

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026, 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, Councilman Judd, Councilman Whipple

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: F. Morgan Brown, City Manager; Anna Atencio, City Attorney; Justin Johnson, Deputy City Manager; Greg Westover, Police Chief; Justen Tregaskes, Planning and Zoning Director; Mike Mariscal, Community Services Director; Shane Hemesath, Public Works Director; Chris Reid, City Engineer; Rick Austin, Public Works Operations Manager; Jacob Allen, Airport Manager; and Rachael Hall, City Clerk.

GUESTS: Randy Hoskins, Janet Dean, Catrina Jenkins, Chris and Nicole Hudson, Cade and Gracie Hudson, Cohen Hudson, Alayna Lusk, Doug Roberts, Roger and Becky Ivins, Shay and Don Lusk, and others.

3. Invocation.

Councilman Whipple gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Leech 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, 1441 North 36th Drive, said the Annual Burger Burn would be held

on June 5 at Hatch Toyota Dealership, and the Cruzin' the Rim Car Show would be held on June 6 at Frontier Field.

6. **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

A. Recognition of Show Low High School State Champion Wrestlers

Councilmembers congratulated Show Low High School State Champion Wrestlers Dallan Rawlings and Ruthie Wilhelm.

B. Recognition of Show Low High School NAVIT State Champions

Councilmembers congratulated Show Low High School students Easton Hatch, Cohen Hudson, Dallan Rawlings, and Madison Ivins on being named NAVIT State Champions.

C. Presentation by Show Low High School Robotics Team

Show Low High School Robotics Team shared a presentation with the Council.

D. Presentation Regarding Wildfire Mitigation by Arizona Public Service

Janet Dean, Arizona Public Service (APS) Public Affairs Manager, presented APS's fire mitigation plan.

Ms. Dean said that APS was the largest electric utility in Arizona, covering 6,000 transmission miles and 32,000 distribution miles. APS had 1,500 feeders, 1.4 million meters, and an 8,600 megawatt peak load. She said 19 percent of the system was in a high fire-risk area.

Ms. Dean said APS's current wildfire mitigation practices were comprehensive and multifaceted. APS had a vegetation management program that included comprehensive right-of-way clearance on a maintained cycle, creating defensible space around poles, and a hazard tree program. Grid hardening investments were being made through ongoing distribution system upgrades, mesh pole wrapping, expulsion-limiting fuses, and the use of steel poles where truck-accessible. Asset inspection was ongoing, with enhanced line patrols, drone deployments, and infrared scans.

Ms. Dean said APS had a dedicated team of metrologists. They utilized fire modeling software, cameras, and weather stations. APS also had established partnerships with state and federal agencies. She said APS also had several operational mitigation strategies, including a non-reclosing strategy, a public outreach program, red flag warning protocols, and public safety power shutoff (PSPS).

Ms. Dean said the conditions that would lead to a power shutoff included

extreme wind and dry conditions, as well as the risk of rapid fire spread. She said that in the event of a PSPS, there would be targeted de-energization of power lines on days of extreme risk. The outage duration would be based on weather conditions and would occur while the risk was elevated and until line inspections were complete to ensure it was safe to re-energize. If the equipment were damaged, outages would be prolonged.

Ms. Dean said APS would communicate with local agencies and customers well in advance of a PSPS event so they could plan accordingly. Starting four days before the potential outage, APS would communicate daily with customers and how to prepare. During an outage, APS would communicate with customers about the progress of power restoration. APS would communicate via text messages, emails, and phone calls.

Ms. Dean said APS determined which area would be impacted by a PSPS event by conducting a risk analysis to determine which feeders should be classified as PSPS. Multiple factors were used to make decisions, including Wildland Urban Interface, vegetation levels, and more. Classification started with the entire feeder, then APS would determine where switches/devices could be installed to isolate and keep power on to customers along the feed, if possible. She said that underground lines were often fed by overhead lines, meaning they too could be impacted by PSPS.

Councilmembers thanked Ms. Dean for updating them on their wildfire mitigation plans.

E. Navajo County Annual Wildfire Outlook and Preparedness Presentation

Catrina Jenkins, Navajo County Emergency Manager, presented what to expect during the 2026 Wildfire Season. Ms. Jenkins introduced the annual wildfire preparedness "roadshow" and transitioned into the current season's outlook, noting that wildfire season had effectively begun. A graphic illustrating "significant potential" for wildfire was referenced and showed that May and June wildfire potential appeared similar and was concentrated primarily north of the local area (including Utah and Colorado). Risk was described as increasing in June and shifting again in July with the onset of monsoon activity. Additional factors were to be reviewed to further contextualize risk.

Ms. Jenkins reviewed drought conditions and contributing factors. She stated that current-year drought conditions were milder than the previous year, which significantly influenced wildfire preparedness. A comparison map was shown, indicating less severe drought conditions this year versus more extreme conditions in the prior year. Drought was identified as a critical factor affecting fuel dryness and wildfire risk.

Ms. Jenkins reviewed wildfire statistics and causes. She said the five-year wildfire statistics were presented, outlining the number of fires and acres burned annually. Approximately 70% of fires each year were reported as

human-caused and therefore preventable. She addressed public concerns regarding the timing of fire restrictions and explained that decisions followed a structured, precautionary approach.

Ms. Jenkins reviewed inter-agency coordination and monitoring. She reported that weekly coordination meetings had been conducted for approximately one to one-and-a-half months with the White Mountain Fire Coordination Group. Participating agencies included the U.S. Forest Service, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, County emergency management representatives, and regional fire and police associations. The group reviewed weather data, fire indices, and incident reports. To date, ignition counts had remained low, with most starts attributed to human causes and a few to lightning.

Ms. Jenkins reviewed fire restrictions. She stated that fire restrictions would be recommended to appropriate authorities when fire indices reached severe thresholds. Restrictions would apply across jurisdictions, including private, state, and federal lands, and would be enforced uniformly for residents and visitors to reduce human-caused ignitions.

Ms. Jenkins reviewed public preparedness and community outreach. She emphasized the "Ready, Set, Go" preparedness framework, along with the importance of community-wide awareness. She said that local donations had supported preparedness efforts, including the distribution of approximately 120 emergency supply totes during a recent community event.

Ms. Jenkins reviewed readiness and evacuation guidance. Residents were encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts, create defensible space, and develop and communicate family emergency plans. Preparedness recommendations included safeguarding important documents and preparing for pets. She explained evacuation stages: "Set" indicated heightened readiness and preparation to leave and "Go" required immediate evacuation. The public was advised to rely on official information sources and consider evacuating early when necessary.

Ms. Jenkins reviewed additional safety measures. She advised proper vehicle and towing maintenance to prevent sparks and ignitions. For permitted debris burns, residents were instructed to remain present at all times, fully extinguish fires, and comply with burn regulations. Defensible space practices were emphasized as critical for protecting individual properties and the broader community.

Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District (Timber Mesa) Fire Marshall JD Pepper reported that Timber Mesa was fully staffed and prepared to respond to wildfire incidents in the area. An overview was provided of AI-driven, 360-degree "panel cameras" installed throughout the Rim Country, which provided continuous monitoring and automated alerts beginning at sunrise. He

explained that the cameras regularly detected routine and permitted burns and that high-resolution imagery allowed staff to distinguish between normal activity and potential fire incidents.

Fire Marshall Pepper reviewed fire restrictions and current conditions. He stated that fire restrictions had not yet been implemented this year due to above-average precipitation. By comparison, restrictions began on February 28, 2025, the previous year. Recent rainfall, including conditions approximately two weeks prior, was reported to be significantly above average and had contributed to reduced fire danger. However, he cautioned that conditions were changing rapidly and that the recent moisture would only provide a temporary reprieve.

Fire Marshall Pepper reviewed fuel reduction and defensible space. He emphasized the importance of creating defensible space around homes and businesses to improve survivability during wildfire events. It was noted that wildfire risk existed within the community as well as in surrounding forest areas, with vegetation overgrowth attributed to long-term fire suppression. Ongoing basal scoring treatments were discussed, with additional acreage scheduled for treatment to reduce excess vegetation in targeted areas.

Fire Marshall Pepper reviewed inter-agency prevention and public education efforts. He reported that a U.S. Forest Service fire prevention and education team would be arriving to assist local agencies, including Timber Mesa and Navajo County Emergency Management. The team would support coordinated public messaging, daily briefings, and outreach efforts related to fire prevention and potential restrictions. He reviewed enforcement and monitoring during restrictions and stated that drone-based night patrols had been implemented to identify illegal fires during restriction periods. A trained and certified pilot operated the drone to monitor areas such as campgrounds, short-term rental properties, and remote locations. These enforcement efforts had resulted in citations during the previous year, and similar actions were anticipated once restrictions were enacted again.

Fire Marshall Pepper concluded by reaffirming Timber Mesa's commitment to supporting regional partners in wildfire prevention and response efforts.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. Proclamation by the Mayor Proclaiming May 9 through 16, 2026, as **APACHE CULTURAL WEEK** in the City of Show Low (Rachael Hall)
- B. Consideration of Acceptance of Manhole Replacements, City of Show Low Project No. 7552680, Approval of Change Order, and Authorization of Associated Budget Transfers (Chris Reid)
- C. Consideration of Acceptance of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Navajo County (Rick Austin)

- D. Consideration of Approval of Commercial Operating Agreement with Kelley Aviation (Jacob Allen)
- E. Consideration of Minutes of Show Low City Council meetings:
 - 1. Budget Town Hall and Study Session of April 16, 2026
 - 2. Regular Meeting of April 21, 2026

Mayor Leech said Item 7C (Consideration of Acceptance of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Navajo County) would be pulled from the Consent Agenda at this time.

COUNCILMAN ADAMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED EXCEPT FOR ITEM 7C (CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH NAVAJO COUNTY); SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE; PASSED 7 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, COUNCILMAN ADAMS, COUNCILMAN CLARK, COUNCILMAN HATCH, COUNCILMAN JUDD, AND COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE VOTING IN FAVOR.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Consideration of Adoption of 2026 Navajo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (Greg Westover)

Ms. Jenkins reported that the Navajo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan had been in development for several years and would replace the 2016 plans, which previously existed as two separate plans. She explained the update was necessary to prevent expiration and to consolidate efforts. She said that Pinetop Fire District Chief Morgan served as chair during the process while staff concurrently worked on the multi-jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan, both of which focused on disaster prevention and mitigation.

Ms. Jenkins said after adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan by Federal Emergency Management Agency, staff finalized the Wildfire Protection Plan with assistance from multiple partner agencies. She explained the plan established a framework to pursue state and federal grant funding for mitigation efforts, with estimated costs ranging from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per acre depending on conditions.

Ms. Jenkins said city staff recommended adopting the 2026 Navajo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE 2026 NAVAJO COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN; SECONDED BY

COUNCILMAN ADAMS; PASSED 7 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, COUNCILMAN ADAMS, COUNCILMAN CLARK, COUNCILMAN HATCH, COUNCILMAN JUDD, AND COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE VOTING IN FAVOR.

- B. **PUBLIC HEARING** and Consideration of Ordinance No. 2026-03 Amending Zoning Ordinance of City, Amending Zoning Map, Changing Zoning on A.P.N. 212-11-102A from AR-43X (Single Family Residential, Manufactured Homes Excluded 43,000 Square Feet) to Planned Unit Development on Property Identified as A.P.N. 212-11-102A Submitted by Espiritu Loci Incorporated (Justen Tregaskes)

Mr. Tregaskes said that at its regular meeting of April 28, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 7-0 to approve the zone change request submitted by Espiritu Loci Incorporated for property described as A.P.N. 212-11-102A, subject to specified conditions, from AR-43X (Single Family Residential, Manufactured Homes Excluded 43,000 square feet) to PUD (Planned Unit Development). The subject property was the southern portion of the recently approved Preliminary Plat of Waters Edge and was within the Show Low Lake Master Plan. The City Council approved the master plan through Ordinance No. 2010-03 on February 16, 2010. This subject property was recently annexed into the City of Show Low from Pinetop-Lakeside.

Mr. Tregaskes said the preliminary plat for Water's Edge was approved by the City Council on February 17, 2026. Staff notified property owners within 300 feet of the subject property regarding this preliminary plat application and City Council meeting date in accordance with condition 12 of Ordinance No. 2010-03. Water's Edge covered approximately 47.81 acres that encompassed a total of 62 residential lots. The subject property contained 6.5 of the 62 residential lots. The minimum lot size was set at 10,000 square feet, with an average lot size specified as 0.55 acres (23,958 square feet). The plans for this development included private, gated access roads. All residences constructed would be site-built homes. The plat required the dedication of a public access trail and a 50-foot open-space buffer along the western boundary. A zone change for this property would be required to allow the lot sizes indicated for this portion of the project as proposed.

Mr. Tregaskes said that, as required by City Code for zone changes, the applicant held a neighborhood meeting on March 23, 2026, and had zero attendance from the invited surrounding property owners.

Mr. Tregaskes said a conceptual layout of the property had been supplied by the applicant and was included in the packet for review. If approved, this property would become part of the Show Low Lake PUD and would be subject to all conditions of approval as outlined in Ordinance No. 2010-03, including 50-foot buffer and access trail.

BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MS. HALL READ ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

BY TITLE ONLY SINCE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE A COPY.

COUNCILMAN ADAMS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JUDD; PASSED 7 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, COUNCILMAN ADAMS, COUNCILMAN CLARK, COUNCILMAN HATCH, COUNCILMAN JUDD, AND COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE VOTING IN FAVOR.

- C. Consideration of Award of Additional Well 10 Repairs, City of Show Low Project No. W-1821 JO15 (Rick Austin)

Mr. Austin said that on January 19, 2021, the City Council approved a Job Order Contract (JOC) with three well service companies to provide labor and furnish and install materials for the repair and maintenance of water wells and existing water facilities at various locations. The three companies were Willis Drilling and Pump, Beeman Drilling, and Weber Water Resources. JOCs streamlined the procurement of all repair and replacement services, saving several weeks in the procurement process for each project. As repairs arose, the work was competitively bid among the three JOC Contractors on the City's JOC roster.

Mr. Austin said that on October 31, 2025, Willis Drilling & Pump was awarded the Job Order for Well 10 Repairs, including labor to pull the pump from the well, to brush and bail the well with liquid acid for three sessions, installation of new pump equipment, programming, and testing in the amount of \$85,190.92.

Mr. Austin said that during the camera scan of the well, it was discovered that the well was filled with approximately 80 feet of silica sand. Willis Drilling and Pump submitted a Change Order to switch to blowing out silica and scale using a rotary drill rig and an air compressor. The Change Order included hours traveled, labor to set up the rotary drill rig over the hole, removing the drill rod, and installing a side air jet tool to clean scale from the casing for the full length of the well. After multiple passes, more silica started entering the well. The drill rod was removed, and the crew ran tools downhole to blow out the remaining silica at the bottom of the hole. The rig was broken down and removed from the well site.

Mr. Austin said a camera was run down the hole, and it was discovered that the acid used had not removed any of the bacteria. Staff met with a well-rehabilitation representative and provided the water quality information from Well 10 and the newly recorded footage. He indicated that the acid type used was ineffective and recommended a new biocide acid, along with a remediation plan for biocide use.

Mr. Austin said that on March 24, 2026, Willis Drilling and Pump submitted another Change Order for four treatments of WaterSOLV BC Bio-remediation, including installation, pumping, or airlift of WaterSOLV from the well, plus materials, perform a well scan to confirm the depths of patches before and

after patching, travel time and labor to place a two-foot by four-foot mild steel patch to cover both holes in the casing at 443 feet, upgrade to a stainless steel patch, and sales taxes in the amount of \$59,232.29.

Mr. Austin said staff recommended awarding additional Well 10 Repairs, City of Show Low Project No. W-1821 JO15 to Willis Management Enterprises, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$59,232.29.

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO AWARD THE ADDITIONAL WELL 10 REPAIRS, CITY OF SHOW LOW PROJECT NO. W-1821 JO15 TO WILLIS MANAGEMENT ENTERPRISES, INC., DBA WILLIS DRILLING AND PUMP, UNDER JOB ORDER CONTRACT W-1821 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$59,232.29; SECONDED BY MAYOR LEECH; PASSED 7 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, COUNCILMAN ADAMS, COUNCILMAN CLARK, COUNCILMAN HATCH, COUNCILMAN JUDD, AND COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE VOTING IN FAVOR.

- D. Consideration of Award of Aquatic Center Parking Lot Expansion, City of Show Low Project No. 4452684 (Chris Reid)

Mr. Reid said that the City's 2026 fiscal year budget included a capital improvement project labeled "City Parks Streets and Trails Makeover — Aquatic Center Parking Lot Expansion," with a construction budget of \$196,965. The scope of the work included 470 tons of AC paving, 550 cubic yards of aggregate base, grading, parking striping, related improvements, and other items necessary to accomplish the improvements.

Mr. Reid said the project was designed by City engineering staff with an engineer's estimate of \$183,700. The project was advertised for bids per statutory requirements, and the following bids were received:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Perkins Cinders, Inc.	\$167,301.92
Western Grade, LLC	\$215,416.07

Mr. Reid said staff recommended awarding the construction contract for the Aquatic Center Parking Lot Expansion project, City of Show Low Project Number 4452684, to Perkins Cinders, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$167,301.92. The agreement would be drafted using a standard City contract.

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE AQUATIC CENTER PARKING LOT EXPANSION, CITY OF SHOW LOW PROJECT NO. 4452684, TO PERKINS CINDERS, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$167,301.92; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS; PASSED 7 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, COUNCILMAN ADAMS, COUNCILMAN CLARK, COUNCILMAN HATCH, COUNCILMAN JUDD, AND COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE VOTING IN FAVOR.

E. Consideration of Approval to Purchase Bear-Resistant Garbage Carts with City Council Contingency Funds (Justin Johnson)

Mr. Johnson said that in 2025, over 350 bear complaints were received within the City, and Game and Fish data predicted an increase in bear activity this year. Unsecured garbage was the leading attractant drawing bears into neighborhoods, creating safety concerns, property damage, and risks to wildlife.

Mr. Johnson said that on April 21, 2026, the City Council approved the acceptance of \$130,000 in Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Grant Program funds to purchase bear-resistant garbage carts. The grant funds would reduce human-bear conflicts by deploying approximately 400 certified bear-resistant containers in high-incident areas and educating residents on proper waste management. The City would collaborate with Arizona Game and Fish and local waste services to track incidents and measure success.

Mr. Johnson said providing additional bear-resistant carts would further help reduce attractants, improve public safety, and support the City's wildlife existence goals.

Mr. Johnson said staff was requesting approval to use City Council's Contingency funds, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000, to purchase approximately 1,000 additional bear-resistant trash carts.

Councilman Judd inquired who had purchased the existing garbage and recycling carts. Mr. Johnson responded that the carts were provided and owned by Waste Management as part of the service contract, and that the City had not purchased them.

Councilman Judd clarified that the proposed bear-resistant carts would be in addition to the existing carts and would be owned by the City. Mr. Johnson confirmed and noted that implementation would require further planning, including determining quantities and identifying priority areas based on reported bear activity. Mr. Johnson stated that grant funding would provide approximately 400 carts, and up to 1,000–1,100 additional carts could be purchased using council contingency funding. He indicated that high-incident areas such as Torreón, Sierra Pines, and the Country Club area could potentially utilize the full allocation.

Councilman Judd suggested a request-based distribution. Mr. Johnson explained that studies indicated carts were most effective when deployed in concentrated areas to prevent bears from simply moving to nearby properties. Mr. Johnson reported that the proposed funding would address less than half of the City's approximately 6,500 households and that not all areas required bear-resistant carts.

Councilman Hatch asked if residents could participate in purchasing the carts.

Mr. Johnson said staff had reviewed that option and it would be a possibility. However, there were logistical challenges noted regarding ownership, maintenance, and replacement responsibilities.

Councilman Hatch asked for clarification regarding Waste Management's service contract. Mr. Johnson confirmed that Waste Management had the service contract for regular trash service but did not include provisions for bear-resistant carts in the current contract. Councilman Hatch inquired whether a provision could be included for bear-resistant carts in areas where they are needed. Mr. Johnson responded that legal staff would need to review the matter.

Councilman Judd expressed concern regarding the use of Council contingency funds and suggested prioritizing other needs, including restroom improvements at City parks. Mr. Johnson noted that contingency funding was presented to provide flexibility and that Council could allocate all, part, or none of the funds.

Councilman Clark questioned why the item had not been included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process and expressed the opinion that the issue should be addressed through established planning and coordination with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Waste Management. Mr. Johnson explained that the issue arose due to a significant increase in bear-related calls in 2025 and the availability of grant funding, which prompted staff to bring the item forward.

Councilman Clark stated the bear-related issues were more of an Arizona Game and Fish Department and Waste Management issue than a City issue. He stated he did not support using contingency funds for the purchase and recommended only using grant funding to purchase the bear-resistant carts.

Mr. Johnson confirmed that the grant funding was time-sensitive, requiring purchase and delivery by the end of May to qualify for reimbursement. Additional discussion addressed pricing, with standard carts costing approximately \$90 and bear-resistant carts significantly more due to their reinforced construction. Mr. Brown noted that Waste Management had already reduced pricing for the proposed carts and emphasized that the proposal aimed to address increased bear activity and public safety concerns, particularly in high-incident areas, while acknowledging that Council direction would determine next steps.

COUNCILMAN CLARK MOVED TO DENY THE PURCHASE OF BEAR-RESISTANT GARBAGE CARTS WITH CITY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000, AND DIRECTED STAFF TO COORDINATE WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT TO MAXIMIZE THE PURCHASE OF BEAR-RESISTANT GARBAGE CARTS THROUGH RECEIVED GRANT FUNDS, AND TO WORK WITH ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT TO ADDRESS BEAR-RELATED CONCERNS; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HATCH; PASSED

4 TO 3 WITH COUNCILMAN CLARK, COUNCILMAN HATCH, COUNCILMAN JUDD, AND COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE VOTING IN FAVOR, AND MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, AND COUNCILMAN ADAMS WITH THE DISSENTING VOTES.

9. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:**

A. Council Members

Councilman Whipple reminded citizens that the Show Low High School Graduation would be May 21, and congratulated all graduating seniors.

Vice Mayor Kakavas commended staff on their efforts for economic development in the City.

B. Mayor

Mayor Leech thanked Councilmembers and staff for their hard work during the City's Annual Anniversary Party and the BBQ Throwdown events last week.

C. City Manager

Mr. Brown said Show Low Main Street's weekly Saturday farmers' market and art walk would begin Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at their new location near the Show Low Library parking lot, near 9th Street and Huning. The market will run through September 19. The market will have vendors selling produce, food products, and arts and crafts. For more details you can visit showlowmainstreet.org.

Mr. Brown said there would be a Community Ceremony for National Police Week on May 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Memorial next to City Hall. Everyone was invited to attend.

Mr. Brown said the annual Show Low Rodeo would be held on June 5 and 6 at the Linden Valley Arena.

Mr. Brown said the City's annual Project Clean Sweep would kick off next week. Show Low residents could dump green waste for free for two weeks at the new location at 2100 N. 16th Street, on the week of May 11, and again on the week of May 18. Bulky item pickup would begin the week of Monday, June 1, through Friday, June 5. Citizens could haul debris for free to the Lone Pine Transfer Station from June 1 through June 6. Please visit the city's website for more information.

10. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**


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

Mr. Brown reminded the City Council that the regularly scheduled meeting on May 19 was rescheduled to May 26.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

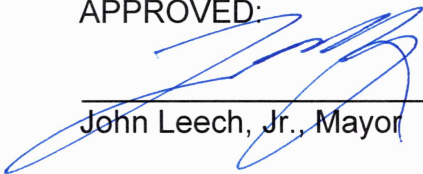
There being no further business to be brought before the Council, **MAYOR LEECH ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL OF MAY 5, 2026, AT 8:43 P.M.**

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 5, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 26th day of May, 2026.

(SEAL)



Rachael Hall, City Clerk

