



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026 AT 3:00 PM**

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

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

Other Municipal Officials Present: Lou Andersen, Town Manager; Charity Brooks, Town Clerk; DK Green, Deputy Town Manager; Chell Smart, Parks and Communications Manager; Brittany Earles, Finance Director; Joni Westcott, Parks and Recreation Director; Scott Ellis, Community Development Director; Virginia Smith, Public Works Director; and Randy Taylor, Police Chief

Zoom: Six members of the public were present.

Audience: Approximately 13 members of the public were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – All members present.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ron – Clarkdale resident. Concerned with the speeding on main street.

Donna Newcomb – Clarkdale resident. Unhappy with the fiber optics installation in Mountain Gate due to the utility paint markings.

4. REPORTS

A. Current Events – (submitted electronically)

B. Mayor's Report

C. Vice-Mayor's Report

D. Councilmembers' Reports

5. REPORTS

Departmental Reports (submitted with Council packet) –
Summary of written reports from Town Departments and other agencies:

- Building Permit Report
- Grants Report
- Human Resources Report
- Magistrate Court Report
- Parks and Recreation Report
- Police Department Report
- Verde Valley Humane Society
- Water and Wastewater Report
- Finance Report

6. MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

A. Special Event Liquor License Recommendation

Information provided by the Clarkdale Police Department regarding approval of a special event liquor license for the 12th Annual Clarktober Fest on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

7. 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 of the Common Council

Consider and act upon the draft minutes from the regular meeting held on May 26, 2026.

B. Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum Facility Use Agreement

Consider and act upon the 2026-2027 Facility Use Agreement for the use of Town facilities by the Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum.

C. Friends of Clark Memorial Library Annual Facility Use Agreement

Consider and act upon the 2026-2027 Facility Use Agreement for the use of Town facilities by the Friends of Clark Memorial Library.

D. Mingus Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Annual Facility Use Agreement

Consider and act upon the 2026-2027 Reimbursement Agreement for the use of Town facilities by Mingus Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

Action: Approve consent agenda items A thru D as presented:

Motion: Council Member Babbitt-Pierce

Second: Vice Mayor Hunseder

Vote: Approved 5-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
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	Aye

E. Made in Clarkdale, Inc. Facility Use Agreement

Consider and act upon the 2026-2027 Facility Use Agreement for the use of Town facilities by Made in Clarkdale, Inc.

Item 7e pulled by Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer so she could recuse herself from the vote.

Action: Approve consent agenda item E with corrections for "other days" to not exceed three days per year:

Motion: Council Member Babbitt-Pierce

Second: Council Member O'Neill

Vote: Approved 4-0

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

F. Clarkdale Classic Station Liquor License Application - Series 06 - Bar

Consider and act upon an application submitted by Allyson Buckley on behalf of the Clarkdale Classic Station for a Series 06 Bar License.

Item 7f pulled by Council Member Babbitt-Pierce for further discussion.

G. Circle K Liquor License Application - Series 10 - Beer and Wine Store

Consider and act upon an application submitted by Maria Danielle Burgess on behalf of Circle K for a Series 10 Beer and Wine Store license.

Item 78 pulled by Council Member Babbitt-Pierce for further discussion.

Action: Approve consent agenda items F and G as presented:
Motion: Council Member Babbitt-Pierce
Second: Council Member Jones
Vote: Approved 5-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
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	Aye

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 AARP Community Challenge Grant

Discuss, consider and act upon the 2026 AARP Community Challenge Grant award in the amount of \$15,000 for alternative transportation safety features in Clarkdale.

Action: Approve the 2026 AARP Community Challenge Grant award in the amount of \$15,000 for alternative transportation safety features in Clarkdale, allow the Town Manager to sign all documents related to this grant and execute necessary budget amendments:
Motion: Council Member Jones
Second: Vice Mayor Hunseder
Vote: Approved 5-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
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	Aye

B. PUBLIC HEARING - Resolution No. 1762 (Truth in Taxation - Setting Forth the Intent to Raise the Property Tax Levy) and Resolution No. 1763 (Final Budget Adoption)

The Council will hold a public hearing to take public comment regarding Resolution No. 1762, Truth in Taxation - Setting forth the intent to levy primary property taxes in the amount of \$.13981 per hundred of assessed valuation (\$.13981 per thousand of assessed valuation) and Resolution No. 1763, adopting the fiscal year 2026-2027 Final Budget in the amount of \$48,079,590, per A.R.S. 42-17105 (A) as published.

Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer opened the public hearing to take comments following a presentation from the Finance Director.

Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer read several emails from residents in opposition to the proposed intent to raise the property tax levy.

Public Comment:

Ron – Clarkdale resident. Strongly opposed to the tax increase.

Karla Erickson – Opposed to the tax increase. Believes a new neighborhood and businesses with bring enough tax dollars.

Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer closed the public hearing.

C. Resolution No. 1762 - Truth in Taxation - Setting Forth the Intent to Raise the Property Tax Levy

Discuss, consider and act upon Resolution No. 1762, setting forth the Town's intent to levy primary property taxes in the amount of \$.13981 per hundred of assessed valuation (\$.13981 per thousand of assessed valuation).

Action: Approve Resolution No. 1762, setting forth the Town's intent to levy primary property taxes in the amount of \$.13981 per hundred of assessed valuation (\$.13981 per thousand of assessed valuation) and authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to execute all documents:

Motion: Council Member O'Neill

Second: Vice Mayor Hunseder

Vote: Approved 5-0

ROLL CALL VOTE	Aye/Nay
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	Aye

9. ADJOURNMENT TO SPECIAL MEETING FOR BUDGET ADOPTION ACTION

Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer accepted a motion by Vice Mayor Hunseder and a second from Council Member Jones to enter into a special meeting for budget adoption action. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Resolution No. 1763 - Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Budget Adoption

Discuss, consider and act upon Resolution No. 1763, adopting the final budget in the amount of \$48,079,590 of which \$20,726,257 is from grant funding, for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the Town of Clarkdale per A.R.S. 42-17105 (A) as published.

Action: Approve Resolution No. 1763, adopting the final budget in the amount of \$48,079,590 of which \$20,726,257 is from grant funding, for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the Town of Clarkdale per A.R.S. 42-17105 (A) as published and authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to execute all documents:

Motion: Vice Mayor Hunseder

Second: Council Member O'Neill

Vote: Approved 5-0

ROLL CALL VOTE	Aye/Nay
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	Aye

10. RESUMPTION OF REGULAR MEETING - *Immediately following the Special Meeting, the Council resumed the regular meeting at 4:13 p.m.*

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Town Council proposed the following items to be placed on a future agenda:

- *Liquor Licenses*

12. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Vice Mayor Hunseder

Second: Council Member Babbitt-Pierce

Vote: Approved 5-0

ROLL CALL VOTE	Aye/Nay
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	Aye

Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:15 p.m.

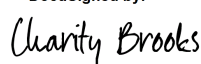
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Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Mayor

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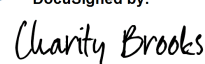
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Charity Brooks, Town Clerk

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 23rd day of June 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Date approved by Town Council: July 14, 2026

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Charity Brooks, Town Clerk