

## MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, AND STATE OF ARIZONA, HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026, AT 6:00 PM AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 118 ARIZONA STREET, BISBEE, ARIZONA.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR BUDGE AT 6:00PM.

### ROLL CALL

#### **COUNCIL**

Councilmember Karen Schumacher, Ward I

Councilmember Peter Skinner, Ward II

Councilmember Trish Damon, Ward III

Mayor Ken Budge

Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III, Mayor Pro Tempore

Councilmember Mel Sowid, Ward II

6:03PM

Councilmember Lori Reynolds, Ward I

#### **STAFF**

Ashlee Coronado, Interim City Manager/City Clerk

Keri Bagley, Finance Director

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Joseph Estes

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING:

1. Discussion regarding the Fair Building located at 37 Main Street.  
Ken Budge, Mayor

Mayor Ken Budge clarified the project had been under consideration since October 2025 and was not rushed. The proposed plan includes a 13-year lease with the Restoration Museum, where the museum keeps 25% of admissions, and pays 75% to the city. Estimated annual revenue was about \$20K–\$23K, with expenses under \$15K, resulting in a modest net gain.

Councilmembers raised concerns about the length of the lease, revenue assumptions, parking enforcement, and economic uncertainty. Suggestions included shortening the lease term and specifying that the use remain a historical museum.

On building condition and safety, an architect's report identified minimal urgent repairs—estimated under \$5,000—with most major restoration work already addressed through grants or eligible for future grant funding. Ongoing maintenance would be handled through the city's capital improvements process.

Debate continued over financial uncertainty, use of general funds vs. bed tax, and whether to move forward now or delay. The decision was time-sensitive due to the budget process, as waiting would postpone consideration for a year.

Mayor Budge stated that, as there was nothing else before this Council this meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00PM

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Ken Budge, Mayor