



MINUTES

**WICKENBURG COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 16, 2025 - 5:30 P.M.
155 N. TEGNER - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WICKENBURG, ARIZONA 85390**

- A. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Bratcher called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by Town Manager Troy Smith
- C. **INVOCATION** - Led by Pastor Andrew Doom, Potter's House Church
- D. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor BG Bratcher
Vice Mayor Brian Jones
Councilmember Kristy Bedoian
Councilmember Shawn Clark
Councilmember Margaret Nyberg
Councilmember Rebecca Rovey
Councilmember Art Rubash

Staff Present: Troy Smith, Town Manager
Trish Stuhan, Town Attorney
Tim Suan, Deputy Town Manager/Economic Development
Steve Boyle, Community Development Director
Amy Brown, Town Clerk
Les Brown, Police Chief
Robert Martinez, Finance Director
Tarah Mayerhofer, Human Resources Director
Ed Temerowski, Fire Chief
Herschel Workman, Public Works Director

E. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBERS REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

- Councilmember Rebecca Rovey read the proclamation for WESTMARC Day on June 23, 2025.
- Councilmember Rebecca Rovey congratulated the Webb Center on a successful session one of Camp Imagination, even with the fire alarms going off in the middle and everyone evacuating.

- Councilmember Margaret Nyberg attended the Chamber of Commerce health fair at Wickenburg Ranch, with some great information about the hospital working with Mayo Clinic to bring in some new doctors.
- Councilmember Art Rubash reported that All Stars for Little League are done with the 11–12-year-olds going to the championship game and the 9–10-year-olds winning the district. Now the American Legion will have summer baseball.
- Councilmember Brian Jones thanked the fire and police departments for their response to the fire in the wash as they saved his business.
- Mayor BG Bratcher thanked Sarah Brown for a great summer recreation program. She attended several meetings including Central Arizona Project (CAP) water, Valley Metro, West Valley Mayors and Manager's, BNSF Railway, Chamber health fair and Camp Imagination performance.

F. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Town Manager Troy Smith stated that the zoning code is still being reviewed with the final draft expected soon, then the public input will be this fall. There are still four properties to sign the easements for the Lewis Addition road issue. The Fire Station 751 remodel is almost complete with the plan to be back in the station by July 4th. Tegner Street repaving will begin June 27th with the project expected to last 4 to 5 weeks with information on the town website. The 4th of July Spectacular will be at Sunset Park starting at 6:00 pm, with fireworks at 9:00 pm. The summer recreation program is online and there are paper copies at Town Hall and the library.

G. FINAL CALL for Request to Speak Cards to be turned into the Town Clerk.

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Susan Demitz, In-Town Resident, read a letter from Mary DeGeoso, regarding safety concerns with CR&R as the trash is sitting on the floor for 72 hours and the weight might not be distributed correctly in the trucks.

I. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 2, 2025

MOVED BY Councilmember Rebecca Rovey to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025

SECONDED BY Vice Mayor Brian Jones

VOTE: 7 – 0 (Yes – Mayor Bratcher, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmembers Bedoian, Clark, Nyberg, Rovey, and Rubash)

2. Presentation Regarding Western Maricopa Coalition (WESTMARC) Partnership Update

Sintra Hoffman, CEO of Western Maricopa Coalition (WESTMARC), which is an economic development organization for the west valley west of the I-17 specifically for business, education, municipalities and non-profits. The west valley has evolved over the years from the 1990's being mostly a farming community and then in the early 2000's there was a race to rooftops. In 2015, there was then a focus on employment to bring businesses in to reduce the commute. In 2020, the push was for quality jobs, infrastructure investment, high performing K-12 education and post-secondary education on the rise. For the future there will be a technology focus not just with the Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC) plants but also with telemedicine and digital logistics. WESTMARC's vision statement is to create a dynamic and sustainable economy for the West Valley by fostering innovation, attracting quality jobs, supporting a skilled workforce, and enhancing the quality of life for residents and businesses.

WESTMARC has strategic pillars for the future including:

- Promote the WESTMARC initiatives in the West Valley
- Support the West Valley economic vitality and strategic business attraction by ensuring a well-trained and prepared workforce
- Support investments in infrastructure, transportation, quality of life, education, and housing
- Advocate and engage in policy work that supports Workforce Development priorities
- Create and maintain a database of key metrics related to WESTMARC priorities

The targeted industries include:

- Aerospace and Defense
- Business Services
- Construction
- Education
- Healthcare and Social Assistance
- Manufacturing
- Retail, Hospitality and Tourism – this is new
- Technology
- Transportation and Warehousing

The jobs by industry for Wickenburg have increased over the past five years:

Description	2020 Jobs	2021 Jobs	2022 Jobs	2023 Jobs	2024 Jobs	2025 Jobs
Retail, Hospitality, Tourism	935	1,103	1,041	1,087	1,099	1,123
Education	798	836	858	862	858	867
Manufacturing	536	382	470	464	470	477
Health Services	400	362	385	415	412	422
Construction	301	309	308	328	342	358
Business Services	279	218	204	203	203	207
Transportation and Logistics	34	51	63	65	67	69
Technology	32	39	42	43	41	42
Aerospace and Aviation	10	12	10	14	16	15

	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2022	Dec. 2023	Dec. 2024
Civilian Labor Force	2,687	2,799	2,866	2,939	2,983
Employment	2,669	2,790	2,857	2,930	2,973
Unemployment	18	9	9	9	10
Unemployment Rate	0.7%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%

The transportation future investments include the I-11 and State Route 30. I-11 will affect Wickenburg but might be a long time before that is completed. State Route 30 is to help alleviate some of the traffic on I-10 coming in from California.

J. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - (Council May Vote to Go Into Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S §38-431.03(A)(3) to Receive Legal Advice from the Town Attorney on Any of the Above Agenda Items.)

K. **SCHEDULING OF FUTURE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS** - None

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Councilmember Kristy Bedoian to adjourn at approximately 6:03 PM

SECONDED BY Councilmember Rebecca Rovey

VOTE: 7 – 0 (Yes – Mayor Bratcher, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmembers Bedoian, Clark, Nyberg, Rovey, and Rubash)

BG Bratcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Brown, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Amy Brown, the duly appointed and qualified Town Clerk of the Town of Wickenburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of Wickenburg, Arizona held on June 16, 2025. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Amy Brown, MMC
Town Clerk