

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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 Judd.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Whipple.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: F. Morgan Brown, City Manager; Anna Atencio, City Attorney; Justin Johnson, Deputy City Manager; Greg Westover, Police Commander; Jeff McNeil, Police Commander; Shane Hemesath, Public Works Director; Mike Mariscal, Community Services Director; Shannon Adams, Grants Coordinator; Chris Tewalt, Information Technology Manager; and Rachael Hall, City Clerk.

GUESTS: Robin Madson II and Doug Roberts.

3. Invocation.

Councilman Adams gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hatch 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.

None.

6. **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- A. Update on the League of Cities and Town Conference and Video Presentation

Councilmembers said that attending the conference was a great opportunity to collaborate with all the other Mayors and Councilmembers around the State.

The City Song video, which was presented at the Arizona League of Cities and Towns conference, was shown.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. Proclamation by the Mayor Proclaiming September 10 through 13, 2025 as **NAVAJO COUNTY FAIR WEEK** in the City of Show Low (Rachael Hall)
- B. Proclamation by the Mayor Proclaiming September 2025 as **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in the City of Show Low (Rachael Hall)
- C. Proclamation by the Mayor Proclaiming September 11, 2025 as **NATIONAL 9/11 PATRIOT DAY, A DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE** in the City of Show Low (Rachael Hall)
- D. Consideration of Acceptance of Grant Funds from U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Office of Safety, and Authorization of Associated Budget Transfers (Shannon Adams)
- E. Consideration of Lease between City of Show Low and Show Low Historical Society (Mike Mariscal)
- F. Consideration of Resolution No. R2025-36 Approving a License Agreement with Arizona Game and Fish Commission (Mike Mariscal)
- G. Consideration of Resolution No. R2025-38 Granting Utility Easement at 760 East McNeil to Arizona Public Service (Shane Hemesath)
- H. Consideration of Resolution No. R2025-39 Granting Utility Easement at 1480 East Lumberman's Loop to Arizona Public Service (Shane Hemesath)
- I. Consideration of Approval of Purchase of Police Department Vehicles (Greg Westover)
- J. Consideration of Resolution No. R2025-37 Approving First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with Show Low School District for Distribution of Media Equipment (Anna Atencio)
- K. Consideration of Minutes of Show Low City Council meetings:
 - 1. Study Session of August 5, 2025
 - 2. Regular Meeting of August 5, 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 JUDD VOTING IN FAVOR.

Ms. Hall read aloud the Proclamations proclaiming September 10 through 13, 2025, as Navajo County Fair Week and September 11, 2025, as National 9/11 Patriot Day, a day of service and remembrance.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Consideration of Approval of Three-Year Service Agreement with Sparklight (Chris Tewalt)

Mr. Tewalt said that the City was currently utilizing a one-gigabit internet connection from Frontier as its primary connection, at a monthly cost of \$2,526.00, with Sparklight providing a 150-megabit-per-second connection at \$150.00 per month as a secondary or backup.

Mr. Tewalt said that with the addition of future fiber interconnectivity, upgrading the internet connection from one gigabit to ten gigabits was crucial to the City's internal network. It would connect all external City sites from City Hall through a ten-gigabit circuit, enhancing the network and facilitating easy connection to external sites.

Mr. Tewalt said staff received quotes from two local internet providers, Sparklight and Frontier. Sparklight's quote was approximately \$1,500.00 a month lower than the other provider.

Mr. Tewalt said staff recommended approving a three-year service agreement with Sparklight, in an amount not to exceed \$118,044.00 over the three-year period.

COUNCILMAN CLARK MOVED TO APPROVE THE THREE-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SPARKLIGHT, NOT TO EXCEED \$118,044.00 OVER THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JUDD; PASSED 6 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, COUNCILMAN ADAMS, COUNCILMAN CLARK, COUNCILMAN HATCH, AND COUNCILMAN JUDD VOTING IN FAVOR.

9. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:**

A. Council Members

Councilman Adams thanked City staff for all that they do.

B. Mayor

Mayor Leech invited everyone to take a look at the new public works building. It was going up quickly, and it looked good.

C. City Manager

Mr. Brown said the City would be hosting a shred-a-thon event for residents on September 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. The shredding event was an effortless way for residents to discard and shred

confidential paperwork they no longer wanted to store. Residents could drive through the City Hall south parking lot, where event volunteers would take the papers to be shredded from the trunk of the participant's vehicle and place them into the shredder container.

Mr. Brown said there was a lot of progress on the public works building. The Downtown Parking Lot project was scheduled to be paved this week, pending favorable weather conditions. The contractor finished the main installation on the Fools Hollow Waterline Phase II project and would be working on additional service installations. He thanked the citizens for their patience as these important projects were completed.

10. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

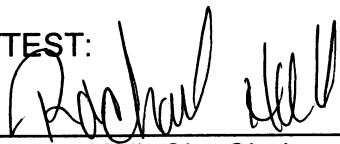
Scheduling of meetings, which may be brought up at this time.

Mr. Brown said that a Special Meeting would be held on September 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the design elements of the proposed Sports and Event Center.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

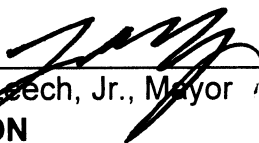
There being no further business to be brought before the Council, **MAYOR LEECH ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, AT 7:27 P.M.**

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 September 2, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2025.

(SEAL)



Rachael Hall, City Clerk