

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024  
10:15 AM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 202 N. STATE ROUTE 89 | CHINO VALLEY,  
ARIZONA 86323**

**1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Present: Mayor Jack Miller, Vice-Mayor Tom Armstrong - remote, Councilmember Annie Perkins - remote, Councilmember Eric Granillo - remote, Councilmember John McCafferty, Councilmember Sherri Phillips - remote, Councilmember Robert Schacherer

Absent:

Staff Present: Town Attorney Andrew McGuire, Town Attorney Susan Segal, Assistant Town Manager/HR Director Laura Kyriakakis, Public Affairs Director Terri Denemy, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Frank Marbury, Town Clerk Erin N. Deskins

**2. Consideration and possible action regarding the Town Manager position and a separation and general release agreement with Cindy Blackmore.**

Andrew McGuire, Town Attorney, presented the following:

- Council was provided with Ms. Blackmore's resignation letter and separation agreement.
- Town Code required that the Council appoint an Acting Town Manager for absences that would exceed 30 days. There was no time-frame given, but the agenda for this meeting provided for that action should the Council choose to do so.

MOVED by Vice-Mayor Tom Armstrong, seconded by Councilmember Robert Schacherer to accept the resignation, approve the separation agreement, and authorize the Mayor to sign.

AYE: Vice-Mayor Tom Armstrong, Councilmember Annie Perkins, Councilmember Eric Granillo, Councilmember John McCafferty, Councilmember Robert Schacherer

NAY: Mayor Jack Miller, Councilmember Sherri Phillips

**5 - 2 Passed**

Council and staff discussed the following:

- Council inquired if there was a difference between "Acting" and "Interim."
  - Staff stated their functions were the same. Town Code specified "Acting."
- Vice-Mayor Armstrong and Councilmember Perkins expressed a desire for Terri

Denemy to be appointed to that position.

- Councilmember Granillo inquired if Ms. Denemy would be interested in the position.
  - Ms. Denemy stated that she would be interested in serving in that role.

MOVED by Councilmember John McCafferty, seconded by Councilmember Eric Granillo to approve Terri Denemy to serve as the Acting Town Manager until one is formally hired.

AYE: Vice-Mayor Tom Armstrong, Councilmember Annie Perkins, Councilmember Eric Granillo, Councilmember John McCafferty, Councilmember Sherri Phillips, Councilmember Robert Schacherer

NAY: Mayor Jack Miller

### **6 - 1 Passed**

Council and staff discussed the logistics of Ms. Denemy moving into the Acting Town Manager role, and adding the recruitment and hiring process to the next council meeting agenda.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councilmember Sherri Phillips, seconded by Councilmember Eric Granillo to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

AYE: Mayor Jack Miller, Vice-Mayor Tom Armstrong, Councilmember Annie Perkins, Councilmember Eric Granillo, Councilmember John McCafferty, Councilmember Sherri Phillips, Councilmember Robert Schacherer

NAY: None

### **7 - 0 Passed – Unanimously**



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Jack W. Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



*Erin N. Deskins*

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Erin N. Deskins, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona held on the 27th day of August, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2024.

*Erin N. Deskins*

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Erin N. Deskins, Town Clerk