MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. 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 Hatch, Councilman Clark, Councilman Allsop, and Councilman Judd.

   COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

   STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Morgan Brown, City Manager; Anna Atencio, City Attorney; Jeff McNeil, Police Commander; Jay Brimhall, Community Services Director; Steve North, Business Development; Grace Payne, Communications Manager; Kathy Clements, Assistant City Clerk; and Rachael Hall, City Clerk.

   GUESTS: John Hannah, Faith Young, Christie Francis, Jacci Tinkel, Dave Moore, Chairman Kasey Velasquez, Sunshine Brewer, Stefan Wehnau, Janet Dean, Jason Hatch, Joe Weathersby, and others.

3. Invocation.

   Councilman Clark 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 may 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. Recognition of the Show Low High School Girls' Basketball Team.

Mr. Brimhall said the City wanted to recognize the Show Low High School girls' basketball team for all the hard work they put into this season and making the regional playoffs. He said he was proud of the team, and it was wonderful to see kids you have known for a long time pushing themselves and doing better. Mr. Brimhall invited Show Low High School girls' basketball coach Christie Francis to say a few words.

Coach Francis said the girls had a great season. The coaches and parents believed in the girls, and things turned around when they started believing in themselves. She said the team was very fortunate to go as far as they did. It took a lot of sacrifice, long hours, and hard work.

Coach Francis said she appreciated the outpouring of support the team received from the Council, community, and parents. The team was proud to represent Show Low High School. Alchesay High School was a very tough competitor. They were gracious in their win and were nothing but supportive along the way.

The Council presented t-shirts to the Show Low High School girls' basketball team members and coaches and congratulated them on their efforts.

Chairman Velasquez from the White Mountain Apache Tribe addressed the Council on behalf of the Alchesay High School girls' basketball team. He shared words of wisdom that he shared with the Alchesay athletes. Chairman Velasquez thanked the Council for their hospitality.

The Council presented necklaces to the Alchesay High School girls' basketball team and congratulated them on winning the State Championship.

B. Presentation Regarding Wildfire Mitigation by Arizona Public Service. (Janet Dean, Public Affairs Manager)

Janet Dean, Arizona Public Service (APS) Public Affairs Manager, introduced Joe Weathersby, Division Manager and Jason Hatch, Supervisor. Ms. Dean said APS had developed a promise to do what was right for the people and prosperity of the State of Arizona. One of the ways they did that was through annual fire mitigation. It was something

APS worked on year-round, knowing that wildfire was not something that could be eliminated but could be managed.

Mr. Hatch said APS had a fire mitigation plan with many components, including trimming trees near power lines, creating defensible space around power poles, and inspecting power lines before the fire season. He said that during fire mitigation season, APS would begin turning off their reclosers to prevent power lines from automatically attempting to re-energize if an object hit the lines, causing an outage. In the event of an outage, customers would see one flicker instead of the standard three, as crews needed to inspect the lines before re-energizing them during fire season. The purpose was to mitigate and reduce fires caused by APS's equipment.

Mr. Weathersby said APS's main priority was safety for the public, its employees, and first responders. Ultimately, turning off the reclosers would mean that there would likely be extended outages for an hour or two or even longer.

Mr. Weathersby said APS had several aspects to their fire mitigation program, including fire mitigation employees, who carried tanks in the back of their trucks and were firefighters. These employees mitigated incipient state fires and were not a fire suppression unit.

Mayor Leech said he appreciated the work APS does year-round in the community.

C. Presentation by Show Low Chamber of Commerce.

Stefan Wehnau, President of the Show Low Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, thanked the Council for allowing the Chamber to present the quarterly update and invited Sunshine Brewer, Executive Director, to make the presentation.

Ms. Brewer said the Show Low Chamber of Commerce focus emphasized growing Chamber membership and increasing visitors to Show Low. The Chamber's vision was to promote business, enhance economic and community development, and serve as a catalyst for improving the overall quality of life in the community. The Chamber's mission was to increase membership while developing revenue to promote and support the Show Low Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center.

Ms. Brewer said Chamber special events included Show Low Days, the annual award gala, and the Show Low BizExpo. She said Show Low Days was scheduled for June 9 and June 10.

Ms. Brewer said the Chamber was focusing on rebranding, development, networking, and advocating. The Chamber would build brand identity by creating a new website and growing its online presence. The Chamber was developing its online professional networking platform to provide a space for people to engage with other professionals, join groups, post blogs, and share information. The Chamber would continue to host networking events, such as After 5 Mixers, Business First Breakfasts, Lunch and Learn, ribbon cuttings, and member appreciation events. The Chamber plans to create a committee to educate and represent the Chamber on governmental issues.

Vice Mayor Kakavas said she appreciated the Chamber's direction and that everyone needed to focus on the viability of Show Low's businesses and help them prepare for the future.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**:

A. Proclamation by the Mayor Proclaiming April 28, 2023, as **Arbor Day** in the City of Show Low.

B. Consideration of Minutes of Show Low City Council meetings:
(1) Study Session Meeting of April 4, 2023.
(2) Regular Meeting of April 4, 2023.
(3) Study Session of April 6, 2023.

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS; PASSED 7 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ADAMS, ALLSOP, CLARK, HATCH, AND JUDD VOTING IN FAVOR.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**:

A. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Application Submitted by Jeffrey Pavone and Alexander Nicol Pavone for #9, *Liquor Store,* Liquor License on Behalf of Black Jack's for its Location at 480 East Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, Arizona. (Rachael Hall)

B. Consideration of Application Submitted by Jeffrey Pavone and Alexander Nicol Pavone for #9, *Liquor Store,* Liquor License on Behalf of Black Jack's for its Location at 480 East Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, Arizona. (Rachael Hall)

Ms. Hall said Jeffrey Pavone and Alexander Nicol Pavone, representing Black Jack's, submitted a "location/owner transfer" application for a #9, *Liquor Store,* Liquor License for its location at 480 East Deuce of Clubs.

The request was to transfer the #9, Liquor Store, Liquor License currently held by Taylors Five LLC of Holbrook Chevron, located at 950 Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, Arizona.

Ms. Hall said the property had been posted as required by state law, and no public input was received.

Ms. Hall said the Show Low Police Department conducted background checks on the applicants 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. If the City Council chose to recommend denial of the application, the motion must state the reasons for the denial.

Mayor Leech asked Shawn Dugan, Regional Manager of Black Jack's, to update the Council about the improvements that were made to the store. Mr. Dugan said the building had been repainted and new fuel pumps and tanks were installed. The inside of the store had been remodeled. The store was now selling chicken, a beer cave was added, and all-new Electrolux washers and dryers were installed. The grand opening was scheduled for next month.

Mayor Leech said he appreciated the improved look of the building.

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE STATE LIQUOR BOARD OF THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY JEFFREY PAVONE AND ALEXANDER NICOL PAVONE FOR #9, *LIQUOR STORE,* LIQUOR LICENSE ON BEHALF OF BLACK JACK'S FOR ITS LOCATION AT 480 EAST DEUCE OF CLUBS, SHOW LOW, ARIZONA; SECONDED BY MAYOR LEECH; PASSED 7 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ADAMS, ALLSOP, CLARK, HATCH, AND JUDD VOTING IN FAVOR.

C. Consideration of Approval of Five-Year Economic Development Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 to 2028. (Steve North)

Mr. North said the City of Show Low, in partnership with Arizona Public Service Company and various community stakeholders, developed Show Low Focused Future II Strategic Plan for Economic Development in 2011. Over the past decade-plus, Show Low experienced dynamic growth. The economy had become more diversified around its target industries, including value-added forest products and natural resources, light manufacturing and aviation, medical advancement and services, tourism and hospitality, and entrepreneurship. The result of this more vibrant

economy included higher wages, a better quality of life for Show Low citizens, and a growing tax base to support public infrastructure and community amenities.

Mr. North said staff felt like the plan needed to be updated, so staff worked to develop an updated plan for the next five-year phase of planning for economic development. This plan included specific goals and strategies to guide economic development activities in the City of Show Low. Staff presented the plan to the Council for review and recommended that the Council approve the Show Low Economic Development Plan for fiscal years 2024 to 2028.

Mr. North said the first goal was to develop the Show Low Sports and Events Center. The City would secure the development site and complete the pre-development requirements, including an environmental study, easements for infrastructure, and project design. The City would budget and set aside capital funds, pass the bed tax, and apply for grant funds to finance the project.

Mr. North said the second goal focused on industrial development. Staff would market to outdoor businesses and cultivate the film industry. Staff would also explore ways to increase economic development at the Show Low Airport to attract aviation businesses, a restaurant, collaborative marketing with Southern Airways, and create activities and events that spotlight the airport.

Mr. North said the third goal focused on retail development and attracting underserved retail to Show Low. Staff would actively maintain current demographics, available property inventory and grow and nurture their contact list targeted retailers and brokers. Staff would regularly communicate with these contacts and attend networking events.

Mr. North said the fourth goal focused on tourism and would be creating a tourism website and growing Show Low's social media presence. The City would also obtain two-to-three information kiosks at key locations. Staff was exploring new and innovative ways to attract visitors.

Mr. North said the fifth goal focused on entrepreneurial development and recommended creating a business incubator and commercial kitchen at City Campus to cultivate entrepreneurs. The City would investigate developing a microloan program to back entrepreneurs and provide business boot camps to support start-ups and early-stage businesses.

Mr. North said the sixth goal focused on business retention and expansion and included plans for staff to visit 400 local businesses annually, host the annual Show Low BizExpo, job fair, and business learning workshops.

Mr. North said that, finally, the City would focus on ways to create workforce housing by researching and creating an incentive policy to attract developers.

Mayor Leech thanked Mr. North for bringing this plan to the Council.

Mr. Brown said that he, Mr. North, and Justin Johnson had been developing this plan over the past couple of months, which was not inclusive of everything. If any Council members thought something needed to be added, staff welcomed any input.

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 TO 2028 FOR THE CITY OF SHOW LOW; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS; PASSED 7 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ADAMS, ALLSOP, CLARK, HATCH, AND JUDD VOTING IN FAVOR.

9. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**:

A. Council Members

Councilman Allsop congratulated Rob Turnwall, who stepped down as President of Show Low Mainstreet. He said he appreciated Mr. Turnwall's hard work and effort, and he would be missed.

Councilman Clark said the Show Low High School would perform the musical, *Meet Me in St. Louis* on April 27 and 28 and May 3 through 6.

B. Mayor

Mayor Leech said the Show Low BBQ Throwdown would take place on May 5 and 6.

C. City Manager

Mr. Brown encouraged everyone to support local businesses by attending the Show Low BizExpo on April 21 and 22 at the City Campus Gym.

Mr. Brown said the Navajo County Peace Office Memorial dedication was scheduled for April 22 in front of the memorial located next to City Hall.

Mr. Brown said the City's annual Martin Luther King Day of Service would be held on April 29. Volunteers should meet at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. for work assignments. Lunch would be provided for all volunteers.

Mr. Brown said the City's contractor completed the final driveway for the Citywide Paving and Sidewalk Connectivity project, paving was completed on the East Cooley and Mills Waterline project and crews started working on the service tie-overs. Paving was scheduled on the Frontier Field parking lot, and striping would follow. Mr. Brown thanked the citizens for their patience as the City continued to make important improvements to the City's infrastructure.

10. **SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS**:

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

None.

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 APRIL 18, 2023, AT 8:11 P.M.**

ATTEST:

Rachael Hall
Rachael Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED:

John Leech, Jr., Mayor

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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 April 18, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2023.

(SEAL)

Rachael Hall
Rachael Hall, City Clerk