

MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 09/01/2026

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL 5:03 PM; Present: Reid Stinnett, Mark Sheen, Byron Lewis, Joe Bjornn, Greg Brimhall; Staff: Brian Richards, Katie Melser, Chief Martin**
- 2. PRAYER/PLEDGE** Lewis/Sheen
- 3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A Discussion regarding solutions for water flow around Concho Highway Bridge

We cleaned the creek out about 5 years ago. Regular maintenance is needed around the bridge area. Probably every two years or so, or when there's a big flood that needs to be cleared out. Winter is the best time to clean it out. Keep under the bridge lower and access the north side to keep it clear. The town owns a share of an excavator and can use it to do the work.

Any concern with the Army Corps of Engineers? We don't need a 404 permit because we're removing debris, not placing anything in the creek.

We could advertise when we're doing the project, telling citizens to bring their own transportation and they can haul away silt and other material that is removed.

ADOT inspected the bridge in 2020, and it is in good condition.

Is there an opportunity to develop a town-wide plan for flood resolution? When this area is flooded, it blocks access to the east. Other flooding areas around town don't impact as many residents. A comprehensive plan is needed. The storm water is not controlled.

Mayor Lewis would like to tackle this issue and will begin working on it.

B Discussion regarding future for the Centennial ball field area and the Snowflake Rodeo Grounds.

Thanks to Vice-Mayor Sheen for the work negotiating the Centennial ballfields. Think we should keep the ballfields and improve them, with the possible addition of softball fields. Come up with a masterplan for all the land, including the church land and the already owned town land. Multi-use fields, rec center. There are a lot of things that we can do with this land, and we get to lead the discussion. Will need to plan for drainage in the area, maybe a channel or something for water flow.

We need gym floor space. We use school gyms, but we need to get our own. Has discussed with Gus about doing a field house with 3 courts, but not much else. We can create a masterplan but work on the field house first to get the court space.

Brian would like to start dismantling the rodeo grounds. Over time, the Flake family has put money into it because it is used for the Flake family rodeo. Last time we discussed putting a bike park there, it caused a lot of angst in the community. Mark can see the project drawing ire if the rodeo grounds come down and then nothing happens for 3-5 years. Once we have the master plan, this could be part of phase one, to dismantle them. Repurposing some of the materials from the rodeo grounds could go a long way to helping people be more accepting. This needs to fit our needs and be proud of the work because it's done properly. Long history of performing arts in the area, can try to consider adding that into the master plan.

The idea of a high school in this area is far away with declining enrollment. We could potentially leverage the field house to charge for ESA funded classes. Make the plans so that they can be easily added on in the future.

Mark will continue working with the property and Brian.

- C Discussion regarding leasing Heritage Park and bathrooms to Streets on Main.

Councilmembers remember this being approved on a previous agenda, so we'll look for the minutes from that meeting. It will need to be leased, but not too long of a term, 1 year, auto-renew. Then bring the agreement to the council for approval. Katie looked up the minutes and the next step will be getting an agreement brought to the council for final approval.

4. ADJOURNMENT 5:54 PM