

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-
LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBUARY 5, 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
Jeff Phillips	Council Member
Todd Fernau	Council Member
Jerry Smith	Council Member
Harry Turner	Council Member

Staff Present:

Name	Position
Kristi Salskov	Town Manager
Mackenzie Valichnac	Interim Town Clerk
Dan Barnes	Police Chief
Daniel Wilkey	Police Commander
Malaina Spillman	Interim Public Works Director
Sara Simonton	Finance Manager (telephonically)
Frank Young	Interim Community Development Director
Stacy MacArthur	Accountant
Betsy Peck	Library Manager
Annie DeRosier	Marketing & Communications Director
Frank Naranjo	Public Works Parks Supervisor
Lisa Mears	Public Works Secretary
Precila De La Garza	Community Services Director

Mayor Irwin called the Regular Meeting of the Pinetop-Lakeside Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

➤ **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Mayor Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Invocation was offered by Vice Mayor Beus.

B. Call to the Public

Mayor Irwin called for public comments.

Kenny Cail stated, *“Mayor Irwin and Council Members. Thank you for this opportunity to speak. I have come to report to the Council about the Citizen’s Dog Park Committee, which met last Tuesday in your town offices. It involved Town Directors that brought up the negative impacts of the possibility of the park. This is what we on the committee really wanted. It is with the spirit of civil discussion, free of misinformation, that government grows. A lesson worth revisiting in our current times. I have listed 5 of the major concerns that were brought up and how we addressed them (listed on a paper provided to the Council). We agreed that the cost of a parking lot that meets ADA requirements is the largest expense. This cost, and the lack of support indicated in the original plan caused the dog park to be turned down. This parking lot could have been beneficial to softball fields, tennis/pickleball courts, and lake walk, but it may have been misunderstood that it was only for the dog park. We discovered that it will take another 2 years to develop a comprehensive plan for Mountain Meadow. That the plan may or may not include a dog park. I have already been addressing the Council for over 2 years on this issue asking for a town committee. Assigning a committee is what most towns do as a first step. The cost, which is minimal, this is a standard practice among Town Councils. Buying prime property to prevent the building of an unwanted business was a decision made to save our Town’s image. The timing, however, when funds were limited placed us in further debt. I know criticism will continue as long as the land is not used. One solution could be utilizing the space with a dog park. Dog parks can easily and inexpensively be constructed and demolished for future uses. Utilizing this land for a dog park reduces parking lot expenses for a dog park, will create a natural tourism facility visible from our main street, it doesn’t require any trees to be cut down, reduces concerns that our Council listens but does not act on community requests. Thank you.”*

C. Consent Agenda

Mayor Irwin announced consideration of the Consent Agenda and explained that all items listed would be acted upon by a single vote of the Council, unless a member of the Council asked that specific items be removed from the Consent Agenda, discussed, and voted upon separately.

Vice Mayor Beus moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 Phillips	X		
Council Member Heisler	X		
Council Member Fernau	X		
Council Member Turner	X		
Council Member Smith	X		

Mayor Irwin then declared the motion passed unanimously.

C.1 Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting held on January 14, 2026.

Vice Mayor Beus moved to approve the Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting held on January 14, 2026. 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 Phillips	X		
Council Member Heisler	X		
Council Member Fernau	X		
Council Member Smith	X		
Council Member Turner	X		

C.2 Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2026.

Vice Mayor Beus moved to approve the Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2026. 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 Phillips	X		
Council Member Heisler	X		
Council Member Fernau	X		
Council Member Smith	X		
Council Member Turner	X		

C.3 Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting held on January 21, 2026.

Vice Mayor Beus moved to approve the Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting held on January 21, 2026. 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 Phillips	X		
Council Member Heisler	X		
Council Member Fernau	X		
Council Member Smith	X		
Council Member Turner	X		

D. Business Before the Council

D.1 Discussion and Consider Legal Action of Resolution No. 26-1799, Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Navajo County for Court Collection and Criminal Justice Services.

To view this item, please go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/CUQdZawwCvA?si=1Wx7iFcz9MtHUKT3>

This item begins at minute: 8:30.

Town Manager Salskov stated that this has been an on-going agreement with the County. There are many fees that are collected through the Court. The Town still makes money through fees even after paying the annual fee to Navajo County.

Council Member Heisler moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-1799, entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Navajo County for Court Collections and Criminal Justice Services. Council Member Turner 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 Phillips	X		
Council Member Heisler	X		
Council Member Fernau	X		
Council Member Smith	X		
Council Member Turner	X		

Mayor Irwin declared the motion passed unanimously.

D.2 Discussion and Consider Legal Action of Resolution No. 26-1800, Approving a Call of Election for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election and November 3, 2026 General Election.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/CUQdZawwCvA?si=1Wx7iFcz9MtHUKT3>

This item begins at minute: 11:30.

Interim Clerk Valichnac stated that this item is the Call of Election for the Town’s Primary Election. The Primary is currently scheduled for August 4th however, there is House Bill being discussed that would move the election up one week, if not two weeks. The Primary is for one Mayor seat and three Council Member seats, all with four year terms.

Vice Mayor Beus suggested changing the wording on the motion to align with a potential date change so that an amended resolution is not needed.

Vice Mayor Beus moved to approve Resolution No. 26-1800, authorizing a Call of Election for the Town’s 2026 Primary Election to be held in conjunction with the dates provided by the State for 2026, and a General Election to be held on November 3, 2026. 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 Phillips	X		
Council Member Heisler	X		
Council Member Fernau	X		
Council Member Smith	X		
Council Member Turner	X		

Mayor Irwin declared the motion passed unanimously.

D.3 Discussion, Review and Possible Approval of the Town Manager Contract.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/CUQdZawwCvA?si=1Wx7iFcz9MtHUKT3>

This item begins at minute: 14:00.

Mayor Irwin stated that the contract being discussed has the items that the Council agreed on in their last Executive Session. The Town Attorney negotiated with Kristi Salskov and created this contract agreement.

Vice Mayor Beus moved to approve the Town Manager contract as presented for Kristi Salskov for Town Manager. Council Member Turner 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 Phillips	X		
Council Member Heisler	X		
Council Member Fernau	X		
Council Member Smith	X		
Council Member Turner	X		

Mayor Irwin declared the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Mayor Irwin

There being no further business at this time, the regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:16 p.m.

Stephanie Irwin

 Stephanie Irwin,
 Mayor

ATTEST:

Mackenzie Valichnac

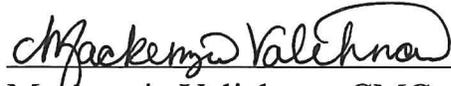
 Mackenzie Valichnac, CMC,
 Interim Town Clerk



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona, held on the 5th day of February, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2026.



Mackenzie Valichnac, CMC,
Interim Town Clerk

