

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
APPOINTMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

10:00 AM

**COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM | 202 N. STATE ROUTE 89
CHINO VALLEY, ARIZONA 86323**

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present: Mayor Tom Armstrong, Vice-Mayor Eric Granillo, Councilmember Robert Switzer

Staff Present: Town Clerk Erin N. Deskins

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consideration and possible action to approve the March 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

MOVED by Vice-Mayor Eric Granillo seconded by Councilmember Switzer to approve the minutes as written.

AYE: Mayor Tom Armstrong, Vice-Mayor Eric Granillo, Councilmember Robert Switzer

NAY: None

3 - 0 Passed – Unanimously

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consideration, discussion, and possible action on applications received to select candidates to interview to fill the vacancy on Town Council and set interview date.

Erin Deskins, Town Clerk, presented the following:

- Reviewed with the committee all applications that were filed with her office.
- Applications were received from John Stankewicz, Clay Turpin, Darryl Croft, and John Ginn
- Two other applications were filed; however, they did not meet the residency requirement and were returned to the applicants as such.

Vice-Mayor Granillo discussed the following:

- Felt the two individuals who were currently running in the upcoming elections (Turpin and Stankewicz) should continue their candidacy.
- Darryl Croft was well qualified as a former Mayor.

- John Ginn is a staple for this Town; well-known and well respected.
- If Mr. Ginn was appointed, this may encourage him to run in the next election.
- He has a lot of respect for Mr. Croft.
- Didn't always see eye-to-eye with Croft but a great person and well respected.
- Felt Mr. Ginn was the best applicant for the job.

Councilmember Switzer discussed the following:

- Felt either Turpin or Stankewicz should be afforded the vacancy as they are currently running for Council.
- This could give one of them a leg up, if elected.
- Wasn't in favor of someone who he didn't feel was in it for the long run to sit on the Council for a little more than eight months.
- None of the applicants had voted on the current Perkins Airfield situation. Their individual stance on this topic was irrelevant.
- He agreed that John Ginn was well-respected in the community.
- Did not agree with Darryl Croft's stance and wasn't convinced that he was the best Mayor the Town has had.
- He believed both John and Clay have done their due diligence and want the position.
- Didn't feel Mr. Ginn's statement was detailed enough for his interest in the vacancy.
- Recognized Mr. Ginn's assistance on the General Plan Committee.
- Wasn't too much aware of Mr. Stankewicz's positions.
- Was in favor of Clay because he felt we needed some young blood on the Council; represent families and the future.
- He was confident that Larry Holt was not going to re-run and confident he himself would not be re-running in the future and so it would be nice to have younger blood on the Council.
- Had thought Mr. Pasciak would've been interested in the appointment. But recognized he would've had to resign his position on P&Z.

Mayor Armstrong discussed the following:

- Darryl knew the system, how it worked, and there would be minimal training needed if they selected him as the candidate to fill the vacancy.
- He really liked Mr. Ginn, he was well-known around the Town
- Mr. Ginn came recommended by former Mayor Miller.
- He reiterated that this did not do anything for either John or Clay running; they remain candidates.
- He felt John Stankewicz was the least experienced applicant.
- He was the one who mentioned the vacancy and opportunity to apply to Mr. Croft.
- His selection would be Mr. Ginn.

Erin Deskins, Town Clerk, advised when Mr. Ginn spoke with her regarding the vacancy and upcoming election, he felt the appointment would be a better route for him at this time. It would give him a better understanding of the commitment for Council to possibly run in the next election cycle. There was discussion on the process with conflict of interests. The committee felt they all knew the candidates well-enough without needing to interview them.

MOVED by Vice-Mayor Eric Granillo seconded by Mayor Armstrong to recommend John Ginn for the appointment to fill the remainder of the December 2026 term to the Town Council.

AYE: Mayor Tom Armstrong, Vice-Mayor Eric Granillo

NAY: Councilmember Robert Switzer

2 - 1 Passed

The committee agreed for the item to be placed on the April 14th agenda for the Council to accept and Town Clerk Deskins to administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Ginn so long as the appointment was confirmed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tom Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Submitted: March 23, 2026

By: Erin Deskins, Town Clerk

Approved: May 6, 2026