



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026 AT 6:00 PM**

(To listen to the full audio of the meeting, please visit [www.clarkdale.az.gov](http://www.clarkdale.az.gov) – agendas & minutes)

**Members Present:** Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer, Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder, and Council Members, Lisa O'Neill and Marney Babbitt-Pierce

**Members Absent:** Council Member Laura Jones

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Lou Andersen, Town Manager; Charity Brooks, Town Clerk; DK Green, Assistant to the Town Manager; Clover Pinion, Senior Planner; Scott Ellis, Community Development Director; Chell Smart, Parks and Communications Manager; Brittany Earles, Finance Director; Angela Benevides, Human Resources Director; Randy Taylor, Police Chief

**Zoom:** Two members of the public were present.

**Audience:** Approximately 7 members of the public were present.

**ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION,  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - *Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.*
- 2. ROLL CALL** – *Present: Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer, Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder, and Council Members, Lisa O'Neill and Marney Babbitt-Pierce.*  
*Absent: Council Member Laura Jones.*
- 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**  
*Susan Hunter – resident. On behalf of the Friends of the Library, would like to thank the Town of Clarkdale for providing services for the library.*
- 4. REPORTS**
  - A. Current Events – (submitted electronically)**

A brief summary of current events. The Council will not propose, discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on any matter in the summary. Reports submitted electronically:

    - Mayor's Report
    - Vice-Mayor's Report
    - Councilmembers' Reports

## **B. Organizational Reports – (submitted electronically)**

Reports regarding regional organizations submitted electronically:

- VVTPO – Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization  
*Working on a transportation plan for the Verde Valley.*
- NACOG - Northern Arizona Council of Governments  
*Meeting is next week and last meeting materials have been shared.*
- NAMWUA - Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association  
*Technical advisory meeting this upcoming Friday.*
- TPAC – Transportation Policy Advisory Council  
*Next meeting is tomorrow.*
- VFLC – Verde Front Leadership Council  
*Next meeting is May 19.*
- Sustaining Flows Committee  
*No meeting.*
- Yavapai Communities for Young Children  
*Meet quarterly.*
- Vulnerable Road Users SHSP Emphasis Area Team  
*Meet quarterly.*
- NACOG Community Action Board (CAB)  
*No report.*
- Yavapai County Water Resource/Open Space Committee  
*Next meeting on June 2.*

## **5. STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

**A. Leeanne Gardener - Parks and Public Relations Specialist**

**B. Juan Munoz - Public Works Operations Specialist**

**C. Angelica Nimmich - Finance/Administrative Specialist**

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are of a routine nature or have been previously studied by the Town Council at a work session or during a New Business discussion. They are intended to be acted upon in one motion. Council members may pull items from consent if they would like them considered separately.

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

Consider and act upon the draft minutes from the regular meeting held on April 28, 2026.

### **B. Taawaki Inn Liquor License Application - Series 11 - Hotel/Motel**

Consider and act upon an application submitted by Lauren Kay Merrett on behalf of Taawaki Inn for a Series 11 - Hotel/Motel liquor license.

**Action: Approve consent agenda items A and B as presented:**

**Motion:** Council Member Babbitt-Pierce

**Second:** Vice Mayor Hunseder

**Vote:** Approved 4-0

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Aye/Nay</b>
Mayor Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	Aye
Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder	Aye
Council Member Lisa O'Neill	Aye
Council Member Marney Babbitt-Pierce	Aye
Council Member Laura Jones	Absent

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Proclamation - Bike Month**

Discuss, consider and act upon a proclamation declaring May 2026 as Bike Month.

**Action: Approve the proclamation declaring May 2026 as Bike Month:**

**Motion:** Council Member Babbitt-Pierce

**Second:** Council Member O'Neill

**Vote:** Approved 4-0

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Aye/Nay</b>
Mayor Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	Aye
Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder	Aye
Council Member Lisa O'Neill	Aye
Council Member Marney Babbitt-Pierce	Aye
Council Member Laura Jones	Absent

**B. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. 454: A Comprehensive Update to the Clarkdale Zoning Code**

*The Town Council held a public hearing to take public comments on Ordinance No. 454: A Comprehensive Update to the Clarkdale Zoning Code.*

*There were no public comments.*

**C. Ordinance No. 454: A Comprehensive Update to the Clarkdale Zoning Code**

Discuss, review and act upon Ordinance No. 454: A Comprehensive Update to the Clarkdale Zoning Code.

Attachments can be found under item 6.A.

**Action: Approve Ordinance 454: A Comprehensive Update to the Clarkdale Zoning Code and authorize the Mayor, Town Attorney and Town Clerk to execute all documents:**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Hunseder

**Second:** Council Member Babbitt-Pierce

**Vote:** Approved 4-0

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Aye/Nay</b>
Mayor Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	Aye
Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder	Aye
Council Member Lisa O'Neill	Aye
Council Member Marney Babbitt-Pierce	Aye
Council Member Laura Jones	Absent

**D. Resolution 1761 - Adopting the New Position of Deputy Town Manager**

Discuss, consider and act upon Resolution 1761, adopting the new position of Deputy Town Manager and updating the salary range table.

**Action: Approve Resolution 1761, adopting the new position of Deputy Town Manager and updating the salary range table and authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to execute all documents:**

**Motion:** Council Member O'Neill

**Second:** Vice Mayor Hunseder

**Vote:** Approved 4-0

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Aye/Nay</b>
Mayor Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	Aye
Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder	Aye
Council Member Lisa O'Neill	Aye
Council Member Marney Babbitt-Pierce	Aye
Council Member Laura Jones	Absent

**E. Budget Proposal Presentation for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027.**

*The Council received a Budget Proposal Presentation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.*

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Town Council may propose items to be placed on a future agenda. This item is for discussion only.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action: Motion to Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Hunseder

**Second:** Council Member Babbitt-Pierce

**Vote:** Approved 4-0

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Aye/Nay</b>
Mayor Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	Aye
Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder	Aye
Council Member Lisa O'Neill	Aye
Council Member Marney Babbitt-Pierce	Aye
Council Member Laura Jones	Absent


*Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:05 p.m.*

APPROVED:

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Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Mayor

ATTESTED/SUBMITTED:

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Charity Brooks, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

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 Clarkdale, Arizona held on the 12th day of May 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Date approved by Town Council: May 26, 2026

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*Charity Brooks*

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Charity Brooks, Town Clerk