

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-
LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026, IN
THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 325 W. WHITE
MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD, LAKESIDE, AZ 85929**

➤ **Roll Call**

The following Council Members were present:

Name	Position
Stephanie Irwin	Mayor
Sterling Beus	Vice Mayor
Taber Heisler	Council Member
Jerry Smith	Council Member
Harry Turner	Council Member
Todd Fernau	Council Member
Jeff Phillips	Council Member

Staff Present:

Name	Position
Kristi Salskov	Town Clerk-Interim Town Manager
Dan Barnes	Chief of Police-PLPD
Dan Wilkey	Police Commander
Stacy MacArthur	Accountant
Mackenzie Valichnac	Deputy Town Clerk
Malaina Spillman	Interim Public Works Director
Betsy Peck	Library Director
Annie DeRosier	Marketing & Communications Director
Precila De La Garza	Police Department Executive Secretary

Mayor Irwin called the Special Meeting of the Pinetop-Lakeside Town Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

B. Business Before the Council

B.1 Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 A.(3)(4) Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, a public body may hold an executive session but only for the following purpose: 3. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body. 4. Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. → Discussion and provide direction to the Town Attorney regarding Town Manager contract negotiation.

To view this item, please go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ZfEWznsfkZE?si=MuCcdyuPudMGUY8m> and <https://www.youtube.com/live/dKae7mRvNbY?si=OAbPb0dYtnWBWHHh>

Mayor Irwin introduced the agenda item.

Vice Mayor Beus moved to enter into executive session. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and by show of hands the following vote was recorded:

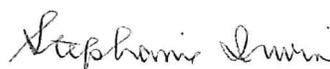
	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Mayor Irwin	X		
Vice Mayor Beus	X		
Council Member Heisler	X		
Council Member Fernau	X		
Council Member Turner	X		
Council Member Phillips	X		
Council Member Smith	X		

Mayor Irwin then declared the motion passed unanimously. The Council entered into Executive Session at 4:01 p.m. and reconvened at 5:07 p.m. The Town Attorney will create a contract with the terms that were agreed upon and the contract will be approved at a future Town Council meeting.

Adjournment

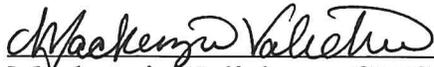
Mayor Irwin

There being no further business at this time, the regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:08 p.m.



Stephanie Irwin
Mayor

ATTEST:


Mackenzie Valichnac, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona, held on the 21st day of January, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2026.


Mackenzie Valichnac, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk

