



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes City Council Meeting

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Apache Junction, AZ
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*Doors are open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the
posted meeting start time.*

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Soller gave the invocation and Councilmember Heck led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Wilson
Vice Mayor Schroeder
Councilmember Nesser
Councilmember Heck
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Cross
Councilmember Soller

Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager
Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager
Evie McKinney, City Clerk
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Ryan Kaup, Economic Development Director
Rob Wisler, Management Analyst
Eli Richardson, Management Analyst
Michael Pooley, Police Chief
Mike Loggins, Public Works Director
Angelie Hawley, Finance Director

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Johnson moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser to approve the Consent Agenda.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Schroeder, Councilmember Nesser, Councilmember Heck, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Cross and Councilmember Soller

No: 0

1. [26-47](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [26-48](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2026.
3. [26-40](#) Consideration of SST25-20, award of bid to Cholla Pavement for the supply and delivery of pre-coated chips for chip sealing maintenance operations for a one (1) year contract, with the option to renew for successive periods of one (1) year not to exceed five (5) years with a maximum contract value of \$1,500,000.00.
4. [26-41](#) Consideration of SST25-19, award of bid to C.R. Contracting, LLC dba C.R. Contracting for the supply, delivery, and application of asphalt emulsion for chip sealing maintenance operations for a one (1) year contract, with the option to renew for successive periods of one (1) year not to exceed five (5) years with a maximum contract value of \$500,000.00.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

5. [26-49](#) Brief summary of intergovernmental updates from mayor and councilmembers.

Mayor Wilson announced that he was the race starter for several of the Lost Dutchman Marathon races and he shared some highlights from the event.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

6. [26-50](#) City Manager's Report

City Manager Bryant Powell thanked the Police Department, Public Works and Parks and Recreation Staff for hosting a wonderful and safe event with the Lost Dutchman Marathon. He shared some pictures from the day and extended his gratitude to the partnerships that help make the event happen.

7. [26-58](#) Legislative Update

Management Analyst Rob Wisler presented an update on bills moving through the Capital during this year's Legislative Session. He stated the highest amount of bills on record in the Legislative history have been introduced this year for a total of 2,116. None of those bills have been signed yet and only one has been vetoed. He went over the following bills that City Staff is tracking currently:

SB 1090 Strike Everything, HB 2839, HCR 2018
HB 4030/HCR 2052
HB 2290
SB 1241
SB 1431/HB 2588

Mr. Wisler also reminded the community who their representatives are at the State Capitol

based on where they live.

Councilmember Soller shared his frustrations with the State Representatives introducing bills that are trying to take away from the Cities.

Mayor Wilson also shared his frustrations and encouraged the community to contact their Representatives and give their opinions.

8. [26-51](#) Announcement of Current Events

Management Analyst Eli Richardson shared upcoming events:

- 2026 State of the City on February 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. It will take place at the Desert View Events Center, 2014 S. Starr Road, Apache Junction.

- 62nd Annual Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo and Carnival from February 27 - March 1, 2026. Pre-sale tickets can be bought at the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce.

- Lost Dutchman Days Parade on February 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

9. [26-57](#) Presentation by Ben Hur of Fester & Chapman on the city's annual financial audit.

City Manager Bryant Powell introduced Ben Hur of Fester & Chapman, who performed the audit on the City for the year ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Hur presented the audit results which included financial statements, single audit, the post audit report and the report to the Mayor and Council. He also went over the City's financial position, revenue, expenditures and showed a 5-year comparison.

Councilmember Heck inquired on the primary source of the receivables, if they are expected to be fully collected and what the unearned revenue included.

Vice Mayor Schroeder asked about the general government section in the presentation's graph.

Mr. Hur responded to all questions.

Councilmember Heck acknowledged Finance Director Angelie Hawley and the Finance Department for receiving such a positive result on the audit.

Assistant City Manager Matt Busby announced that the comprehensive annual financial report is available on the City's website for the public to view.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF**L. SELECTION OF MEETING DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND PURPOSES****M. CALL TO PUBLIC**

Noah-James Markham, Tempe, spoke about the following topics: building more housing in the City, vacant buildings, hiring more female police officers, water conservation and churches in the area.

Donna Carr, 2178 W. Virginia Street, Apache Junction, spoke about the following topics; revenue for the City, water shortages, mental health facilities, liquor licenses, housing and certain businesses in the City.

Andre Meek, 1327 S. Belair Road, Apache Junction, spoke about the General Plan and stated that Council should re-evaluate it. He suggested a two-story maximum for buildings so the views are still available.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Walter "Chip" Wilson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Evie McKinney
City Clerk