

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026
SCHIEFFELIN HALL
(CORNER OF FREMONT AND FOURTH STREET)

I. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Dustin Escapule called the Regular Council Meeting to order on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Dustin Escapule led the Common Council and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Colin Regan	Present
Councilmember Goodspeed	Present
Councilmember Jimmy Green	Present
Councilmember Lillian Hritz	Present
Mayor Dustin Escapule	Present

Also, in attendance:

Charissa Presti, Interim City Clerk	
Shelly Kazda, Interim Deputy Clerk	

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response, Mayor closes Call to the Public.

V. EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Tammi-Jo Wilkins: We reviewed all of the applications that are on tonight's agenda and did not identify any issues. The events committee recommends approval for all of the submitted applications. It's also worth noting that September and October are shaping up to be very busy months for our town here with a number of scheduled events. I also wanted to let you know that I will be providing an update on the Live to Ride event with every report from the events committee, just to be able to build transparency on the progress of the event. I've been meeting regularly with the promoters and speaking with them by phone every few days. We will start meeting with businesses and sponsors in town next week, hosting discussions and partnership for pre-event planning. I would like to mention, due to the scope of the event and the fact that there's just a very small handful of people trying to coordinate this, to bring it to our town, to make it a huge success, the scope of the work that's involved, and the fact that preparations will take place in stages, I have actually joined the promoters, and will be serving as the liaison for the city on all matters related to this event in my role as the event committee chair. This is to help keep communication organized and to ensure that information remains consistent. All inquiries are related to the event, such as vendors, food vendors, parking, logistics, and similar matters, concerns, praise, whatever wants to be directed this way needs to come through me so that when I meet with the promoter, I can go over the list of phone calls or requests and that they're all handled at once and not sporadically. We need to make sure that we've got some coordinated effort when it comes to communication and to make sure every single thing is addressed and documented that it's addressed and who addressed it and what was addressed and all that other good stuff. So, I will be assisting by helping gathering information, obtaining answers from them, building lists as needed, and then responding. As recommendations for all of the communication regarding the event flow through me, I can flow it back to you, let the community know what's going on so that we're building an organized, consistent, and transparent event for the future. Any questions for me?

Mayor Escapule: And I just want to thank you and the rest of the events committee for the hard work you guys put into this. Councilman Green, you go over and above. So, thank you both and all of them. Charissa, it was a new idea and it looks to me like it's coming together fine. It's going to work good and it's going to be a good move for the city of Tombstone and everybody involved. So, thank you very much.

Tammi-Jo Wilkins: Thank you. With all the little pieces that are coming together, we're going to be busy every week at this rate.

Mayor Escapule: So, one thing that I've learned over the years, there's usually just a small handful of people that are willing to actually get out and do something. Everybody wants to volunteer when it sounds like a good idea, but when it comes time to get up and do something, 4 or 5 people.

Mayor closes Events Committee Report

IV. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Littlejohn: So far this year it's been a little bit busier. We've had 137 calls:

- 15 for fire
- 8 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 110 Emergency Medical Service
- 4 TMO assists.

The fire department's continuing our training. A week ago, Saturday, we did an 8-hour course for extrication. It was 3 hours in the classroom, and then we did 5 hours hands-on training. State Fire has contacted me and it's looking like we're going to have a really busy year with wildland fires. So right now, we're getting our tools put back together and we're getting the trucks set. Our rescue truck is currently in the shop, so we are using Brush 312 for our medical.

Mayor Escapule: Thank you, Chief. I would like to at this point state that today I declared a state of emergency for the City of Tombstone because one of our wells has gone down. Actually, two of our wells have actually gone down. Well number 2 has a booster pump that is not functioning properly, so the guys have to work it manually, and it's 24 hours a day project. Well number 1 is our backup, and when they fired it up this morning, the motor wouldn't start. The reason I declared a state of emergency is because it's going to take about \$10,000 to \$20,000, somewhere around there, to replace or repair this pump and that's way above what our procurement is. So therefore, it's an emergency and it'll be ratified at the next regular council meeting with the exact amount required to fix the pump. It's a necessity and we can't go without water.

City Clerk Presti: Mayor, I also have a copy of the declaration for the state of emergency for each councilmember. as well. The vendor is coming tomorrow to fix it.

Councilmember Goodspeed: Mayor, I was just going to ask, is this to pull the pump from the well or is it some other.

Mayor Escapule: We're going to pull the pump and replace the pump. They think it's probably a bearing in the pump.

Councilmember Goodspeed: Okay. I was hoping you were going to say that no, it was just a control board or something on the surface.

Mayor Escapule: Well, prior to doing that, we had 2 electricians that are very familiar with this, come and check it all out. We've been working on it most of the afternoon, and it was determined that it's in the pump motor itself.

Mayor closes Fire Chief's Report.

V. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Presti: I'm going to update you just a little bit on the SEAGO CDBG project for the new food bank. As I reported the last time, SHIPO, the State Historic Preservation Office, was making us do a Class 3 cultural resource survey before we can move forward on the property at 630 Old Bisbee Highway because the city is a designated National Historic Landmark. SHIPO has determined that the proposed development site must be tested and studied to ensure that any cultural or historical resources are properly identified and preserved. This survey is a necessary step to comply with the historic preservation regulations and to ensure that the project does not adversely affect significant cultural resources. The city has requested quotes from 6 qualified firms to conduct the required survey. After review, the city has selected Cornerstone Environmental to

perform the Class 3 survey for the proposed food bank. That should be starting in the next few months.

The primary election season is underway with the primary election scheduled for July 21st. Candidate packets for the upcoming primary election became available on Monday, February 23rd at 9:00 a.m., and all candidates must return forms by March 23rd at 5:00 p.m. to City Hall. As of today, a total of 9 packets have been taken out: 2 for Ward 1, 1 for Ward 2, 2 for Ward 3, 2 for Ward 4, and 2 for mayor. At this time, 2 candidates have returned their completed packets.

City Hall has made some improvements with our water billing, and going paperless is now available. We have the capability to send the water bills by email. When you contact City Hall to pay your water bill, staff will begin asking if you would like to sign up for paperless billing, making the switch to email in a convenient way and receive your bill quickly while reducing paper. If you choose paperless billing, you can still come in and pay your bill normally, call over the phone, or pay online or mail it. You don't have to do everything via online, but it's just another way.

Action minutes have now been implemented and may be available following each city council and commission meeting. Action minutes provide a brief summary of the agenda items and the actions taken during the meeting. Including how members voted and whether an item passed or failed. These action minutes will be available until the full meeting minutes are drafted. And Cora has done an awesome job with preparing those. So, if you just go on the city website, you can see how the voting and who motioned and seconded and what the vote was. So that way people can know at least if something passed or not.

The next thing is the 250th traveling museum. The traveling museum will be in Tombstone this weekend during Wild West Days. It was made possible through a partnership with the Wild West Detachment Marine Corps League and also the efforts of Councilmember Lillian Hritz and also with Wendy LaBute, the commandant with the Wild West Detachment Marine Corps League, with helping in getting this museum to the community as well. Mayor Escapule will welcome the museum during the opening ceremonies on Friday at 10 AM. We would also like to extend our thanks to those that will be participating in the opening ceremonies, which is Pastor Craig Conrad, who will be doing the opening prayer from the Tombstone Community Church, Wendy LaBute, the Commandant of the Wild West Detachment Marine Corps League, for speaking as a guest speaker, and then the Tombstone Chamber of Commerce for conducting the ribbon-cutting ceremony for us. I did get the Tombstone High School JROTC Color Guard and a Tombstone High School senior to sing the national anthem along with the High Vigilette Linda Dailing performing America the Beautiful. The museum will be open Friday, March 13th from 10 AM to 6 PM and then Saturday, March 14th from 10 to 2. We are still accepting volunteers, so if anybody is interested please contact City Hall.

We are in partnership with the animal shelter with digital touchscreens at the Visitor Center and Boothill. These boards are part of the fundraising initiative for the shelter and will also allow local businesses and organizations to advertise and showcase their services. Features may include menus, daily specials, ticket sales, reservation links, and interactive map of Tombstone with Google. Businesses or organizations interested in participating are encouraged to contact the shelter for additional information. This initiative provides an opportunity for businesses to promote their services while also supporting the no-kill shelter that we have here.

Visitor Center and Boothill Graveyard counts are based on visitor responses collected by clerks when asking guests where they're visiting from. The visitor center in January had 3,259 visitors and Boothill Graveyard had 3,717. In February, the Visitor Center had 4,029 people and Boothill had 4,571. These numbers are climbing and we're trying to do our best to ask everybody to let us know. At the State of the City we'll provide a better breakdown of where these people are coming from..

The State of the City will be presented in April at the council meeting. We would like to thank Sheriff Mark Daniels for graciously lending us Grady Butler and his team for the presentation and filming.

Mayor closes the City Clerk's report

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes for Regular Council on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

MOTION by Councilmember Hritz, **SECOND** by Councilmember Green, to approve the minutes for Regular Council on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

- B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes for Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

MOTION by Councilmember Green, **SECOND** by Mayor Pro-Tem Regan, to approve the minutes for Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Accounts Payable in the amount of \$141,288.28 (February 1, 2026 through February 28, 2026).

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Regan, **SECOND** by Councilmember Hritz, to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$141,288.28 (February 1, 2026 through February 28, 2026).

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

- B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Amendment to the City of Tombstone Financial Policies and Procedures; adding Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangement Reporting, page 5.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Regan, **SECOND** by Councilmember Hritz to approve Approval of Amendment to the City of Tombstone Financial Policies and Procedures; adding Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangement Reporting, page 5.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

- C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Special Use Permit from Tombstone High School for Graduation Parking. Requesting the following:

Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21, 2026 from 5 PM to 9 PM

- Discover Tombstone Field.

MOTION by Councilmember Hritz, **SECOND** by Mayor Pro-Tem Regan to approve Special Use Permit from Tombstone High School, Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

- D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Special Use Permit from Tombstone Community Congregational Church for Easter Sunrise Service. Requesting the following:

Sunday, April 5, 2026 from 6:15 AM to 7:30 AM.

- Schieffelin Park.

MOTION by Councilmember Green, **SECOND** by Councilmember Hritz to approve Special Use Permit from Tombstone Community Congregational Church for Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 5, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Approval of Special Use Permit from Tombstone High School for Graduation Parking. Requesting the following:

Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 10 AM to 6 PM.

- Boardwalk in front of store at 18 S 5th Street.
- One parking space in front of store 18 S 5th Street.

MOTION by Councilmember Hritz, **SECOND** by Mayor Pro-Tem Regan to approve Special Use Permit from Tombstone High School for Graduation Parking, Saturday, April 11, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Regan	Yes
Councilmember Goodspeed	Yes
Councilmember Green	Abstain
Councilmember Hritz	Yes
Mayor Escapule	Yes

MOTION: Carried

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Approval of Special Use Permit from Tombstone Lions for Annual Wyatt Earp Days. Requesting the following:

Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 8 AM to Sunday May 24, 2026 at 5 PM.

- East Allen Street between 4th Street and 5th Street for reenactments.
- Schieffelin Park for kid games.
- Art Gallery for cornhole tournament and reserved parking.

MOTION by Councilmember Green, **SECOND** by Councilmember Hritz to approve Special Use Permit from Tombstone Lions for Annual Wyatt Earp Days, Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 8 AM to Sunday May 24, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

G. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Approval of Special Use Permit from American Legion Auxiliary for Annual Poppy Day Table. Requesting the following:

Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23, 2026 from 10AM to 3 PM

- Boardwalk between Longhorn & Branding Iron.

MOTION by Councilmember Hritz, **SECOND** by Mayor Pro-Tem Regan to approve Special Use Permit from American Legion Auxiliary for Annual Poppy Day Table, Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

- H. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Special Use Permit from Tombstone Forward for a nonmechanized parade in honor of National Day of the Cowboy. Requesting the following:

Saturday, July 25, 2026

- East Allen Street between 6th and 10th Streets from 8:30 AM to 10 AM for parade line-up.
- E Allen Street between 6th and 2nd Streets for parade to begin at 10 AM.

MOTION by Councilmember Green, **SECOND** by Councilmember Goodspeed to approve Special Use Permit from Tombstone Forward for a nonmechanized parade in honor of National Day of the Cowboy, Saturday, July 25, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

- I. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Special Use Permit from Tombstone Vigilantes for annual Showdown. Requesting the following:

Saturday, September 5, 2026 at 8 AM to Sunday, September 6, 2026 at 5 PM.

- East Allen Street between 4th Street and 5th Street for reenactments, costume contest, and 10 x 10 pop up tent.
- Schieffelin Park for kid games and costume contest sign-up.
- Art Gallery for cornhole tournament.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Regan, **SECOND** by Councilmember Hritz to approve Special Use Permit from Tombstone Vigilantes for annual Showdown, Saturday, September 5 to Sunday September 6, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

- J. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Special Use Permit from Tombstone Fire Department for Storm of Courage Fireman's Weekend. Requesting the following:

Friday, September 18 to Sunday, September 20, 2026.

- Discover Tombstone Field for Fire Muster Games, Music, and vendor tents.
- E Allen Street between 8th and 6th Streets for parade line up, on Sept 20th from 9 AM to 11 AM.
- E Allen Street between 6th and 3rd Streets for parade, on Sept 20th at 11 AM

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Regan, **SECOND** by Councilmember Hritz to approve Special Use Permit from Tombstone Fire Department for Storm of Courage Fireman's Weekend, Friday, September 18 to Sunday, September 20, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

- K. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Special Use Permit from TTR Inc for Annual Tombstone Territory Rendezvous. Requesting the following:

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 8 AM to Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 2 PM.

- Schieffelin Hall
- Set-up: Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 12 PM to 8 PM
- Event: Thursday, Oct. 22 to Saturday, Oct. 24 from 8 AM to 8 PM.

- Tear Down: Sunday, October 25 from 8 AM to 2 PM

MOTION by Councilmember Green, **SECOND** by Councilmember Goodspeed to approve Special Use Permit from Tombstone TTR Inc for Annual Tombstone Territory Rendezvous Wednesday, October 21 and Sunday, October 25, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

- L. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Special Use Permit from American Legion Post 24 for Annual 9/11 ceremony. Requesting the following:

Friday, September 11, 2026 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

- E Allen Street between 2nd Street and American Legion Driveway.

MOTION by Councilmember Goodspeed, **SECOND** by Councilmember Hritz to approve Special Use Permit from American Legion Post 24 for Annual 9/11 ceremony, Friday, September 11, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

- M. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Special Use Permit from American Legion Post 24 for Veterans Day ceremony. Requesting the following:

Wednesday, November 11, 2026 from 8 AM to 11:30 AM.

- E Allen Street between 2nd Street and American Legion Driveway.

MOTION by Councilmember Goodspeed, **SECOND** by Mayor Pro-Tem Regan to approve Special Use Permit from American Legion Post 24 for Veterans Day ceremony, Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

- N. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Special Use Permit from Christian Motorcycle Association for Annual Arizona CMA State Rally. Requesting the following:

Thursday, October 29 to Sunday Nov. 1, 2026.

- Schieffelin Hall (all day)
- Schieffelin Park from 7 AM to 8 AM on Friday and Saturday for morning devotion.
- Schieffelin Park From 6 PM to 9 PM on Friday for a gospel music concert.
- 4th Street Between Fremont and Allen Streets from 8 AM to 3 PM for kid bicycle games

MOTION by Councilmember Green, **SECOND** by Mayor Pro-Tem Regan to approve Special Use Permit from Christian Motorcycle Association for Annual Arizona CMA State Rally, Thursday, October 29 to Sunday Nov. 1, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-Yes/0-No

MOTION: Carried

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mayor adjourns meeting at 7:27 PM.

Dustin Escapule, Mayor

Charissa Presti, Interim, City Clerk

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