

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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, and Councilman Whipple

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Anna Atencio, City Attorney; Justin Johnson, Deputy City Manager; Greg Westover, Police Chief; Shane Hemesath, Public Works Director; Justen Tregaskes, Planning and Zoning Director; Chris Reid, City Engineer; Jacob Allen, Airport Manager; Rick Austin, Public Works Operations Manager; Trampas Johnston, Engineering Project Manager; and Rachael Hall, City Clerk.

GUESTS: Jack Babb, Doug Roberts, Kaella Fawcett, Brad Carlyon, Zach Barlow, Billy Hillard, David and Lori Fawcett, Casper and Kelly Boyer, Emily Higginbotham, others.

3. Invocation.

Councilman Judd gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Clark 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, thanked the construction company for the 36th Drive roadway improvements.

Jack Babb said the Navajo County Fair and Rodeo would be in Holbrook from September 16-19 and invited all to attend.

6. **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

A. Recognition of Show Low Police Department Promotion

Chief Westover recognized the promotion of Garrison Fawcett to Sergeant with the Show Low Police Department. He noted that Sergeant Fawcett began his law enforcement career in 2016 after graduating from the Northern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy and served nine years with the Navajo County Sheriff's Office. He also served with the White Mountain Regional Special Response Team and the Major Crimes Apprehension Team.

Chief Westover stated that Sergeant Fawcett joined the Show Low Police Department in 2025 and quickly distinguished himself through his work as a patrol officer, training officer, and master officer. He commended his character, judgment, work ethic, and commitment to the community and expressed confidence in his ability to serve as a supervisor.

Chief Westover congratulated Sergeant Fawcett on his promotion and recognized his wife, Kaella, who pinned his new sergeant badge.

B. Presentation by Navajo County Family Advocacy Center

Navajo County Attorney Brad Carlyon provided an overview of the Navajo County Family Advocacy Center (FAC) and explained that its guiding principle was "healing." He described how, prior to the FAC, child victims could be required to recount traumatic experiences multiple times to patrol officers, detectives, prosecutors, and Child Protective Services. He stated that the FAC was created to minimize re-traumatization by providing a trained forensic interviewer and coordinating investigative and support services in one location.

County Attorney Carlyon explained that the FAC provided counseling and support services for child victims and their families, including assistance in addressing the trauma experienced by both the child and parents. He stated that the FAC operated through a unique public-private partnership, with Navajo County providing facilities, utilities, and a portion of the salaries for the director and forensic interviewer, while the nonprofit component raised funds for additional staffing, counseling, and other services. He noted that the FAC operated locations in Show Low and Holbrook to reduce travel for families. The FAC had also partnered with Summit Healthcare to provide a medical examination room at the facility, allowing sexual assault examinations and collection of forensic evidence to occur in a familiar environment rather than requiring children to wait in a hospital emergency room.

County Attorney Carlyon discussed additional programs offered through the FAC, including Art Through the Heart, gardening activities, counseling, and

other services designed to assist children and families in the healing process. He stated that the FAC served children as young as three years old and provided specialized services for children with developmental disabilities, as well as victims of kidnapping, trafficking, sexual assault, and physical assault.

County Attorney Carlyon reported that a child crime occurred in Navajo County approximately every 36 hours and noted that 85% of FAC victims were age 14 or younger. He stated that approximately 99% of victims knew the person who harmed them, emphasizing that child safety education should focus not only on "stranger danger," but also on helping children recognize unsafe situations involving people they know. He further reported that the number of cases coming through the FAC had increased approximately 60% over the previous two years, which he attributed primarily to increased reporting and awareness of the FAC.

County Attorney Carlyon explained that the FAC was designed to provide a comfortable, child-friendly environment rather than a police-station setting. The facility included toys, clothing, sleeping accommodations, a private interview room with recording equipment, and a medical examination room. He stated that the centralized approach allowed law enforcement, prosecutors, Child Protective Services, and other agencies to work together under national investigative standards while reducing the need for children to repeat their experiences.

County Attorney Carlyon stated that one of the FAC's future priorities was increasing community and school outreach so children, particularly junior high and high school students, would know where they could safely report abuse and receive assistance. He thanked the Council for its past support and encouraged continued support of FAC fundraising efforts.

Vice Mayor Kakavas asked about opportunities for residents to volunteer as advocates. County Attorney Carlyon explained that the FAC used volunteers for various activities and that criminal justice advocacy was generally coordinated through the Navajo County Victims Services Department, which also trained and utilized volunteers.

Vice Mayor Kakavas expressed appreciation for the FAC and its services to children in the community.

Mayor Leech expressed his support for the FAC and shared his experiences attending FAC open houses. He commented on the child-friendly environment and emphasized the importance of the facility's privacy and comfort for young victims. Mayor Leech encouraged Council members and the community to attend an open house and support the FAC's annual fundraising efforts, including its golf tournament. He also noted that the FAC accepted donations of toys, clothing, and other needed items.

County Attorney Carlyon noted that the FAC qualified for the Arizona state nonprofit tax credit, allowing eligible taxpayers to receive a dollar-for-dollar

state tax credit for qualifying donations up to the applicable maximum.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. Consideration of Resolution No. R2026-22 Rescinding Resolution No. R2024-27 and Adopting Revised Title VI Policy Statement and Implementation Plan Regarding Non-Discrimination in City Programs and Activities (Justin Johnson)
- B. Consideration of Acceptance of Woolford Subdivision Roadway Improvements, City of Show Low Project No. 5002531 (Chris Reid)
- C. Consideration of Acceptance of 36th Drive Curb, City of Show Low Project No. 5002653 (Chris Reid)
- D. Consideration of Acceptance of Downtown Parking Lot Restroom, City of Show Low Project No. 4452507 (Shane Hemesath)
- E. Consideration of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Mesa for Industrial Plumbing Supplies (Rick Austin)
- F. Consideration of Final Acceptance of Large Helicopter Parking Pads at Show Low Regional Airport (Jacob Allen)
- G. Consideration of Non-Commercial Ground Lease with First Air Service, LLC and Termination of Lease with Good Natured Creations, LLC at Show Low Regional Airport (Jacob Allen)
- H. Consideration of Acceptance of Pine Haven Unit 2 (Justen Tregaskes)
- I. Consideration of Minutes of Show Low City Council meetings:
 - 1. Regular Meeting of July 21, 2026
 - 2. Special Meeting of August 4, 2026

COUNCILMAN ADAMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CLARK; 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 Award of Professional Services Contract for SCADA Integration of Fools Hollow Lift Station, City of Show Low Project No. 75527036 (Rick Austin)

Mr. Austin said the City's 2027 budget included funding of \$90,000 in capital improvements for the integration of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

(SCADA) for Fools Hollow Lift Station to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) SCADA System. This system allowed staff to monitor and fully control the facilities on the computer versus manual operation.

Mr. Austin said PACE Advanced Water Engineering was the design firm that had previously completed SCADA upgrades with the City's current system. Staff contacted PACE for a proposal to make the necessary integration to the SCADA system to include Fools Hollows Lift Station. The scope included installing necessary hardware and software modifications to the system to include the lift station. A detailed scope of work was included in the Council packet.

Mr. Austin said staff recommended approving the Professional Services Contract for SCADA Control System integration of the Fools Hollow Lift Station, City of Show Low Project No. 75527036, to PACE Advanced Water Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$50,388.

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA) CONTROL SYSTEM INTEGRATION OF FOOLS HOLLOW LIFT STATION TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SCADA SYSTEM, CITY OF SHOW LOW PROJECT NO. 75527036, TO PACE ADVANCED WATER ENGINEERING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,388; 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. Consideration of Award of Contract for Nikolaus Park Soccer Field Lighting, City of Show Low Project No. 44527010 (Rick Austin)

Mr. Austin said the City's 2027 fiscal year budget included a capital improvement project labeled "Lighting at Nikolaus Park" with a construction budget of \$300,000. The scope of work included furnishing of all labor, materials, and incidentals as may be required to construct field lights at the Nikolaus Park soccer field. The project would utilize the existing controls at the Nikolaus Park ball fields. Staff selected Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, a vendor with Sourcewell to complete the lighting project through cooperative purchasing Contract Number: 041123-MSL.

Mr. Austin said staff recommended awarding the construction contract for the Nikolaus Park Soccer Field Lighting, City of Show Low Project No. 44527010, to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. A standard form contract will be used for this project.

Vice Mayor Kakavas asked if Musco had provided lighting to other locations within the City. Mr. Austin said yes, they were established at Nikolaus Homestead Park, Ponderosa Field, and Senior Field.

Councilman Clark commented on the importance of including lighting as part of future recreational projects, particularly projects involving sports fields. He noted the positive community use of the pickleball courts and stated that lighting would allow recreational facilities to remain accessible during shorter daylight hours, particularly in the fall and winter months. He asked whether the City could consider making lighting a standard component of recreational projects when going out to bid.

Mr. Hemesath stated that providing lighting was consistent with the City's goals for recreational facilities and noted that the field in question was the last remaining field to receive lighting. He explained that staff would consider lighting when funding was available.

Councilman Clark stated that, if grant funding did not cover the cost, he would support the Council considering funding lighting because of the benefits it would provide to the community.

COUNCILMAN CLARK MOVED TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR NIKOLAUS PARK SOCCER FIELD LIGHTING, CITY OF SHOW LOW PROJECT NO. 44527010, TO MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000; SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS; 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 a Construction Contract for City Hall Elevator Modernization, City of Show Low Project No. 44527001 and Authorization Associated Budget Transfers (Shane Hemesath)

Mr. Hemesath said in the City's FY2027 Fiscal Year Budget there was \$175,000 for a new elevator at City Hall. The City Hall Elevator had been repaired multiple times over the past couple of years and was currently non-operational. The elevator was the original elevator that was constructed with the structure and was over 40-years old. Parts to continue to repair the elevator were becoming extremely hard to find in the marketplace. An elevator modernization would be required to get the elevator operational. Schindler Elevator Corporation had prepared a quote for an elevator modernization under the Sourcewell Contract # 050224-SCH for an amount not to exceed \$265,732. The scope of the work was to rebuild the elevator car, install new electronic controls and required hydraulic improvements to modernize the elevator.

Mr. Hemesath said a standard form contract would be used for the project. He said staff recommended awarding a construction contract to Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$265,732 for the City Hall Elevator Modernization project, City of Show Low Project No. 44527001 and authorize associated budget transfers.

COUNCILMAN CLARK MOVED TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE CITY HALL ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT, CITY OF SHOW LOW PROJECT NO. 44527001, TO SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$265,732 AND AUTHORIZE THE ASSOCIATED BUDGET TRANSFERS; 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.

- D. Consideration of Resolution R2026-23 Accepting Donation of Land and Re-Conveyance of Parcels Pursuant to the Fifth Amendment to Show Low Bluff Development Agreement (Anna Atencio)

Ms. Atencio said on December 7, 2010, the City entered into the Show Low Bluff Agreement with the then owners and developers. Since 2010, there had been four amendments to the Development Agreement.

Ms. Atencio said the City approved the Third Amendment to the Show Low Bluff Development Agreement whereby SRH Holdings deeded specific land, A.P.N.s 210-28-036 and 210-28-035, approximately nine (9) acres, for the Show Low Sports and Event Center Project. This deed was not recorded. It was then determined that alternative parcels were better suited for the project, and A.P.N.s 210-28-036 and 210-28-035, approximately nine point five (9.5) acres, were deeded to the City for the Show Low Sports and Event Center Project in the Fourth Amendment to the Show Low Bluff Development Agreement. The deeds for A.P.N.s 210-28-036 and 210-28-035 were recorded with Navajo County.

Ms. Atencio said as the Show Low Sports and Event Center Project had progressed in the design phase, it was again determined that alternative parcels were better suited for the project. City staff and the developer had identified a parcel for the project, A.P.N. 210-28-040A, which was approximately 12.26 acres. In accepting A.P.N. 210-28-040A, the City would re-convey A.P.N.s 210-28-036 and 210-28-035 back to SRH Holdings, LLC.

Ms. Atencio said staff recommended adopting Resolution No. R2026-23 accepting the donation of land known as A.P.N. 210-28-040A and re-conveying A.P.N.s 210-28-036 and 210-28-035 to SRH Holdings, LLC, and approving the Fifth Amendment to the Show Low Bluff Development Agreement.

COUNCILMAN JUDD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R2026-23 ACCEPTING A DONATION OF LAND KNOWN AS A.P.N. 210- 28-040A AND RE-CONVEYING A.P.N.S 210-28-036 AND 210-28-035 TO SRH HOLDINGS, LLC, AND APPROVING THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE SHOW LOW BLUFF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT; 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 Acceptance of Show Low Sports and Events Center Design Development Phase of Plans and Approval to Move into Construction Document Phase of the Design Contract, City of Show Low Project No. FM-4625 (Shane Hemesath)

Mr. Hemesath said at its regular meeting on July 15, 2025, the City Council awarded the pre-construction contract to Haydon Companies LLC for the Show Low Sports and Event Center. The scope of work for this contract was the first phase of the design build contract for the facility. Over the past few months, the design team had been working to finalize the Design Development phase of the facility. The design team had finalized the Design Development Phase Plans, including an updated cost estimate for the project. The Haydon, Architekton, and 4-Line Studio team were here to present a review of the Design Development Phase of the plans, including the updated cost estimate for the facilities and items included.

Mr. Hemesath said staff recommended approving the updated Design Development Phase of the plans and cost estimate for the Show Low Sports and Events Center and approving moving into the Construction Documents phase of the design contract, City of Show Low Project No. FM-4625.

Chris Ford, Principal of 4-Line Studio, presented the 100% design development plans and updated cost estimate for the Show Low Sports and Events Center and requested authorization to proceed to the construction document phase.

Mr. Ford provided an overview of the project schedule and stated that the design development drawings had been completed and submitted to the City for review. He outlined the anticipated next steps, including presentation of the first GMP package on September 1, 2026, which would include mass grading and early steel work; presentation of the 75% construction document package on September 22; permit submittal on October 20; presentation of the final GMP package on November 17; and issuance of the final building permits in November. He explained that the current design reflected the value-engineering items previously discussed by Council, with most of the overall layout and aesthetics remaining unchanged.

Mr. Ford reviewed the site and floor plans, noting that the project included 476 on-site parking spaces, additional off-site parking, an entry plaza, and a private patio adjacent to the meeting rooms. The facility would include six basketball courts, meeting and banquet spaces, a commercial kitchen, offices, restrooms, storage, concessions, and a second-level mezzanine walking track. He then presented exterior and interior renderings of the facility, including the lobby, meeting and banquet spaces, private patio, gymnasium, and walking track.

Mayor Leech asked about potential glare from the windows during

championship events. Mr. Ford stated that the windows would have electronically controlled roller shades. Vice Mayor Kakavas questioned the removal of some windows, and Mr. Ford explained that the change was made due to structural considerations.

Councilman Judd asked whether the private patio could be opened to expand the meeting room space. Mr. Ford explained that the patio would have direct access from the meeting space and corridor and could be controlled for private or ticketed events. He further explained that the permanent fence would include a large gate and pedestrian gates, allowing the outdoor space to be opened for events.

Councilman Hatch asked about seating in recreational and championship modes and the durability of the court divider curtains. Mr. Ford explained that removable bleachers would be available for tournaments and that the facility would accommodate approximately 4,500 seats, including approximately 1,500 loose seats around the championship court. He also confirmed that the divider curtains were designed to withstand basketball and volleyball use.

Vice Mayor Kakavas asked whether the design team had identified anything that should be addressed to avoid future issues. Mr. Ford stated that several recommended improvements were being carried as bid alternates, including acoustic treatments for the gym and meeting rooms. He explained that the items had been priced but were not included in the current base bid and that Council would have the opportunity to consider them individually during the final GMP process.

Councilman Clark asked about the approximately 15,500 square feet of lobby and corridor space, which Mr. Ford stated represented approximately 10% of the building. Mr. Ford explained that the space was necessary for circulation, crowd movement, pre-function activities, conferences, and tournament use. He noted that the lobby would also provide multifunctional space for families and participants during tournaments.

Councilman Clark questioned the anticipated use of the multipurpose spaces and whether the project's pro forma included a specific number of conferences each year. Mr. Ford and Mr. Hemesath stated that they did not have the specific number available at the meeting. Mr. Hemesath explained that the spaces could be used for pre-function activities, networking, and social events associated with conferences.

Councilman Clark also asked whether the meeting spaces could be used for community recreation rather than solely conferences. Mr. Ford stated that the banquet and meeting spaces were designed for conferences, weddings, and community meetings but could also accommodate other uses. Mr. Hemesath explained that the spaces could be used for tournament staging and community organizations. Billy Hillard, Regional Vice President of Business Development with Sports Facilities Companies, added that the spaces could accommodate cheer, wrestling, karate, and other events and could be rented

by teams and parents, creating additional revenue opportunities.

Councilman Clark again asked whether conferences, trade shows, weddings, and other non-sporting events had been included in the project's pro forma. Mr. Hillard stated that those uses had been categorized as non-sporting events and agreed to provide Council with the projected number of events.

Mayor Leech requested that the information be provided to Council.

Vice Mayor Kakavas noted that the project originated in 2008 as an event center study and that the sports component was added later to increase revenue and expand the event center concept.

Mr. Ford reviewed the project budget and explained that Phase One, consisting of the previously approved design contract, was approximately \$4 million. He stated that the current Phase Two construction estimate, including additional design services and allowances, brought the total design and construction estimate to approximately \$56.85 million. He also reviewed the bid alternates, which included both potential value-engineering deductions and proposed upgrades such as acoustic treatments, lobby metal panels, and access-control improvements.

Mayor Leech asked about the designation of the bid alternates. Mr. Ford explained that the green items represented additions or increases, while the red items represented deductions or potential value-engineering reductions. He confirmed that Council was not required to make decisions on those items at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Hemesath discussed the approximately \$2.7 million design-builder contingency included in the current estimate. He stated that the contingency was expected to decrease as the project advanced and pricing became more defined. Fritz Behrhorst, Haydon Company LLC, explained that approximately \$1.4 million was anticipated to remain as construction contingency at the GMP stage, depending on bidding, commodity prices, and economic conditions.

Mr. Hemesath clarified that the design-builder's contingency was intended for unforeseen design or construction issues and could not be used by the City to add new project scope. He explained that the City could establish its own contingency for changes or additional scope during construction. He also noted that any project savings remaining at completion would be shared equally between the City and design-build team under the contract.

Councilman Whipple asked about establishing a separate City contingency. Mr. Hemesath stated that the City could carry its own contingency for additional scope and noted that the project was currently approximately \$600,000 over the available FF&E budget, which could require either reducing scope or increasing the budget.

Councilman Clark expressed concern regarding the balance between the

sports and conference components of the facility. He questioned whether the City would be able to attract enough conferences to support the conference-oriented portions of the building and expressed concern that the facility did not include additional recreational amenities that would encourage community use throughout the week. He stated that his primary confidence in the project remained with the sports component and youth sports market.

Mayor Leech stated that he believed future development near the facility, including potential hotel or resort development, could support the event center. He also expressed confidence that the sports and events components would attract users as the facility and surrounding area developed.

Vice Mayor Kakavas reiterated the project's history, noting that it began as an event center project in 2008 and that the sports component was later incorporated to increase revenue and complement the event center.

Councilman Hatch expressed support for the project and stated that, with appropriate marketing, the size and flexibility of the facility would allow it to accommodate conferences, sports, weddings, and other events. He emphasized the long-term nature of the project and the potential for the facility to support future growth and development in the community.

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE UPDATED DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE PLANS AND COST ESTIMATE FOR THE SHOW LOW SPORTS AND EVENTS CENTER, AND TO APPROVE MOVING INTO THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PHASE OF THE DESIGN PROJECT, CITY OF SHOW LOW PROJECT NO. FM-4625; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS; PASSED 6 TO 1 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, COUNCILMAN ADAMS, COUNCILMAN HATCH, COUNCILMAN JUDD, AND COUNCILMAN WHIPPLE VOTING IN FAVOR, AND COUNCILMAN CLARK WITH THE DISSENTING VOTE.

9. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:**

A. Council Members

Vice Mayor Kakavas expressed appreciation for City employees, recognizing their dedication, efforts, and contributions to the community. She stated that the City was fortunate to have a strong group of employees and thanked them for their service.

Councilman Judd announced that a football scrimmage against Pima High School was scheduled for Friday and encouraged the community to attend and support the team.

Councilman Whipple noted that school had resumed and fall sports were beginning, including football, soccer, volleyball, and cross country. He encouraged the community to attend and support local youth.

Councilman Clark thanked the Show Low Youth Foundation for its annual banquet and recognized Mayor Leech, his wife, and their team for preparing the food. He also recognized Floyd Simmons for serving as the event emcee and noted that the event raised approximately \$120,000 to \$150,000.

Councilman Clark echoed the comments regarding the start of the school year and fall sports. He commented on the favorable monsoon season and the resulting green fields and parks, stating that it was a great time to live in the White Mountains. He encouraged residents to exercise patience and caution in school zones, particularly during morning and afternoon traffic, and emphasized the importance of keeping local youth safe.

B. Mayor

Mayor Leech thanked Chief Westover and the Police Department for their work with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), noting that a new traffic signal had been installed at Central Avenue and Deuce of Clubs. He expressed appreciation for the efforts to improve traffic safety and coordination with ADOT.

Mayor Leech also thanked ADOT for its work in the community and discussed the trail project near the Meadow. He expressed hope that ADOT would extend the sidewalk to connect the trail with the surrounding businesses and noted that continued coordination with ADOT could help further improve pedestrian infrastructure in the community.

C. City Manager

Mr. Johnson said on August 17, ADOT would start a paving project on the west-side of town on State Route 260 by the Circle K and head eight miles towards Linden.

Mr. Johnson said the Annual E-Waste & Waste Tire Collection Event would be held on August 29 at the Navajo County Penrod Facility at 251 North Penrod Road in Show Low. This was a free event and for residential drop-off only. For more information, contact Steve North at 928-532-4124.

Mr. Johnson said the Labor Systems building that used to be on the Deuce of Clubs near AutoZone had been demoed as of last week. He said their new location was in Park Pine Way Shopping Center next to Sportsman's.

10. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

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

Mr. Johnson due to the annual League of Arizona Cities and Towns conference next week, the Council meeting that was scheduled for August 18 had been canceled. He said the next regular council meeting would be on September 1. He said a special meeting would be held on September 1 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the

regular meeting to review and discuss the proposed annual performance evaluation process for city-appointed positions.

Mr. Johnson said the Council Retreat was scheduled for October 14 starting at 9:00 a.m., location would be announced at a later time.

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 AUGUST 11, 2026, AT 8:41 P.M.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Rachael Hall, City Clerk

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 August 11, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

Rachael Hall, City Clerk