

City of Globe

Meeting Minutes — March 11, 2025 (Regular Meeting)

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Stapleton at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 150 N. Pine Street, Globe, Arizona.

Roll Call.

Present:

Vice Mayor Mike Stapleton; Councilmembers Rios (District 1), Pastor (District 2), Letham (District 3), Gonzalez (District 5), Shipley (District 6).

Excused: Mayor Al Gameros.

A quorum was present.

Invocation offered by Shelly Salazar

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Stapleton.

1) Summary of Current Events

Councilmember Gonzalez reported on a trip with Fire Chief to Phoenix to inspect a ladder truck and on a dialogue with the Cobre Valley Youth Club.

Councilmember Shipley reported on the Gila Community College candidacy status as an independent college and raised concerns about House Bill 2201.

Councilmember Rios echoed concerns on insurance costs, praised the transparency of the Gila Community College.

Councilman Pastor attended a youth performance of The Jungle Book at the High Desert Middle School.

Councilmember Leetham expressed condolences to the family of Emily Pike.

Vice Mayor Stapleton shared updates on the Round Mountain gate, the Oyo Motel trash issue, the Hill Street Apartments occupancy, the U.S. 60 closures, the Coffee with the Mayor events, the Public Works cleanup, and the Globe Clean & Beautiful downtown cleanup.

City Manager Jepson added details on cleanup dumpsters and accepted items, and provided Council a Legislative update of the food tax bill and an upcoming meeting with Arizona Public Service (APS) regarding wildfire mitigation, and the BHP hauling project.

2) Community Call to the Public

Vice Mayor Stapleton opened the Call to the Public. City Clerk Salazar confirmed no request-to-speak cards were received and no online comments submitted. The Call to the Public was closed.

3) Special Presentations and Ceremonial Matters

A. Annual Economic Development Update (Presenters: Melissa Steele and Linda Oddonetto)

Economic Development Manager Melissa Steele presented the 2024 Year-in-Review, highlighting business growth, workshops and training, tourism and marketing successes, First Friday events, and the Michaelson Building project.

Melissa highlighted key data:

- 33 new businesses opened; 7 expanded or transferred ownership.
- Workshops provided to 30 businesses; 15 received consultations; 4 connected to grants.
- First Fridays attracted 66,500 attendees (19.5% increase).
- Overnight visitors: 97,500; direct spending: \$33.4 million; local tax receipts: \$2 million.
- Globe McDonald's ranked #1 in Arizona sales, #6 nationally.

Assistant City Manager Linda Oddonetto emphasized developer interest, market data through PlacerAI, and future opportunities.

Councilmembers praised staff efforts, highlighted district-level growth, Chamber partnerships, and regional collaboration. City Manager Jepson noted the use of DoorDash as a new tool for local businesses.

Vice Mayor Stapleton thanked staff for their comprehensive update.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Consideration of Waiver of Section 2-4-10 (A) [prior discussion rule] to allow action on the balance of the consent Agenda:
 1. Accounts Payable: \$616,851.80
 2. Consideration of Approval of Council Minutes:
 1. Consideration of the July 23, 2024 meeting minutes.

MOTION: by Councilman Leetham to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

SECONDED: by Councilman Rios.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

5) New Business

A. Consideration to approve Resolution No. 1901 Uncollectible Water Debt in the amount of \$3,301.60 for FY2024.

Presenter: Jodi Martin

City Clerk, Shelly Salazar, reads Resolution No. 1901 by title into the meeting, which provides for the treatment of certain debts deemed uncollectible and directs their removal from the City's financial records.

Ms. Martin reported that for FY2024, the amount totaled \$3,316.00, covering 27 accounts (14 renters and 13 homeowners). She emphasized that staff followed all collection procedures, including sending notices, making phone calls, forwarding addresses, and issuing small claims summons. This year's total is lower than last year's, reflecting continued improvement.

The council commended staff for their diligent efforts in reducing outstanding balances.

MOTION: Councilmember Shipley moved to advance Resolution No. 1901 to the next regular Council meeting for final reading and possible adoption.

SECOND: Councilmember Rios

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration to accept #GO-25-67-05053 from Arizona Complete Health for \$25,000.00 to assist the City of Globe in building a Community Kitchen received through GL# 20-42-09036, Arizona Complete Health Grant. (Connie Callaway, Melissa Dye, and Tina Brown Az. Complete Health.

Presenters: Connie Callaway, Melissa Dye, Tina Brown (Arizona Complete Health)

Staff presented a \$25,000 grant award from Arizona Complete Health, to be received through GL #20-42-09036, to support the development of a Community Kitchen. Ms. Callaway highlighted that this grant, combined with prior funding from the Arizona Community Foundation and City investment, represents a significant step toward addressing food insecurity and building programming capacity.

Representatives from Arizona Complete Health (Melissa Dye and Tina Brown) described the competitive grant process and praised the City's commitment to community health. They expressed pride in reinvesting in Globe, noting prior contributions to the community swimming pool.

Council expressed appreciation to Arizona Complete Health for their partnership and support. A ceremonial presentation of a "big check" was made and photos taken.

MOTION: Councilmember Pastor moved to accept and approve Grant #GO-25-67-0553 from Arizona Complete Health in the amount of \$25,000.00 to assist in building

a Community Kitchen, received through GL #20-42-09036 and waive Section 2-4-10A Prior Discussion Rule.

SECOND: Councilmember Leetham.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

C. Authorization to Advertise — RFQ No. PS-2025-0144 (On-Call Civil Engineering & Professional Support Services)

Presenter: Travis Ashbaugh

Mr. Ashbaugh explained the need to refresh the City's on-call civil engineering services contract. The current three-year contract is in its renewal period, but staff seeks to initiate a new cycle early to broaden the vendor pool and raise the project threshold from \$80,000 to \$165,000. He noted that state statute permits up to \$500,000 per consultant contract over a three-year period, and the update ensures compliance while expanding capacity for grant- and loan-funded projects.

MOTION: Councilmember Leetham moved to authorize staff to advertise RFQ No. PS-2025-0144 for On-Call Civil Engineering and Professional Support Services, funded through Accounts #10-61-51225 (Public Works Consultants), #50-80-51225 (Water Consultants), #51-80-51225 (Wastewater Consultants), with possible WIFA or other grant/loan reimbursements.

SECOND: Councilmember Pastor.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

D. Authorization to Advertise — RFQ No. PS-2025-0145 (On-Call Civil Engineering Survey Support Services)

Presenter: Travis Ashbaugh

Mr. Ashbaugh presented the proposal to update the City's on-call survey support services list, raising the threshold from \$80,000 to \$165,000 to align with engineering services. This will allow greater flexibility to manage projects supported by grant and loan reimbursements.

MOTION: Councilmember Pastor moved to authorize staff to advertise RFQ No. PS-2025-0145 for On-Call Civil Engineering Survey Support Services, funded through Accounts #10-61-51225 (Public Works Consultants), #50-80-51225 (Water Consultants), #51-80-51225 (Wastewater Consultants), with possible WIFA or other grant/loan reimbursements.

SECOND: Councilmember Leetham

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6) Action Items

A. Contract No. CA-2025-0148 — Well Three Motor Replacement (\$32,670)

Presenter: Vince Mariscal (Public Works)

Staff presented a request to approve Contract No. CA-2025-0148 with Weber Water

Resources in the amount of \$32,670 for the replacement of the motor at Well #3, to be funded from Account #50-80-552001 — Well and Pump Repair.

Mr. Mariscal provided historical background, explaining that the motor, approximately 25 years old, has been rewound four times since 2017, failing every 2–3 years. Rebuilding was estimated at \$22,000; staff recommended purchasing a new motor for an additional \$10,000 to extend service life. The lead time for delivery is 6–8 weeks, placing installation at the start of peak demand season. Staff emphasized the need to proceed due to Well #4 currently being offline.

Councilmembers expressed concern about repeated failures, urging staff to review engineering, load testing, and maintenance practices to determine root causes. Staff confirmed preventive measures and coordination with APS on power surges. Discussion also addressed cooling upgrades and vibration-related electrical surges. Staff committed to a closer review of motor and pump compatibility.

MOTION: Councilmember Shipley moved to approve Contract No. CA-2025-0148 with Weber Water Resources in the amount of \$32,670 for the Well Three Motor Replacement, to be funded from Account #50-80-552001 — Well and Pump Repair.

SECOND: Councilmember Pastor.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

7) Late Agenda Items

No late agenda items were presented.

8) Call to the Public

The Vice Mayor reopened the Call to the Public. City Clerk Salazar confirmed that no requests to speak were submitted and no online comments were received. The Call to the Public was closed.

9) Scheduling of Meetings

City Manager Jepson discussed the need to reschedule the March 25, 2025 regular meeting due to staff travel to Washington, D.C. for federal legislative agenda advocacy. Council considered options including March 20 and April 1, 2025. Staff will evaluate items requiring action and confirm scheduling.

MOTION: Councilmember Pastor moved to cancel the March 25, 2025 regular Council meeting and reschedule on a date to be determined.

SECOND: Councilmember Leetham.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

10) Future Agenda Items

Councilmembers may bring forward items for future agendas. No specific items were confirmed at this meeting.

11) Executive Session

A. Confidentiality Statement was read into the record.

B. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(7), Council discussed and provided direction regarding a possible dedication of real property. No action was taken in Executive Session.

12) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the March 11, 2025 meeting minutes and that the meeting was duly called and a quorum of the Globe City Council was present.

Shelly Salazar, CMC, City Clerk

Date: [Insert date signed]