



**TOWN OF PATAGONIA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING I.D. 957-511-4862 PASSWORD 338501**

1. CALL TO ORDER—Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. ROLL CALL/THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM MEETING. Mayor Wood present, Vice-Mayor Stabile present via zoom, Council Members Finch, Claverie & Retherford present.
STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Robinso, Deputy Town Manager Fuentes & Library Clerk Deb Robinson.
PUBLIC PRESENT: See attached Sign-in Sheet.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—Mayor Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. CORRECTION AND OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:
A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2026, AT 6:00 PM.
MOTION: Council Member Finch moved to approve minutes from A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2026, AT 6:00 PM.
SECOND: Council Member Claverie.
VOTE: The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:
AYES: Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile via zoom, Council Members Finch, Claverie & Retherford.
NAYS: None
ABSTAINERS: None
ABSENT: None
5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC A. R. S. §38-431-01(H): AT THIS TIME, THE PUBLIC WILL ONLY BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS LISTED FOR PUBLIC INPUT PURSUANT TO TOWN CODE SECTION 2-5-6. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE TOWN COUNCIL, SUBJECT TO A REASONABLE TIME SET BY THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE ARIZONA OPEN MEETING LAW. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CALL TO THE PUBLIC, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY RESPOND TO CRITICISM MADE BY THOSE WHO HAVE ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL MAY ASK STAFF TO REVIEW THE MATTER, OR MAY ASK THE MATTER BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY SHALL NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON MATTERS RAISED DURING AN OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE MATTERS ARE PROPERLY NOTICED FOR DISCUSSION AND LEGAL ACTION. Carolyn Shafer spoke about water is life and urged the Town Council as they work on the CPBA that protection of our water resources is vital and again, Water Is Life. Alex Johnson has been attending the Board of Supervisors meetings and asked the Town Council to make water protections a priority in the CPBA. Chris Gardner updated his water research on the South32/Hermosa discharge into Harshaw Creek (report attached).
6. MAYOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS. AT THIS TIME THE MAYOR MAY WISH TO CALL UPON THE COUNCIL OR STAFF FOR CURRENT EVENTS OR MONTHLY REPORTS. Mayor Wood introduced Carmen Fuentes our new Deputy Town Manager, and Carmen gave a short bio on her work history and education. Council Member Claverie reminded everyone of the March 1st fund raiser for the metal sculpture in Dr. Mock Park by Keith Spooner at the Patagonia Lumber Company and Council Member Finch mentioned the Blue Star Memorial monument has been received by the Town and that the dedication ceremony will be July 4th at 1:00 pm.
7. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES ON ONGOING ACTIVITIES. In the books.



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NEW BUSINESS

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE DESTINATION TRAIL LLC TO RENT THE 5 ACRE PARCEL ON HARSHAW AVENUE FOR 16 DAYS FROM MARCH 21ST TO APRIL 5TH FOR RACE HEAD QUARTERS AND FINISH LINE FOR THE ARIZONA MONSTER 300 FOOT RACE. THE RENT AMOUNT WILL BE \$3,600.00.
MOTION: Council Member Finch moved to APPROVE DESTINATION TRAIL LLC TO RENT THE 5 ACRE PARCEL ON HARSHAW AVENUE FOR 16 DAYS FROM MARCH 21ST TO APRIL 5TH FOR RACE HEAD QUARTERS AND FINISH LINE FOR THE ARIZONA MONSTER 300 FOOT RACE. THE RENT AMOUNT WILL BE \$3,600.00
SECOND: Council Member Retherford.
VOTE: The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:
AYES: Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile via zoom, Council Members Finch, Claverie & Retherford.
NAYS: None
ABSTAINERS: None
ABSENT: None

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR LICENSES AND CONTROL FOR THE PATAGONIA COMMUNITY GARDEN TO HAVE AN EARTH DAY HAPPY HOUR FUND RAISER TO SUPPORT THE PCG AND THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROGRAM. THE LOCATION IS THE PATAGONIA COMMUNITY GARDEN 400 SMELTER AVE. PATAGONIA AZ 85624 AND THE DATE OF EVENT IS APRIL 22, 2026 FROM 4:00 -8:00 PM.
MOTION: Council Member Claverie recommended approval OF A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR LICENSES AND CONTROL FOR THE PATAGONIA COMMUNITY GARDEN TO HAVE AN EARTH DAY HAPPY HOUR FUND RAISER TO SUPPORT THE PCG AND THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROGRAM. THE LOCATION IS THE PATAGONIA COMMUNITY GARDEN 400 SMELTER AVE. PATAGONIA AZ 85624 AND THE DATE OF EVENT IS APRIL 22, 2026 FROM 4:00 -8:00 PM.
SECOND: Mayor Wood.
VOTE: The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:
AYES: Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile via zoom, Council Members Finch, Claverie & Retherford.
NAYS: None
ABSTAINERS: None
ABSENT: None

10. LINDA SHORE OF THE MUSEUM BOARD WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION OF THE AZ250 EXHIBIT AT THE PATAGONIA MUSEUM ON MARCH 7TH. Linda Shore introduced German Quiroga, the President of the Museum Board and he gave an overview of the March 7th AZ250 mobile museum hosted by the Patagonia Museum. German invited the Council to attend and asked if one of the Councilors could give an opening remark. Council Member Finch offered, so the opening will be at 10:00 am.



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11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 26-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA, AMENDING TOWN CODE CHAPTER 3 ADMINISTRATION SECTION 3-3-1 REGARDING PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES AND SECTION 3-2-3 REGARDING SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS OF ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT THE TOWN IN SPECIFIC CASES OR ISSUES
MOTION: Council Member Claverie moved to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 26-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA, AMENDING TOWN CODE CHAPTER 3 ADMINISTRATION SECTION 3-3-1 REGARDING PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES AND SECTION 3-2-3 REGARDING SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS OF ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT THE TOWN IN SPECIFIC CASES OR ISSUES
SECOND: Council Member Finch.
VOTE: The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:
AYES: Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile via zoom, Council Members Finch, Claverie & Retherford.
NAYS: None
ABSTAINERS: None
ABSENT: None

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.
MOTION: Council Member Finch moved to approve payment of accounts payable.
SECOND: Council Member Claverie.
VOTE: The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:
AYES: Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile via zoom, Council Members Finch, Claverie & Retherford.
NAYS: None
ABSTAINERS: None
ABSENT: None

13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
AT THIS TIME, THE COUNCIL MAY BRING FORTH TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS, AND IF PREVIOUSLY REJECTED BY THE MAYOR, THE COUNCIL MAY VOTE ON WHETHER TO PLACE THOSE ITEMS ON A FUTURE AGENDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-5-5 OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA CODE. THE COUNCIL MAY NOT DISCUSS, DELIBERATE, OR TAKE ANY ACTION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TOPICS OTHER THAN TO VOTE TO INCLUDE THEM ON A FUTURE AGENDA. A. R. S. §38-431.02(H). Firebreaks Plan from PVFR, Item 11, MOU with the Friends FROM May 28th. No items.

14. **ADJOURN**
MOTION: Mayor Wood.
SECOND: Council Member Claverie.
VOTE: The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:
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NAYS: None
ABSTAINERS: None
ABSENT: None



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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20 PM.

I hereby confirm the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate copy of the minutes from a Regular Council Meeting held February 25, 2026 at 6:00 pm. I further certify that the meeting was duly called held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11th Day of March, 2026.

APPROVED:

Andrea Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ron Robinson, Town Clerk