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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JEROME TOWN COUNCIL
JEROME CIVIC CENTER - 600 CLARK STREET - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M.

<p>ITEM #1:</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p>Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order.</p> <p><i>Mayor Vander Horst called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.</i></p> <p>Town Clerk to call and record the roll.</p> <p><i>Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher called roll. Present were Mayor Vander Horst, Vice Mayor Kinsella, Councilmember Bachrach, Councilmember Barber and Councilmember Currier.</i></p> <p><i>Other staff present were Kyle Dabney, Zoning Administrator, Barry Wolstencroft, Building Inspector and Joni Savage, Deputy Clerk.</i></p> <p>Mayor/Chairperson or designee to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p><i>Mayor Vander Horst led the pledge.</i></p>
<p>ITEM #2: 7:05</p>	<p>STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS</p> <p>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, and verbal reports from Council members regarding their activities.</p> <p><i>Vice Mayor Kinsella noted, in the library report, that we may need new computers. He asked how much involvement Yavapai County currently has with our library, and whether they might provide those computers.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Gallagher responded that they are involved and we get funds from them. We pay them for computer maintenance, but she does not believe they would provide new computers. The possibility of having computers donated to the Town was mentioned.</i></p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Kinsella made a motion to accept the staff reports and it was seconded by Councilmember Currier. The motion passed, 5-0.</p>
<p>ITEM #3: 7:06</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><i>Mr. Dabney read from the report provided to the Council, noting that he has finished the design, artwork and layout of the General Plan.</i></p> <p><i>Mayor Vander Horst asked if he could outline briefly the next steps of the approval process.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Dabney said the next step would be a workshop for the public, then approval by Planning and Zoning, Design Review and the Council. He noted that there could be changes made along the way.</i></p> <p><i>Mayor Vander Horst asked how long it would be before it gets to Council.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Dabney responded that the plan is ready for review right now. He could get workshop dates set up. He thought that it could be a couple of months before it gets back to Council.</i></p> <p><i>Councilmember Currier stated that, in order to make reasonable comments, the public would have to see a copy of the draft plan, and asked when it would be available.</i></p> <p><i>"At the workshop," Mr. Dabney replied.</i></p> <p><i>Mayor Vander Horst suggested that it be posted on the Town's website, and that copies be made available at the Library.</i></p>

	<p>Mr. Dabney continued reviewing his report. His work on hazard mitigation is complete. He attended the NACOG meeting in Flagstaff, and has compiled a list of information taken from these meetings regarding transportation.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier asked Mayor Vander Horst if was still attending NACOG meetings.</p> <p>"I only missed one," Mayor Vander Horst responded, "and it was last week."</p> <p>"It would be nice to get a report on that," Mr. Currier said.</p> <p>Mr. Dabney went on to say that there are grants available that could fund implementation of the NAU parking study recommendations. The deadline is May 31, and he will discuss it with Ms. Gallagher. He also mentioned a grant that could fund drainage improvements, but we would need to partner with ADOT in order for it to be fully funded.</p> <p>Referring to Mr. Dabney's report, Councilmember Currier asked what a "TIGER" program is.</p> <p>Mr. Dabney did not know, and said that, with the assistance of some NACOG members, he is still learning the transportation terminology.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst advised that it is the "Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery" grant program. It focuses on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation to communities. The award is about \$500 million dollars a year.</p> <p>Also referencing Mr. Dabney's report, Councilmember Currier asked about the "HURF Exchange." Mr. Dabney said that it is not something we could pursue this fiscal year.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier asked Ms. Gallagher if she had any indication yet of what the HURF funds will be for next fiscal year. Ms. Gallagher said that the first numbers she received are slightly higher than last year's.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier then asked what "HSIP" stands for.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst explained that this is the Highway Safety Information Program. The Mayor asked Mr. Dabney if he was still on track for proposing a recommendation for saving historical buildings at the next Council meeting. Mr. Dabney confirmed that he was.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier asked if all of our Boards are fully seated. Mr. Dabney said that there is one vacancy on the Design Review Board, and it has been posted.</p>
<p>ITEM #4: 7:17</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORTS</p> <p>Council will review financial reports for the fiscal year to date.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst thanked Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Savage for all the work that they've taken on to get us to where we are. He believes we are in a much better place than we used to be.</p> <p>Councilmember Currier agreed, saying "They've done an excellent job. However, we're still out of balance and I don't think we should approve the financials."</p> <p>Mr. Currier then handed out a chart he had prepared showing large amounts that had been budgeted for infrastructure and have not yet been spent. "I doubt that they will spend that in the next 90 days," he said. "It's something to think about."</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella noted that the figures represent purchases, and that crew time is not reflected.</p> <p>"I'm not blaming the crew," Councilmember Currier said. "They're working their tails off. But this has been going on for years, and then at the end of the year it falls back into General Fund. Our General Fund grows and grows, but we don't get the infrastructure done. My point for drawing attention to this is that we should either beef up the crew or contract it out."</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella noted that there has been turnover in the crew over the past year. "I believe we will see a change," he said, "and I have confidence in Marty. I don't want to load the crew up. We don't need anyone just driving around town looking for work." He added that the most recent hire on the crew was a "really good move."</p> <p>Councilmember Currier agreed.</p>

	<p>Vice Mayor Kinsella suggested that we farm out the big projects, "as long as we have 'as built' drawings."</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst interjected, "This is a good discussion, but would be more appropriate during the budget."</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella reiterated his thanks to staff. He said that he's happy with the progress being made.</p> <p>After brief further discussion, Councilmember Currier said that he would not move to accept the financials because they are still out of balance, and he would ask that Council direct staff to finish the process.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst said that he has the opinion that we are out of balance, but that we are not <u>materially</u> out of balance. "It is less than one percent," he said.</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher noted for the record that the general ledger overall is <u>in</u> balance. The imbalance in one fund is offset by the imbalance in others. She believes it is the result of some journal entries.</p> <p>Motion: Mayor Vander Horst moved to accept the financials, recognizing that there is a small out of balance, and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Kinsella. The motion passed, 4-1.</p>
<p>ITEM #4: 7:26</p>	<p>COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES</p> <p>Open session minutes: April 11, 2017</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella commented that the minutes were excellent.</p> <p>Motion: Councilmember Currier moved to approve the Open Session minutes of April 11, 2017. It was seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed, 5-0.</p> <p>Closed session minutes: April 11, 2017</p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Kinsella moved to approve the Closed Session minutes of April 11, 2017. It was seconded by Councilmember Currier. The motion passed, 5-0.</p> <p><i>*If necessary, Council may enter executive session, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3), for discussion of records exempt by law from public inspection.</i></p>
<p>ITEM #5: 7:27</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><i>There were no Petitions from the Public.</i></p>
<p>ITEM #6 7:28</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>ITEM #6A: PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL POLICE WEEK, MAY 14 - 20, 2017</p> <p>Council will review and may approve the Mayor's signature on a Proclamation recognizing National Police Week, May 14 - 20, 2017.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst read the Proclamation aloud:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"National Police Week"</i> <i>May 14-20, 2017</i></p> <p><i>WHEREAS, the members of the Jerome Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Jerome citizens; and</i></p> <p><i>WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting</i></p>

them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jerome Police Department provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Vander Horst Vander Horst, Mayor of the Town of Jerome, call upon all Jerome citizens and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 14 – 20, 2017 as Police Week.

I FURTHER call upon all Jerome citizens to observe Sunday, May 14, 2017, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Mayor Vander Horst said, "I believe Chief Muma has a difficult job, and he does it well. I have the utmost respect and admiration for him and his department."

Vice Mayor Kinsella recalled that he and Jane Moore were involved in Chief Muma's hiring. "When we brought you in," he said, "you had no idea what you were getting into." He commended Chief Muma, noting that he has achieved professionalism in the department, and other jurisdictions will now respond to our call for help, where previously they would not. "It's a good thing for the community," he said, "and what you've done for the department – it's phenomenal. Thank you."

Councilmember Currier said, "In the 45 years I've lived here, Chief Muma is the best we've ever had," and he thanked the Chief for his work.

Mayor Vander Horst commented that his outdoor lights are all blue in honor of our police officers.

Chief Muma thanked the Council. "It's not always easy," he said, "and I do it ethically. It doesn't make everybody happy, but I respect everyone's opinions and we do our job as Peace Officers. My job is to do the best I can for the people I serve."

The Chief then introduced recently hired Officer Mark Boan, who has filled the fourth full-time officer position. He lives in Prescott, and would like to finish out his career here in Jerome. Also hired recently, he said, was Jason Lohman, a 20-year veteran from Prescott, that will be picking up some part-time shifts. "I believe we're getting good quality people," he said, and thanked the Council for the proclamation.

Mayor Vander Horst noted that he and Vice Mayor Kinsella attended the Police Department awards banquet in Clarkdale, and, while it was sad (because of the number of their employees that had started in Jerome), it was also a compliment to the Chief, as he can draw good officers here. "It's hard to keep them here," he added.

Motion: Councilmember Currier made a motion to approve the proclamation and it was seconded by Councilmember Bachrach. **The motion passed, 5-0.**

7:37

ITEM #6B: AUCTION OF VEHICLE

Council may approve the sale at auction of a 2008 Ford Explorer formerly used by the Police Department.

Chief Muma explained that this vehicle was purchased with RICO monies, and when it's sold, the proceeds have to go back into the RICO account. It's a 4WD vehicle with 100,000 miles on it. He would like to have it sold on the public auction website, and he expects it will bring between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

Mayor Vander Horst asked if the new police vehicle is in service. The Chief replied, "Not yet. My goal is to have it in operation by the weekend of May 20th."

Motion: Councilmember Bachrach made a motion **to approve the sale at auction of the 2008 Ford Explorer.** It was **seconded by Vice Mayor Kinsella.**

Vice Mayor Kinsella asked who would auction it.
Ms. Gallagher explained that it would be listed on the public auction site, PublicSurplus.com. Either she or Chief Muma could list it.

The **motion passed, 5-0.**

7:40

ITEM #6C: ENFORCEMENT OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Council will discuss the enforcement of the Town's adopted Property Maintenance Code and may direct staff in that regard.

Council discussed with staff enforcement of the Town's property maintenance code. Ms. Gallagher noted that the designated enforcement officer for our property maintenance code is our building official, Barry Wolstencroft.

Councilmember Currier stated that, if we enforce the code "draconically," and everyone is cited, "we'll have a riot." "If you started with the worst," he said, "and move gradually through the community, I believe everyone would be understanding."

Mr. Wolstencroft said that he has never used the Property Maintenance Code. He suggested that Council should all read it, "because it is a dangerous document."

Councilmember Bachrach noted that this was among the Code updates that Council recently adopted. "If we say we're going to do it and we don't," he said, "it negates the purpose of doing it. Would we want to go back and look at these and decide which ones we want to use?"

"It's a good tool if you need it," Mr. Wolstencroft said.

Councilmember Bachrach suggested that we begin with abandoned vehicles.

Mr. Wolstencroft said, "You will up your legal fees like crazy."

"If you get a complaint, don't you act on it?" Mr. Bachrach asked.

Mr. Wolstencroft said that he does, but added, regarding this Code, "If you read this, you'll know what I'm talking about."

Mayor Vander Horst disagreed, and said that he doesn't understand why people aren't complaining more often.

Councilmember Currier noted that Council acts as the Board of Appeals for these matters, "so if staff gets out of hand and is being draconian, we'll know about it right away. We all try to get along, so nobody complains." He added, "I can think of a tree in somebody's yard that should be moved."

Chief Muma noted that there is confliction in our ordinances. "Remember," he said, "any violation of our ordinances is a Class 1 criminal misdemeanor. De-criminalize some of this stuff and make it like other cities, and make it civil. Right now, if Mr. Wolstencroft finds a building code violation and the owner won't remedy it, his solution is to come to me and criminally charge them. It would be the same thing with the property maintenance code." The Chief noted that he has been sued twice, because he wrote tickets for these types of things. "It's confusing," he said. "It says there is an appeals code, but if we issue a criminal citation, you can't get involved. This should be addressed."

Chief Muma went on to say that, with our noise ordinance, violations begin as civil violations. If there is a third offense, it becomes a Class One misdemeanor. He recalled that our Town Attorney has expressed support for de-criminalization of zoning, building and fire code violations. "Criminal court takes 'beyond a reasonable doubt' to convict," he said, "whereas civil requires just 'a preponderance of the evidence.'"

Vice Mayor Kinsella said that he would like to see an opinion from Mr. Sims, Mr. Dabney, Chief Muma and Mr. Wolstencroft.

Council discussed and agreed that they would like to see a proposal from the group at the next meeting. Ms. Gallagher recommended that Chief Blair be included as well, and suggested that the group list those violations that they feel should be civil penalties. Mr. Sims could draft an ordinance to accomplish that.

Chief Blair suggested that some things in his code could be a misdemeanor. "Our Town Code and Property Maintenance Code are not aligned with each other," he said.

Chief Muma said that he would like to have more time to work on this, as he has been busy with the parking lot.

Mr. Wolstencroft said that it would be helpful to him to get a list of the Council's priorities for enforcement. He read a paragraph from the Code titled "Historic Buildings," which read as follows: "The provisions of this Code shall not be mandatory for existing buildings or structures designated as historic, when such buildings or structures are judged by the Code Official to be safe in the public interest of health, safety and welfare."

"What are your priorities?" he asked. "Dead cars? Storage in a yard? Dead cars might be a nice place to start."

Chief Blair said that weeds are a high priority for him.

Mayor Vander Horst said that we have to do more than wait for complaints.

Mr. Wolstencroft said again that he would like everybody to read through the Code.

Chief Blair noted that we have dealt with unsafe buildings in the past, and started with vacant buildings.

"Yes," Mr. Wolstencroft said, "that is easier."

Mayor Vander Horst asked, "What is the direction of the Council?"

Councilmember Currier said that he likes the idea of Mr. Dabney being the "front man."

Councilmember Bachrach noted that the first thing a potential violator asks is who called to make the complaint. By being proactive, he said, Mr. Dabney can say "nobody called," and it would "cut back on the hate and discontent of neighbors." He suggested that we begin with "the glaringly obvious and perhaps dangerous."

Vice Mayor Kinsella commented, "If I have a deck with railings too short, someone could fall. If I have junk all around the house and attract packrats, then that comes into health and safety."

Mr. Wolstencroft said that he believes that a lot of this Code is intended to protect tenants from negligent landlords.

Mr. Dabney said that, as he walks around, he sees a lot of stuff. "I could move forward with the paperwork and just make it happen," he said.

Councilmember Currier said that public safety is obviously the first concern. If it offends the eye, that would be the second concern.

Mr. Wolstencroft said that he believes the Town sidewalks are one of the biggest issues, "but then you have to decide whose property it's on."

Councilmember Currier disagreed, saying that "sidewalks are not the place to start."

Mr. Wolstencroft, Mr. Dabney, Chief Blair and Chief Muma were asked to develop a list of their priorities and bring it back to Council in a month.

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ITEM #6D: CIVIL PENALTIES VS CRIMINAL PENALTIES

Council will discuss the possibility of amending the Town Code to provide that certain violations will incur civil, rather than criminal, penalties.

Council determined that Item #6D had been discussed simultaneously with Item #6C.

8:07

ITEM #6E: DEPARTMENT HEADS RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Council will discuss the possibility and process for amending the Town Code with respect to the current requirement that the Town Manager, Town Clerk, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Public Works Director must reside in the Town of Jerome within six months of their appointment.

Mayor Vander Horst said that the Jerome Town Code states that department heads must live in Town. Ms. Gallagher clarified that it specifies the Manager, Town Clerk, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Public Works Director.

"And if they don't live in town," Mayor Vander Horst said, "we call them 'Assistant Director.'"

Councilmember Currier noted that the Town has not done that with the Manager, Fire Chief or Police Chief.

"Luckily," Mayor Vander Horst responded, "we've had longevity in those positions. It significantly reduces our pool. In the ideal world, I believe they should live in Town and we should pay them enough so that they can afford to live in town." Councilmember Currier said that this requirement was enacted by initiative, and the Mayor said that it could be undone by referendum.

Chief Muma said that the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Manager need to live in Town. "They are the heartbeat of the Town," he said. "As a resident I wouldn't vote for that. You can't know the city unless you live in it."

Mayor Vander Horst said that he agreed, but it is a matter of practicality. "Can we find your replacement to live in town for what we pay you?" he asked.

"I would rather see them paid more than not live here in town," the Chief replied. Mayor Vander Horst said that he respects the Chief's opinion, and agrees with it, but he is worried that, when people retire, we not be able to find anyone to replace them.

Jane Moore asked if the Town could help with rent or finding a place to live, and asked if it might be possible to have a couple of apartments in the Hotel Jerome. She agreed with Chief Muma that it is "important to have someone here who cares about the Town."

Chief Blair said, "We're pretty fortunate that we have three homeowners in those positions. It is a challenge, but I'm not saying it can't be done. I believe that the Chiefs should live in Jerome."

Vice Mayor Kinsella recalled when the Police Chief did not live in Jerome, and said that he feels all of the department heads should live here. The Manager and Police Chief may retire soon, he said, and there are not a lot of properties available. "We have to look at the wages," he said, and added that we do have the Hotel Jerome, and it is an asset. He said that when Chief Muma first came here, the Town paid a portion of his rent for six months.

Councilmember Currier said that he does not believe that the Hotel Jerome would be adequate, but he feels that the Town should purchase a house in Town. "They do it with universities, military bases and hospitals," he said. "It would be a long-term investment."

Councilmember Bachrach noted that the housing market has changed in the last 25 years, and if we found a place, then we would have to have staff to manage it. He wondered about the legality of giving someone a place to live. "It's not entirely impossible," he said, "but it could be a problem."

Chief Muma suggested that the Town purchase the Boyd Hotel. "It would be a perfect property for the Town," he said.

Mayor Vander Horst summarized: "The Council wants department heads to live in town. We have to find a solution as to how we can make that happen."

Referencing Mr. Bachrach's comments, Councilmember Currier said, "It has always been hard to find a place in Jerome. I agree that it is more expensive now, but it's always been hard. Building is difficult in Jerome." "I believe it's cosmic," he added. "If they're suited, they'll find a place. If they're not, they won't."

Councilmember Bachrach asked if we could remove the Public Works Director from the list of those who must live in Town.

Councilmember Currier noted that the residency requirement for the Public Works Director had been later added by Council.

After brief further discussion, the Mayor said, "We have a consensus to leave the requirements as is. Perhaps at the next council meeting, we can have further recommendations from Council and staff on how to deal with it."

8:23

ITEM #6F: DARK SKIES

Council will discuss the possibility of adopting a "dark sky" ordinance.

Councilmember Barber referred to the draft General Plan, which includes among its goals the development of a "Dark Skies" ordinance to mitigate the impact of artificial light on the night sky. A sample ordinance from Sedona (which has been designated by the International Dark Sky Association as a "Dark Skies Community") had been included by Ms. Gallagher in the meeting packets. Ms.

Barber said that she doesn't know if it is feasible in Jerome, given our historic light poles.

Ms. Gallagher clarified that, in the past, when we have had requests to shade a light fixture, APS has informed us that we are taking a risk because the fixtures are old and, in doing so, they could break. The option is to get a newer type of fixture, but many here have indicated that they don't like the look of the newer lights.

Mayor Vander Horst said that, after having read the Sedona ordinance, it looks to him that we could never enforce it unless we had "lumen officers."

Councilmember Barber agreed that Sedona's ordinance is "a little bit different than what we'd need."

Mayor Vander Horst went on to say that he would like to see the General Plan adopted before we start implementing the changes that it recommends.

Councilmember Currier said that he doesn't understand what more we would have to do in regards to Dark Sky.

Mayor Vander Horst replied that, for example, we have a light shining up at the American flag. Perhaps it should be shining down, he said.

Councilmember Bachrach said that he lived in Flagstaff, and they have Dark Sky regulation because of the observatory. However, they did not replace all of the light bulbs. They just decreed that any newly installed lighting had to be Dark Skies compliant. He has no opposition to this for new construction, he said.

Vice Mayor Kinsella talked about using LED lighting and said that it is more controllable and less expensive. He noted that all of the lights at the 300 level parking area are downward facing, so Jerome has already taken steps for that.

"When it comes to the street lights," Mr. Kinsella said, "I love the twinkle of them. I remember battling with APS in the past." He said that he appreciates

Councilmember Barber's bringing this up, and it's something we should look at.

"There has to be a happy medium," he said, "between what Sedona has and where we're sitting now."

Councilmember Bachrach said, "I believe if you have a dark sky ordinance, people will comply. Some percentage will not. If you just plant the seed, most people will do the right thing."

Jane Moore asked if the Zoning Ordinance includes anything about light pollution.

Mr. Dabney replied that it does not. Ms. Moore said that it would "probably be a challenge if we tried to amend our ordinance for light pollution. Some absentee owners have their places lit up so you can see them from Clarkdale."

Councilmember Bachrach said that he would like to think that Council is generally supportive of a Dark Sky ordinance.

"I would agree with that," Mayor Vander Horst said. "I just don't want another ordinance we can't enforce."

Suzy Mound approached the dais and showed Council a photo of her neighbor's house, taken at 3 a.m. and showing the house entirely lit up, inside and out. "This is why I want a Dark Sky ordinance," she said. "This was for three weeks straight. These lights are on all night."

Council asked Ms. Mound if she had reached out to the absentee neighbor about this. She replied that she has not, because the owner told her never to contact her. She said that she can't look at the sky or out her window at night because of the glare.

Councilmember Currier asked if Mr. Dabney had anything on the books that could address the situation.

"No, not at this time" Mr. Dabney replied.

It was generally agreed that this will be discussed again following adoption of the revised General Plan.

8:35

ITEM #6G: RECLAIMED WATER / RAINWATER HARVESTING

Council will discuss the possibility of enacting ordinances or guidelines with respect to greywater and rainwater harvesting.

Councilmember Barber said that an ordinance regarding reclaimed water would be more appropriate for a city, but we could encourage capturing rainwater,

	<p>and perhaps require water saving appliances for new construction, and/or offer incentives for people to upgrade.</p> <p>Councilmember Bachrach said that a typical rebate on a water-saving toilet is \$100. He doesn't believe anyone would object to requiring low-flush toilets.</p> <p>Councilmember Barber said that, in Tucson, new commercial buildings have to do rainwater harvesting. In Sierra Vista and Bisbee, new residential water saving devices are being used, including "rain gardens". Here in Jerome, she said, we would have to be careful about how much water we would be putting behind walls.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella said that there should be a packet of information that goes to the builders; however, he added, the majority of builders these days are already looking at water efficiency.</p> <p>"If we're really serious about reducing water consumption in Jerome," Mayor Vander Horst said, "we need to charge by the gallon because there is no absolutely no financial incentive to save water. ... If we're really serious, reduce the consumption. It's the biggest thing we can do."</p> <p>Councilmember Barber said that she thought there was a legal reason that we could not charge for water. The Mayor replied that there is not.</p> <p>Ms. Moore commented, "The worst part about that is when people see the water running down the overflow."</p> <p>"Why would that be any different if we had an ordinance that we had to have low flush toilets?" the Mayor responded.</p> <p>Councilmember Barber said that we don't know how long our water is going to last.</p> <p>"Until someone above us in politics decides to take it away," Councilmember Currier said. "That's the threat." He suggested that we come up with a pamphlet including ideas to conserve water.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst commented that, when he begins construction on his home, he plans to install a "very serious rainwater harvesting system."</p> <p>Mr. Dabney was asked to compile information on water conservation and provide it to anyone seeking to construct.</p>
<p>ITEM #7 8:45</p>	<p>TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL</p> <p>Council may direct staff as to items of pending importance that they would like placed on a future meeting agenda.</p> <p>Councilmember Bachrach spoke about the Hotel Jerome project. He thanked Ms. Gallagher for the "insane amount of work she did" on this while he was gone. He asked if she had heard anything back yet about the grant.</p> <p>"No," Ms. Gallagher replied, "but I'm hopeful."</p> <p>Mr. Bachrach said that he would like to proceed with the removal of the roof. The Artists Co-Op is still planning on contributing the \$11,000 for that. He talked to the contractor who is interested and asked if they would be willing to do it without the handrails, as they can work around that. There won't be any materials going up the stairs for the removal.</p> <p>Ms. Gallagher said that she would like to check with NACOG first to see if we must wait until the grant has been approved. Mr. Bachrach noted that the funds that would go toward the roof removal could be spent on windows instead. He said that we may need to contribute \$3,000 or so toward the cost of the roof removal (above the \$11,000 promised by the Artists Co-op), and asked if that would be available in this year's budget.</p> <p>"Yes," Ms. Gallagher replied, "but I don't want to jeopardize the grant."</p> <p>Councilmember Bachrach said that, if we have to wait, we will, "but this monsoon window won't last much longer."</p>

1 Clerk's note: Wikipedia defines "rain garden" as "a planted depression or a hole that allows rainwater runoff from impervious urban areas, like roofs, driveways, walkways, parking lots, and compacted lawn areas, the opportunity to be absorbed. This reduces rain runoff by allowing stormwater to soak into the ground (as opposed to flowing into storm drains and surface waters which causes erosion, water pollution, flooding and diminished groundwater).

	<p>Councilmember Currier asked about the status of budget preparations. Ms. Gallagher replied that Council will receive a proposed budget at the special meeting of May 24, where the audit will also be presented.</p> <p>Mayor Vander Horst spoke about a visit he received from County Supervisor Randy Garrison. Ms. Gallagher had provided him with a list of equipment that we need, and they have a truck that they will transfer to the Town for the price of one dollar.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Kinsella asked if it would be used for water. Ms. Gallagher replied that it would not work for water because it is not a 4WD, but it could be used for sewer work.</p>
<p>ITEM #8</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Upon motion by Vice Mayor Kinsella, seconded by Councilmember Currier and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.</p>

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

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ATTEST:

Frank Vander Horst, Mayor

Candace B. Gallagher, CMC, Town Manager/Clerk

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