

## **MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, AND STATE OF ARIZONA, HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026, AT 5:01 PM IN THE CITY OF BISBEE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 ARIZONA STREET, BISBEE, ARIZONA AND VIA ZOOM AT <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89280976887> .

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR BUDGE AT 5:01PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **COUNCIL**

Councilmember Karen Schumacher, Ward I  
Councilmember Pete Skinner, Ward  
II Councilmember Trish Damon,  
Ward III Mayor Ken Budge  
Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Councilmember Mel Sowid, Ward II 5:07pm  
Councilmember Cesilia C. Garcia, Ward I

#### **STAFF**

Ashlee Coronado, City Manager / City Clerk  
Tim Cox, Police Chief

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS DISCUSSED AND/OR CONSIDERED AT THESE MEETINGS:

1. Discussion and Possible Approval to allow the purchase of wireless helmet communication kits for the Bisbee Police Department motorcycle units to upgrade communications equipment and ensure compliance with radio communication requirements for \$8,043.00. Funding for the purchase would be provided through the Capital Expenditures budget.

Tim Cox, Police Chief

Mayor Budge introduced the agenda item regarding the purchase of wireless helmet communication kits for the Bisbee Police Department motorcycle units in the amount of \$8,043, to be funded through the Capital Expenditures Budget.

Chief Cox explained that the purchase represents the final phase of the Police Department's radio communication system upgrades. The equipment will allow the department's motorcycle units to operate using Bluetooth-connected helmet communication systems linked to officers' portable radios, ensuring compatibility with the new radio system scheduled for implementation in July 2026. Funding for the purchase is available within the approved Capital Expenditures Budget.

Councilmembers asked questions regarding the number of motorcycles, the operation of the communication equipment, and the intended use of the motorcycle units.

Chief Cox stated that the department currently has two motorcycles and explained that the units are primarily used for traffic enforcement, DUI enforcement, escort duties, and other assignments associated with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety program.

MOTION: Councilmember Cline moved to approve the purchase of wireless helmet communication kits for the Bisbee Police Department motorcycle units to upgrade communication equipment and ensure compliance with radio communication requirements in the amount of \$8,043, with funding to be provided through the Capital Expenditures Budget.

SECOND: Councilmember Skinner

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Budge stated that, as there was no further business before Council, this meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:10PM

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Ken Budge, Mayor