MINUTES[1]

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & § 38-431.03
Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BUILDING
845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan, Arizona

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES[2]

1. *CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

Mayor Vail called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Council and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. *ROLL CALL - One or two Council Members may attend by telephone.*

MAYOR CLARINDA VAIL – Present

COUNCIL MEMBER ANDREW ALDAZ – Present

VICE MAYOR GREG BRUSH – Present

COUNCIL MEMBER – Vacant

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSH COLLET – Present

3. *CEREMONIAL AND/OR INFORMATIONAL MATTERS*

A. Proclamation in Support of Protecting Federal Land Reserves

Mayor Vail noted that we received some emails related to this proclamation. She asked the Town Manager to provide an update.

Town Manager Hendrix pointed out that Town Attorney Arnson wrote all the new language. She commented that we have learned a new term of art - the 'Byrd Rule.' She explained that it is a procedural rule. She noted that it was raised in the U.S. Senate this morning, and as a result, this has been tabled for now. She added that Senator Lee has already said that he plans to reintroduce it in a forum. She further explained that it is a procedural rule, which means that his first version does not meet the standard to be a part of the Budget Reconciliation Bill, and so

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[1] *For economy of space and ease of reading the minutes have been organized according to the agenda language. Items as they appear on the agenda have been italicized with the actual minute entries entered in plain type for reader convenience.*

[2] *Minutes are organized by agenda item in the order in which they were discussed.*

now, he is proposing to enter it in a new forum. She advised that we still feel this is a very relevant proclamation.

Mayor Vail spoke about other smaller towns not being aware this was happening, and of different maps outlining different areas to be impacted by such a bill, particularly the Tusayan Ranger District.

Vice Mayor Brush moved to sign the Proclamation In Support of Protecting our Natural Wonders and Federal Land Reserves. Council Member Collet seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Aye: Mayor Vail, Vice Mayor Brush, Council Member Collet, Council Member Aldaz

4. *CONSENT AGENDA*

Items on the consent agenda are routine in nature and will be acted on with one motion and one vote. Members of the council or staff may ask the mayor to remove any item from the consent agenda to be discussed and acted upon separately.

A. Approval of Job Description for Town Attorney

B. Authorization for Staff to finalize negotiations and execute the Town Attorney Employment Agreement.

C. Authorization for Staff to terminate the legal services agreement with Pierce Coleman PLLC, effective July 1, 2025.

Mayor Vail moved that we approve the Consent Agenda as presented, and Vice Mayor Brush seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Aye: Mayor Vail, Vice Mayor Brush, Council Member Collet, Council Member Aldaz

5. *ACTION ITEMS*

A. Public Hearing regarding Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative Budget and Resolution No. 2025-04

Mayor Vail opened the Public Hearing.

Town Manager Hendrix displayed the updated Budget on the TV screens. She explained that it is largely the same as it was when it was presented to the Council. The only changes are the $500,000 that was removed per the Council's direction, and there was a slight staffing change because they had omitted one of our part-time positions, and they needed to add that back. She stated that everything else is the same as it was before.

There were no attendees during this Agenda Item.

Mayor Vail closed the Public Hearing.

B. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative Budget and set the date and time for a public hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Budget.

Mayor Vail commented that she and the Town Manager had spoken about the actuals for the new Sheriff's contract and bumping it up by a little bit. She asked the Town Manager if that was changed.

Town Manager Hendrix responded that it was changed.

Mayor Vail asked if Town Attorney Arnson's contract was put in, too.

Town Manager Hendrix replied in the affirmative. She added that she believed there were additional funds added to reflect not just the contract, but to reflect the impact on the budget, such as insurance.

Mayor Vail moved approval of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative Budget and Resolution No. 2025-04. Council Member Collet seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Aye: Mayor Vail, Vice Mayor Brush, Council Member Collet, Council Member Aldaz

6. *REPORTS*

A. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Hendrix advised that we have had a last-minute marketing opportunity come up, and because it is time-sensitive and has to be done before the end of the fiscal year, she was going to go ahead and make the executive decision to do that. She commented that the Council can after ratify the payment in the July meeting. She asked that if any of the Council has an objection to that, they please let her know offline.

Mayor Vail commented that there is a NACOG meeting this week, and an issue has come up with an individual who serves on the Board as a public member, and that person would likely not be eligible, currently, to even run for something here in Town.

Mayor Vail explained the ineligibility is due to the fact that a large amount of money is owed in fines and penalties and so, that is something that she will bring up to NACOG's Manager. She asked everyone to 'speak now or forever hold your peace,' if anyone thought she should not bring it up.

Council Member Collet asked how you can generate fines from NACOG.

Mayor Vail responded that it is not with NACOG, the fines are with the Town of Tusayan. She explained that the reason this is timely, is that the person is up for re-appointment at that NACOG meeting on Thursday.

7. *CALL TO THE PUBLIC*

There were no attendees.

8. *MOTION TO ADJOURN*

At 5:13 p.m., Council Member Collet moved that we adjourn, and Vice Mayor Brush seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Aye: Mayor Vail, Vice Mayor Brush, Council Member Collet, Council Member Aldaz

Clarinda Z. Vail 8/12/25

Clarinda Vail, Mayor Date

ATTEST:

Tina M. Abriani

Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA §
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COCONINO COUNTY §

I, TINA M. ABRIANI, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of Town of Tusayan, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above minutes are a true and correct summary of the meeting of the Council held on JUNE 24, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Tina M. Abriani 08-13-25
Town Clerk Date