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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JEROME TOWN COUNCIL JEROME CIVIC CENTER - 600 CLARK STREET - COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M.

<p>ITEM #1:</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order. Town Clerk to call and record the roll. <i>Mayor Currier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.</i> <i>Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher called roll. Present were Mayor Currier, Vice Mayor Freund, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Barber and Councilmember Vander Horst. Also present was Joni Savage, Deputy Clerk.</i></p>
<p>ITEM #2: 7:01</p>	<p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor/Chairperson to lead the Pledge. <i>Mayor Currier led the Pledge of Allegiance.</i></p>
<p>ITEM #3: 7:02</p>	<p>STAFF REPORTS Written staff reports by the Town Manager/Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Utilities Representative, Public Works Department, Building Inspector, Library, Municipal Court, Police Chief, and Fire Chief. <i>Councilmember Vander Horst noted that Becky Cretti was not present, however he wanted to congratulate her on 15 years of employment with the Town.</i> <i>Referencing the Manager's report, Mayor Currier noted that January and February sales tax receipts for retail were down dramatically over the previous months. They had been running two to four thousand dollars ahead of last year until January, when they dropped significantly. He asked Kevin Savage, President of the Chamber of Commerce (who was present at the meeting) if he had a feel for that and what he thought of it. Mr. Savage said that he was surprised that the numbers were down.</i> <i>Councilmember Vander Horst observed that, prior to the tax increase that took effect in November, sales tax receipts were averaging \$6,200 above budget. Since the increase, he said, we are averaging about \$2,000 under budget. He added that he believes it is too soon to draw a conclusion about this, but it is an interesting observation.</i> <i>Vice Mayor Freund referred to the Manager's report, which noted that Deputy Public Works Director Edward Ave is seeking quotes for cleaning culverts and storm drains, and asked if that is beyond the capabilities of the Town crew. Mayor Currier added that the fire department has done this in the past. Ms. Gallagher replied that that the work Mr. Ave is contemplating is more involved than that, and is beyond the scope of the crew.</i> <i>Mayor Currier noted a prioritized list of Public Works projects included in Mr. Ave's report, and suggested that Council might want to consider those priorities and see if theirs are the same. Ms. Gallagher noted that she assisted Mr. Ave with formatting that report by giving him a copy of hers from the prior month. Right now, those projects appear on both her report and Mr. Ave's, but she plans to remove them from her report in the future.</i> <i>Councilmember Vander Horst noted that, in previous meeting, it was anticipated that work on the leaning wall would be complete by March, but nothing has yet been done. Ms. Gallagher replied that we have had trouble finding Jersey barriers at a reasonable cost, and the matter is scheduled for discussion by Council at Thursday's special meeting.</i> Motion: Councilmember Vander Horst made a motion to accept the staff reports. It was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>
<p>ITEM #4: 7:08</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORTS Issued checks and financial reports for the month of March 2016. Figures included therein are presumed accurate as of the report's preparation date, but are subject to adjustment as further information is gained.</p>

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	<p>Mayor Currier noted that, as of March 30, there was a \$120,000 difference between the account balance per the bank statement and the balance per the books, due to a lot of outstanding checks. Ms. Gallagher stated that this may have been due to the timing of the checks that were written, and she will look into that.</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst noted that administrative expenses are significantly under budget and asked what is driving that. Ms. Gallagher explained that the budget includes transfers that have not yet been made, and some expenses are budgeted monthly but paid less frequently.</p> <p>Councilmember Barber asked who is performing our dispatch services, and how often they are billed. Ms. Gallagher replied that police dispatch is done by Camp Verde, who bills us semiannually; however, we did not receive this year's first billing, so the entire year's service was recently paid all at one time. Cottonwood performs our fire/EMS dispatch, and she believes that is billed quarterly. She clarified for Ms. Barber that these are the only two agencies we use for dispatch.</p> <p>Motion: Councilmember Barber made a motion to accept the financial report. It was seconded by Vice Mayor Freund. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>
<p>ITEM #5: 7:12</p>	<p>PLANNING AND ZONING AND DESIGN REVIEW MINUTES/ RECOMMENDATIONS/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT</p> <p>Minutes are provided for the information of Council and do not require action.</p> <p>Mayor Currier noted that Mr. Sengstock was not present and asked Ms. Gallagher to read his report. Ms. Gallagher read the report provided by Mr. Sengstock.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Freund stated that the Steering Committee is in recess for the next month or so.</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher noted that Council will be discussing the position of Zoning Administrator at Thursday's upcoming special meeting. Mayor Currier said that we have received several applications, and added that there may be a way to use Mr. Sengstock's expertise even though he is not in Jerome anymore. It will all be discussed at Thursday's meeting, he said.</p>
<p>ITEM #6: 7:13</p>	<p>COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES</p> <p>March 8, 2016 regular meeting; November 3, 2015 special meeting</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher noted a typographical correction to the March 8th minutes.</p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Freund made a motion to accept the minutes of March 8, 2015 (with the correction noted). Councilmember Barber seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.</p> <p>Referencing the November 3, 2015, minutes, Councilmember Barber pointed out that the extreme wind over the weekend did not knock the leaning wall down.</p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Freund made a motion to accept the minutes of November 3, 2015. Councilmember Stewart seconded it. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>
<p>ITEM #7: 7:16</p>	<p>PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC</p> <p>Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), public comment is permitted on matters not listed on the agenda but the subject matter must be within the jurisdiction of the Council. All comments are subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions. All petitioners must fill out a request form with their name and subject matter. When recognized by the chair, please step to the microphone, state your name and please observe the three (3) minute time limit. No petitioners will be recognized without a request. The Council's response to public comments is limited to asking staff to review a matter commented upon, asking that a matter be put on a future agenda, or responding to criticism.</p> <p>Kevin Savage, President of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, said that he had discussed this year's Home Tour with Ms. Gallagher, and thanked Council for allowing the use of Town Hall. He asked if the Mayor or a Council member would be willing to serve as a docent in the front lobby. He added that he would also like to request the use of the Town van and the Gator, and to, once again this year, close First Street to traffic during the event. Lastly, he said that this is the first time that there will be a home in The Gulch on the Tour, and he asked if the speed bumps on that road could be smoothed out just prior to the event.</p> <p>Mayor Currier explained that Council may not respond to comments during Petitions From The Public, and Ms. Gallagher said that, as long as Council is comfortable with it, she would handle his requests administratively. There were no objections voiced.</p>

ITEM #8	PRESENTATIONS
7:22	<p>ITEM #8A: YAVAPAI COLLEGE UPDATE</p> <p>Dr. Clint Ewell will offer an update regarding Yavapai College.</p> <p><i>Clint Ewell introduced himself as the Vice President of Finance at Yavapai Community College. He presented the two documents that he brought with him, which consisted of a newsletter and annual report from the board. The college board, he said, has given them three main goals; education, economic development and providing cultural and community activities. He spoke of the College's activities in each area.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Their dual enrollment program is going strong with a lot of participation from the high schools here in the Verde Valley. They will be reaching out to the new superintendent of V'ACTE (Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education) to build more programs with them. They are also working with the University of Arizona to bring some new programs into being. Dr. Ewell spoke of the College's programs in animal science and culinary arts and their new hospitality program which will begin this fall at the Verde campus. He added that they have re-launched their film and media-arts program, also at the Verde campus.</i> • <i>Alex Wright, of the College's Regional Economic Development Center, has been working with Town Councils and local Chambers to do work studies. They would welcome any kind of request Jerome might have, and are working to develop more internships and job placement activities.</i> • <i>The Southwest Wine Center is "going strong," and they are releasing a couple of new vintages.</i> • <i>They will be working, starting July 1, to renovate their Sedona Center, and they have been reaching out to that community to understand their interests.</i> • <i>With respect to cultural activities, they are showing satellite events at the local campus, and their Adventures Program is a non-credit opportunity for people to go on local and international trips. In addition, they have had a lot of participation from schools for their Children's Matinee series, and they now have three OLLI (Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning) programs in the community.</i> <p><i>In closing, Dr. Ewell said, "Lots of good things are happening at the College. We are your community college -- let us know if you have any additional needs."</i></p> <p><i>Councilmember Vander Horst commented that he is a current student and he would strongly encourage their involvement with the vocational school.</i></p>
7:29	<p>ITEM #9A: APPOINTMENT TO PSPRS BOARD</p> <p>Council may approve the Mayor's appointment of a citizen member of Jerome's local Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Board for the remainder of a four-year term ending November 20, 2019.</p> <p><i>Mayor Currier stated that this board meets twice a year regarding the Police Department pension. We have had a problem in the past maintaining the five-member Board, and six months ago, we lost one of the members. We now have two applicants available, he said. One is Nancy Smith, a citizen who has agreed to take that seat. In addition, Police Department secretary Jen Julian is willing to serve. There had been a question as to whether or not she was eligible to serve because she is an employee. Ms. Gallagher informed Council that she would be eligible because she is not in the pension system.</i></p> <p><i>Mayor Currier said that, while he appreciates that Ms. Julian came forward, he would favor Nancy Smith because he had recruited her.</i></p> <p>Motion: Councilmember Stewart made a motion to appoint Nancy Smith to the PSRPS Board. Councilmember Barber seconded it. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>
	<p>ITEM #9B: CDBG GRANT FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION – OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES</p> <p>Council will review, and may approve, Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines with respect to housing rehabilitation to be undertaken with 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.</p> <p><i>Mayor Currier explained that we have decided to use our CDBG funding to offer loans to our citizens for the upkeep of their homes, and guidelines for that process have been developed and require Council approval. Discussion ensued.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Gallagher noted that the draft Guidelines had been reviewed and approved by the</i></p>

	<p>Department of Housing, and recommended that, if changes are made, they be considered tentative; that is, that the Guidelines be approved as is, with changes requested if possible. Vice Mayor Freund noted that, under "Top Priority Items," heating and cooling systems are listed with a specified useful life of three years. He would recommend 10 years. Councilmembers Barber and Stewart opined that it may be difficult to get a 10-year warranty. Mayor Currier asked Ms. Gallagher to discuss that with NACOG and change it to 10 years if possible.</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst pointed out some areas where the Guidelines appear to contradict themselves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On page 1, the guidelines state that "Exceptions to the maximum can be made by the Town Manager with the approval of the Arizona Department of Housing." The last paragraph on page 6 says, "The Town Manager, in consultation with the NACOG representative, shall have the authority..." • On page 4, there are two references to calling the loan. One states that "the loan will not be called," while the other states that the Town "<u>may consider</u> continuing the loan." <p>Councilmember Vander Horst asked what would happen if a home is inherited by someone that is not income qualified.</p> <p>Mr. Vander Horst also noted a reference that defines a "qualified family member" as a blood relative. As such, an adopted child would not be considered a qualified family member, but should be.</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher will discuss these changes with Isabel Rollins at NACOG and bring the document back to Council if there are any issues.</p> <p>Mayor Currier asked when we would begin accepting applications. Ms. Gallagher said that she believes it would be in the fall.</p> <p>Mayor Currier said that it appears to him from reading the guidelines that the applicant comes in and simply states that they qualify by the rules of the game. Their application will show that they qualify, and they do not have to tell us what they want to do. The applications are rated, and then an inspector from NACOG comes out and tells the applicant what needs to be done to their house. NACOG prepares a report suggesting what needs to be done so that the owner doesn't even have to say they want their roof fixed. Council agreed that this is how they see the process, and Ms. Gallagher will confirm with Ms. Rollins that this is how it will work.</p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Freund made a motion to approve the Owner Occupied Housing Program Guidelines with changes (as discussed) if possible. Councilmember Vander Horst seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>
<p>ITEM #10</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>
<p>7:45</p>	<p>ITEM #10A: PUBLIC HEARING: ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION (HOME RULE)</p> <p>Council will conduct the first of two public hearings, in accordance with A.R.S. 41-563.01, regarding an Alternative Expenditure Limitation for the Town of Jerome (a.k.a. "Home Rule").</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher explained that Jerome has, since 1982, consistently approved "Home Rule," which is an alternative expenditure limitation. What that means, she said, is that the State can't tell us how to spend our money. Home Rule gives us the ability to set our budget for ourselves through the public process. Without Home Rule, the State imposes a spending limitation and it is in the area of \$436,000, which would result in severe program cuts. It requires two public hearings, and after the second hearing, Council will vote on whether to place the Home Rule question on the ballot.</p> <p>Mayor Currier opened the public hearing, and asked if anyone had a comment, or objects to Home Rule.</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst said that he is surprised that the State is even allowing us to have "Home Rule." He believes we should take advantage of it.</p> <p>There were no comments from the public, and Mayor Currier closed the hearing, noting that a second hearing will be held.</p>
<p>7:47</p>	<p>ITEM #10B: 2016 JEROME FILM AND MUSIC FESTIVAL</p> <p>Toni Ross will address the Council to request permission for the use of Town venues for the 2016 Jerome Film and Music Festival, slated for June 9 – 12, 2016.</p> <p>Ms. Ross thanked Council for seeing her and explained that she would like to request the use of the 300 level parking area (as they had during the Festival's first year) and the fire station</p>

	<p>(which they used during the first and second year of the event) for youth camps, workshops and film screenings. The Festival is scheduled to take place between June 9 and 12.</p> <p>Mayor Currier said that we've had problems in the past, and asked specifically what she would be doing at the 300 level and the fire station. Ms. Ross replied that, at the 300 level, there would be nighttime film screenings and "possibly a few bands." At the fire station, there would be some screenings and filmmaking workshops for kids.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Freund asked if there has been any input from the Fire Chief. Ms. Gallagher asked Ms. Ross if she had spoken to him. She replied that, after the festival in 2014, he said that they left it "cleaner than when they got there."</p> <p>Mayor Currier said that, when Ms. Ross first contacted the Town about this, he spoke with several people, and they all reacted negatively. "As far as I can tell," he said, "the first three were total failures. I don't understand why we should think this year will be any different."</p> <p>Ms. Ross said that, last year, they moved the venues to Clarkdale, "and we got great reviews." "Despite a couple of businesses," she said, "we've had positive feedback."</p> <p>Mayor Currier told Ms. Ross that the Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society don't want to talk with her. He invited Council members to make a motion to approve this if they wish, but added that he is not going to make that motion.</p> <p>Jason Ryan, producer of the Jerome Indie Film Festival, introduced himself and asked if he could speak, and asked, "What are these negative remarks? ... All we've gotten are vague remarks."</p> <p>Mayor Currier said that the feedback he received from the Historical Society was that they will not allow the Film Festival to be on their agenda for several years because of what happened in the past. In addition, the Chamber has said that they were totally put off and upset, and that it was an embarrassment to the Town. That feedback, he said, is "not encouraging."</p> <p>Mayor Currier went on to say that the Festival has already advertised that the Jerome Film Festival is happening, but, as far as he can see, it wasn't going to happen here. Ms. Ross said that she does have other venues here in Jerome, as well as in Clarkdale and Cottonwood. Mayor Currier recalled that, two years ago, we were getting calls at Town Hall regarding unpaid debts by the Festival. Ms. Ross replied that she has taken care of all of them except one, and she has contacted them about taking care of that debt.</p> <p>Ms. Ross went on to say that the negative feedback that was received was from people who did not attend any of the events. She said that they have been getting quite a bit of positive feedback internationally and from Phoenix Magazine. "We did have a learning curve," she said, "... and have listened to the feedback. The Historical Society gave us advice and said that they didn't like how we marketed in 2014. We changed that. This year, we have more of a community involvement. And this year we are getting more volunteers from the community." She added that they will be giving discounts of 40% to all of the residents, and said, "I did this for the community and I chose the slowest time of the year because, as a business owner, I knew that it would benefit businesses."</p> <p>Councilmember Stewart asked her what the venues in Jerome will be. "Caduceus," Ms. Ross answered, "and we are working with Cellar 433." She added that she is hoping to do some kind of kick off in the Spirit Room or at Paul and Jerry's.</p> <p>Mayor Currier summarized, "You have asked for use of the 300 level and the fire station for June 9th and 12th. I asked for a motion from anyone on the Council, and none was made." He informed her that, because no one was willing to make a motion, her application was denied.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan asked why no one was willing to make a motion. "I think we've just explained it," the Mayor replied. Mr. Ryan said that he would like to hear from the other members of Council. "You may like that, but it is not necessary," the Mayor said. "Let's move on to the next item." There were no objections from Council, and the meeting moved on to Item 10C. Ms. Ross and Mr. Ryan left the meeting at this time.</p>
<p>7:59</p>	<p>ITEM #10C: PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>Council will review and may approve the Mayor's signature on a proclamation regarding the 50th Anniversary of Jerome's designation as a National Historic District.</p> <p>Mayor Currier read the proclamation in its entirety¹.</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst complimented the author, and Mayor Currier said that it was</p>

¹ The proclamation is included as a permanent record at the end of these minutes.

	<p>composed by Vice Mayor Freund.</p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Freund made a motion to approve the Proclamation regarding the 50th Anniversary of Jerome's designation as a National Historic District. Councilmember Vander Horst seconded it. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>
<p>8:04</p>	<p>ITEM #10D: HOTEL JEROME</p> <p>Council will discuss options regarding the Hotel Jerome, including its repair or sale.</p> <p>Mayor Currier spoke of the tour taken recently by some members of Council of the Hotel Jerome, and asked "What should we do with this? We have this building we own free and clear." He asked Councilmember Vander Horst, who had sponsored this agenda item, for his thoughts.</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst said, "Our Town motto is 'Respect for the past, looking to the future.' The Hotel opened on November 1, 1917 and was heralded as the newest, most modern, most wonderful hotel in Northern Arizona. ... The building is just deteriorating because we are not taking care of it. I believe we could find interested parties to restore it." Mr. Vander Horst said that he would like to look into opportunities for restoring and re-opening the building, possibly as low income housing or a boutique hotel.</p> <p>Mayor Currier said that he does not believe that it is the Town's fault that the building has reached its present state of disrepair. The Town didn't own it for quite a while, he said, and he was not sure when we took it over. "Years ago," he explained, "it was empty and the Town put its offices in there in an effort to reclaim it. When we were able to find tenants like the Co-op, we moved the offices back to the old Town Hall. We have been gradually maintaining it. I don't think it's fair to say the Town has neglected it, but the building has suffered. We have looked into getting it fixed at least two or three times, the last time being less than ten years ago. It was said it would be at least a million dollars to fix it up."</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst said that he believes it would cost at least four or five million. Mayor Currier continued, "... and although the Town loves it, we cannot afford a million dollars to go into that building. There are other things in line for that million--fixing the roads, sewer and water system."</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst responded, "The greatest opportunity exists using someone else's money." Mayor Currier asked if he was suggesting that we put it on the market. "No," Mr. Vander Horst said, adding that he was thinking of grants.</p> <p>Suzu Mound, a local resident and artist, pointed out that the Artists Co-op employs artists, and if that building was sold, we would displace 30 to 50 artists. "I don't believe that would behoove the town," she said.</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst said that he would expect that the Co-op would still be on the first floor; but he believes it is a good opportunity to expand their presence.</p> <p>Mayor Currier said that he has no objection to exploring a grant, but he doesn't know where to look. "I don't think the Fed is giving out that kind of money," he said.</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst asked, "What is the Council's feeling? Do we want to try to restore it or let it deteriorate?"</p> <p>Vice Mayor Freund said that he doesn't believe that the building is in danger of deteriorating any further. It might take ten or fifteen years, he said, but he'd like to start a program to work on it a little at a time. He added that he is leery of selling it.</p> <p>Councilmember Stewart said that he thought that a study had been done which prioritized what should be done in order to keep the building from deteriorating further. He added that he would not want to lose our interest in the building.</p> <p>Mayor Currier asked Ms. Gallagher about recent maintenance on the building and if she could give him a ballpark figure. Ms. Gallagher replied that we have done maintenance on the building, but nothing significant, just a few thousand dollars. The Mayor asked, "Should we put money into it each and every year? The other option is time and effort to find a grant, and who's going to do that?" Councilmember Vander Horst said that he would be willing to make that effort.</p> <p>At that time, the "noon" whistle blew, which is located on the roof of that building. "Nobody's going to want that," Councilmember Stewart said.</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher commented that, if utilizing the building for low income housing, parking will be an issue. Mayor Currier agreed, and noted that there would also be an impact on our water and sewer system. He asked how many rooms are in the hotel, and Councilmember Vander Horst said that, originally, it had 60 rooms.</p> <p>Mayor Currier said that we have tried to use the building in several capacities, but it doesn't</p>

work with vermin getting into things. He said that he's willing to say that we should spend a certain amount of money on it, and try to keep the rain from coming in.

Councilmember Stewart asked if the lower floors are suitable for storage or rental spaces. Ms. Gallagher said that one of the lower spaces is suitable and is already being rented by Chad Hembrough (who was present at this meeting).

Mayor Currier explained that the problem in renting the upper floors is that they are accessible only by the stairway in the Artist's Co-op, and the tenant would need a key. The Co-op does not want people having keys. He added that it is a solid concrete building.

Kevin Savage, a resident of Jerome, said that Council should explore all of the options to potentially make the building a revenue generator that might pay for many other things in this town.

Councilmember Stewart said, "What Councilmember Vander Horst was saying is that we need to maintain it and make sure that rain isn't leaking in through the broken windows or that the roof doesn't leak. That would be some good maintenance." Mayor Currier said that this is a budgetary issue, and when we're looking at the budget, we can look at it then and see what kind of money we have. "I'm not hostile to this," he said, "but we've looked at it for many years."

Ms. Mound asked if the CDBG grant that Jerome receives every four years could be used for this. Ms. Gallagher noted that the Town no longer qualifies for a Town-wide project, but agreed with Ms. Mound that, if it was for low income housing, it may qualify.

Mayor Currier said that we could issue a bond, but the residents would have to vote on that. Councilmember Stewart said that, for \$400,000, we could put a fire escape in or an exterior access to the upper floors, so that it would start generating income. Mayor Currier commented that we would still have all the interior to do, and Mr. Stewart replied, "You could just start with one room and move forward."

Steve Knowlton, a resident, said, "From a business standpoint, you should figure out a grand plan for the building. At the rate you're going, you're just spending money without any direction other than saving a building that nobody wants to get rid of. You're spending money you don't have to keep the building standing up. Maybe just get some ideas of what we could do with the building."

Vice Mayor Freund asked Dr. Ewell, who was still in attendance, if Yavapai College could use part of the building for classrooms. Mayor Currier asked if they had an architectural program. Dr. Ewell replied that they are launching a hospitality program this fall, "so having access to a boutique hotel would be great." "We have a heck of a maintenance department," he said, and added that they, as "good neighbors," would be happy to do a walkthrough of the building.

Chad Hembrough, a Jerome resident, renter in that building and business owner in the neighborhood, said that obvious concerns that come up are the public restroom access, the parking, and artists being displaced. He said that he believes that the building is attractive the way it is for now, and thinks it is a "very delicate thing" to approach its sale or repurposing.

Mayor Currier said that he didn't think anything would be changing very soon.

Councilmember Vander Horst recapped by saying, "I've been given the green light to explore options?" "Yes," Mayor Currier said, "go ahead."

ITEM #11
8:28

TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL

Council may direct Staff as to items of pending importance that they would like placed on a future meeting agenda.

Councilmember Vander Horst asked about the status of the "No U Turn" sign at East and Holly. Ms. Gallagher responded that she is working on obtaining the required permit from ADOT. Councilmember Barber questioned whether there is room there for a sign.

Vice Mayor Freund said that he has been observing a crisis of people driving the wrong way on Fourth Street, and has been told that it happens on Fifth Street as well. He feels that we should redo signage there, and post signs reading, "DO NOT ENTER - \$500 FINE."

Vice Mayor Freund asked Council to look at Senate Bills 1487 and 1350. SB 1487 has already been signed by the governor, he said, and will allow the Attorney General to give us 30 days to shut down any ordinance that they feel is against Arizona law, and if we don't do that, they can take away our shared revenue, which is about \$15,000 a month. Mayor Currier said, "As far as I know we're not in violation of any State law." Vice Mayor Freund asked about our ordinance regarding civil unions. Ms. Gallagher said that she believes that gay

	<p>marriage is now legal natiowide. "Right," the Vice Mayor replied, "but is it legal as a <u>State law?</u>" Councilmember Vander Horst said that it is a federal law. Councilmember Vander Horst agreed with Vice Mayor Freund that these are not good bills. Mayor Currier mentioned that the State also passed a law where, if we try to outlaw guns in our building or anywhere else, they can remove the Council.</p>
<p>ITEM #12</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Upon motion by Vice Mayor Freund, seconded by Councilmember Stewart and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.</p>

Edited by Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher from minutes taken and transcribed by Deputy Town Clerk Joni Savage.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Lew Currier, Mayor

Candace B. Gallagher, CMC, Town Manager/Clerk

Date: _____