

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council Regular Meeting
February 12, 2026
2:00 P.M.**

Town Council Members

**Chad Brown, Council Member
Anthony James, Vice Mayor
Laura Dorrell, Mayor
Raymond Lorenzo, Council Member
B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member
Barbara Ahmann, Council Member ****

***Excused**

****Participated via telephone**

A quorum was present.

The Town's legal counsel, Matt Schuimo participated via telephone**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laura Dorrell at 2:03 p.m. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public:

Melissa Loya, resident of Clifton, expressed concern about the lack of enforcement of animal waste ordinance 90.006 in her neighborhood.

Council Reports:

Council Member Brown is currently working part-time at Walmart, and he has been discussing potential development with them and Flying J Truck Stop.

Council Member Waddell Reyes thanked the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office for using Facebook to provide updates and notices.

Mayor Dorrell gave an update about the upcoming Health Fair, where the Town of Clifton and the Police Department will be present at. It begins at 4. There is also a Chamber Mixer that same day at the American Legion.

Council Members Ahmann, Lorenzo, and Vice Mayor James had no reports at this time.

Town Manager Report:

In the January monthly update, the Town Manager highlighted a strong focus on advocacy and professional development, noting the value of representing rural Arizona's interests at the ADOT listening tour and attending the City Manager Conference. Across town departments, staff are actively leveling up their expertise: Code Enforcer David is currently preparing for his building inspector exam, while the Visitors Center has been revitalized with fresh displays, new brochures, and custom t-shirt designs. Infrastructure and public safety remain top priorities, as Public Works completed fence repairs at Tabletop and deployed the newly acquired street sweeper, while the Police Department celebrated the promotion of Tanya to Assistant Security Officer and honored Melodee Castanada as Officer of the Year. Looking toward future growth, the department is currently training its newest officer, Nayelli Moreno. The RV park continues fall/winter maintenance, and staff is working on booking software to improve efficiency and allow online reservations.

Consent Agenda: The following items of a non-controversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Council discussion. The Consent Agenda is a time-saving device and Council members received documentation on these items for their review prior to the open meeting. Any Council member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Clifton Town Hall; 510 N. Coronado Blvd., Clifton, Arizona.

1.

Approval of the January 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and January 14, 2026 Special Session Minutes
2.

Approval of January 2026 Demands

Motion: Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented			
Motion Made by:	Council Member Brown	Seconded By:	Council Member Lorenzo
Aye Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell	Nay Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell
Abstained:	None	Recused:	None
Motion	Carries		

Executive Session

Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)4) and (A)(7) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney and to consider the Town’s position regarding the sale of real property located at 527 Chase Creek and provide instruction related to cooperative purchasing agreements for potential improvements or structures on the property

Motion: Motion to adjourn into Executive Session			
Motion Made by:	Vice Mayor James	Seconded By:	Council Member Lorenzo
Aye Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell	Nay Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell
Abstained:	None	Recused:	None
Motion	Carries		

Entered Executive Session at 2:23 p.m.

New Business

Service Recognition of Melodee Castaneda Proclamation; Mayor Dorrell

The council moved into regular session and recognized Melodee D. Castenda for 21 years of dedicated service to the Clifton community with a proclamation. Chief Grete thanked Melody D. Castenda for being a great employee who cared about the community and animals, noting that Sergeant Hernandez would be replacing her

Discussion and possible action to formally accept the resignation of Council Member Shane Kennedy and to provide staff with guidance on filling vacancy

The Town Manager was instructed to accept letters of intent and resumes.

Motion:			
Motion Made by:	Council Member Brown	Seconded By:	Council Member Ahmann
Aye Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell	Nay Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell
Abstained:	None	Recused:	None
Motion	Carries		

Discussion with Council regarding Visitors Center Update and the Arizona America 250 Traveling Museum

Leslie presented information on the Arizona America 250 Traveling Museum visiting Clifton, commemorating the nation's 250th anniversary. Clifton was chosen as a stop, with the event scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th, at the American Legion.

Discussion and possible action to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Greenlee County and the Town of Clifton for the provision of Election Services

Town Clerk Cecillia explained that the IGA, which was up for renewal, covers the county handling the ballot portion, voting, and voter registration, and that the new agreement is good for two years to cover the current election cycle.

Motion: Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Greenlee County and the Town of Clifton for the provision of Election Services			
Motion Made by:	Council Member Ahmann	Seconded By:	Council Member Brown
Aye Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell	Nay Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell
Abstained:	None	Recused:	None
Motion	Carries		

Discussion and possible action to approve the quotes under the 1GPA purchasing cooperative; Quote #RM008005 VOIP Phone System, Quote #RM008122 Server, Quote #RM008004 IT Hardware Improvements and Services

The council considered and discussed purchasing information technology hardware and services to address the town's outdated infrastructure. Town Clerk Cecilia detailed the features of the new system, which includes sending voicemails to email to consolidate message checking.The VOIP system has an upfront cost of \$14,600,

but will save the town \$1,200 per month compared to the current \$1,900 landline bill. The new server quote of \$19,670 includes IT support and will combine the two current servers, with funds already available in department budgets e quotes: a VOIP phone system, new servers, and IT hardware improvements and ongoing support. The IT support and hardware improvements, categorized as Phase One, have an upfront cost of \$41,730

Motion: Motion to approve the quotes under the 1GPA purchasing cooperative; Quote #RM008005 VOIP Phone System, Quote #RM008122 Server, Quote #RM008004 IT Hardware Improvements and Services

Motion Made by:	Vice Mayor James	Seconded By:	Council Member Lorenzo
Aye Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell	Nay Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell
Abstained:	None	Recused:	None
Motion	Carries		

Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a manufactured home from Homes Direct of Arizona under state contract No. CTR074490 for \$249,573.76.

The council discussed and took action to approve the purchase of a manufactured home from Homes Direct of Arizona for \$249,573.76 under a state contract.

Motion: Motion to approve the purchase of a manufactured home from Homes Direct of Arizona under state contract No. CTR074490 for \$249,573.76

Motion Made by:	Council Member Brown	Seconded By:	Council Member Waddell Reyes
Aye Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell	Nay Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell
Abstained:	None	Recused:	None
Motion	Carries		

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 3:17 p.m.

Motion: Motion to adjourn

Motion Made by:	Council Member Ahmann	Seconded	Council Member Waddell Reyes
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Aye Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell	Nay Votes:	Council Member Ahmann Council Member Brown Council Member Lorenzo Council Member Waddell Reyes Vice Mayor James Mayor Dorrell
Abstained:	None	Recused:	None
Motion	Carries		