network (Shane Hemesath, Chris Tewalt)

Mr. Hemesath said Navajo County was installing fiber optic connectivity through the City of Show Low and greater Navajo County as a part of the Middle-Mile Fiber Installation Project. The City of Show Low had a fiber connection at City Hall and VPN connections to the external sites, Public Works, and Aquatic Center.

Mr. Hemesath said that while this similar work was being completed countywide, the City would like to take this opportunity to utilize the contractor's expertise and extend the fiber connections to key City facilities. The scope of the project included utilizing the County's contractor EX2 to bring lateral fiber connections to the City of Show Low sites listed below, creating a complete fiber connection to all City buildings, with City Hall being the hub. This fiber addition would connect the City facilities, adding Internet speed and quality to the network.

Mr. Hemesath said the locations that the fiber connections would connect included Public Works, Water Treatment Plant, Police Department, Frontier Park, Airport, and City Hall.

Mr. Hemesath said the cost for these fiber connections would be

\$467,138.56, which was budgeted for this fiscal year and would be paid to the County through an intergovernmental agreement. The anticipated start of construction for the City's six laterals would be in the fall of 2025.

Mr. Hemesath said staff recommended adopting Resolution No. R2025-14, authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement with Navajo County for the Six Lateral Fiber Connections to the Middle-Mile Network and authorizing the Mayor to sign said agreement.

Mayor Leech asked when the work would be completed. Mr. Hemesath said the work should start in the fall and should be completed in the beginning of 2026.

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R2025-14 AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NAVAJO COUNTY FOR THE SIX LATERAL FIBER CONNECTIONS TO THE MIDDLE-MILE NETWORK AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS; PASSED 6 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, COUNCILMAN ADAMS, COUNCILMAN CLARK, COUNCILMAN HATCH, AND COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE VOTING IN FAVOR.

- C. Consideration of Award of Construction Contract for Archibeque Park Restroom, City of Show Low Project No. FM-7925 (Bill Kopp)

Mr. Kopp said the City of Show Low FY2025 Budget included funding for the construction of a new public restroom at Archibeque Park, located at 81 North 5th Street. The work included, but was not necessarily limited to, the construction of a restroom facility that included three ADA-accessible restrooms in a single building. There would be one separate men's restroom with two stalls, one water closet and one urinal, one separate women's restroom with two water closet stalls, and a family restroom with a single water closet and ADA adult changing station. There would also be a small storage closet with a separate exterior door. The restrooms would also have sinks, paper, and soap product dispensers, and other necessary appurtenances. The building would be approximately 28 feet by 13 feet 4 inches and 373 square feet in area. The City would remove the existing restroom building and extend power, water, and sewer to within five feet of the building. The contractor's scope also included the connections to existing power, water, and sewer services. The City prepared plans and specifications and bid documents for the project. The building would be a duplicate of the recently constructed restrooms at the City Campus and the Show Low Lake Group Camping Area.

Mr. Kopp said a schedule of values was required as part of the contractor's bid. The contractor would complete usable and operable facilities in

accordance with all pertinent codes and regulations as necessary to complete the job in a workmanlike manner.

Mr. Kopp said staff solicited bids from contractors to construct the building. The project was publicly advertised per statutory requirements, and three bids were received. The bid result follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
LD&B LLC	\$143,400.00
DW Lusk Contracting LLC	\$218,071.10
Low Mountain Construction Inc.	\$319,341.00

Mr. Kopp said staff recommended awarding the construction contract for Archibeque Park Restroom, City of Show Low Project No. FM-7925 to LD&B LLC in an amount not to exceed \$143,400.00.

COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE MOVED TO AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR ARCHIBEQUE PARK RESTROOM, CITY OF SHOW LOW PROJECT NO. FM-7925, TO LD&B LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$143,400.00; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HATCH; PASSED 6 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, COUNCILMAN ADAMS, COUNCILMAN CLARK, COUNCILMAN HATCH, AND COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE VOTING IN FAVOR.

9. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:**

A. Council Members

Vice Mayor Kakavas said there would be a State BMX race the weekend of June 12 through 14, 2025, at the BMX track at Nikolaus Homestead Park.

Councilman Whipple said the Show Low High School graduation would be on May 22.

B. Mayor

Mayor Leech thanked Public Works for their cleanup of the landscape city-wide. He encouraged citizens to drive cautiously in the City during the upcoming summer months.

C. City Manager

Mr. Brown said the Show Low Main Street's weekly Saturday Farmers' Market and Art Walk was now open on Saturdays at Festival Marketplace and would run through September 20. The vendors sold produce, food products, arts, and crafts.

Mr. Brown said the first annual Show Low Junior Rodeo was scheduled for June 6 and 7 at Linden Valley Arena. The events included parent/offspring roping, barrel racing, ribbon roping, mutton busting, calf riding, steer riding, and more. Competitor registration opened on May 12 and would close on May 31.

Mr. Brown said the City's annual Project Clean Sweep continued. Show Low residents could dump green waste for free until May 24 at Dirty Deeds Green Waste. Bulky item pickup would begin the week of June 2, through June 6. Items should be placed in front of the residence next to the roadway by 7:00 a.m. Citizens could haul debris for free to the Lone Pine Transfer Station from June 2 through June 7.

Mr. Brown said the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9907 would hold a commemorative service at the City Cemetery on May 26 to honor the service men and women who paid the ultimate price.

10. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

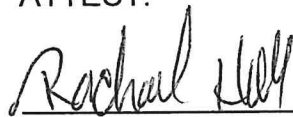
Scheduling meetings, which may be brought up at this time.

Mr. Brown said there would be a study session on June 3, 2025, to discuss downtown parking.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

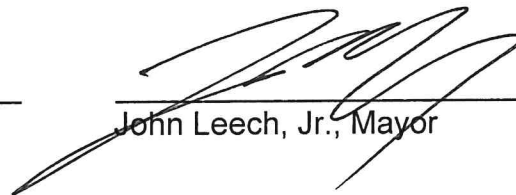
There being no further business to be brought before the Council, **MAYOR LEECH ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL OF MAY 20, 2025, AT 7:39 P.M.**

ATTEST:



Rachael Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED:



John Leech, Jr., Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Show Low held on May 20, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2025.

(SEAL)




Rachael Hall, City Clerk