

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE HOLBROOK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
April 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Merrill Young and Councilmember Tim Dixon appeared in Council Chambers. Councilmembers Mark Jackson, Mike Nilsson, Adam Marsh and Vice Mayor Francie Payne appeared via conference call.

CITY STAFF: City Manager Ted Soltis and Deputy City Clerk Lisa Hunt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Dixon. The Invocation was given by Kip Myers of Bread of Life Mission.

CONSENT AGENDA: March 26, 2020 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Councilmember Dixon

SECONDED: Councilmember Marsh

MOTION CARRIED.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. "Application for Special Event License" by Holbrook Chamber of Commerce Inc. for the Old West Heritage event to be held at the Navajo County Old Court House on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
MOTION: A motion to approve the "Application for a Special Event License" was made by Councilmember Marsh  
SECONDED: Councilmember Payne  
MOTION CARRIED
- b. Resolution 2020-04: A Resolution approving a new County Courthouse Lease. The resolution was read by heading by Mayor Young.  
MOTION: A motion to approve Resolution 2020-04 was made by Councilmember Dixon.  
SECONDED: Councilmember Jackson.  
MOTION CARRIED with the follow results of a roll call vote: Councilmember Dixon "Aye", Councilmember Jackson "Aye", Councilmember Marsh "Aye", Councilmember Nilsson "Aye", and Mayor Young "Aye".
- c. Proclamation: Fair Housing Month. The Proclamation was read by Mayor Young.
- d. Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Proclamation was read by Mayor Young.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Kirby Myers addressed the Council about Essential vs. Non-Essential designations. He asked who decides what services are Essential and what services are Non-Essential. Mayor Young stated that the City of Holbrook is following the Executive Orders given by Governor Doug Ducey.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-MAYOR:

Mayor Young read a letter from Jason Whiting of the Navajo County Board of Supervisors. The letter addressed COVID-19 and urged all citizens to come together in prayer and fasting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Young thanked several businesses in the community including Greg Duran from Safeway, the banks as Essential employees, the school district for delivering lunches to children, the restaurants that are providing takeout and delivery options, and City Employees.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-COUNCILMEMBERS:

\*Councilmember Dixon quoted the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment and paragraph one of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America and described a scene from the movie Hunt for Red October. Councilmember Dixon warned the community to not give up their Constitutional rights. He stated that nothing should trump our freedoms.  
\*Councilmember Marsh thanked all the citizens of Holbrook for being kind and supportive during these times. He also reminded the citizens of the importance of being counted in the Census and the impact that it will have on future funding for the City of Holbrook.

\*Councilmember Nilsson, agreeing with Mayor Young, encouraged citizens to come together in prayer and fasting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. He also encouraged all Christian citizens to celebrate Easter this year while still complying with the Executive Orders that are in place. He made a “shout out” to the gas, electric, sanitation and water companies and to all the businesses in Holbrook.

\*Councilmember Jackson thanked the citizens of Holbrook for their selflessness in making masks for health care professionals and for private citizens creating food banks. Councilmember Jackson also sent prayers and thoughts to the family of Eric Henderson, who passed away.

\*Vice Mayor Payne encouraged citizens to abide by the “stay at home” order unless they are going out for Essential services. She said “Be kind. Stay home if possible”.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-CITY MANAGER:

\*City Manager Soltis shared that the final grading of the cemetery is complete and that a new irrigation line and sprinklers will be installed.

-The final grading at the new soccer field at Hunt Park is complete. Additional fill material was added around the perimeter and the drainage on the South side was cleaned and improved. Sprinklers heads will be replaced, and leaks will be repaired.

-Staff are developing a new walking trail at Hunt Park starting from the South side of the pool, heading West along the new soccer field, then North toward the Library and ballfields. The goal is to have an interconnected trail system that surrounds Hunt Park. Initially the new section of the trail will be a dirt and gravel trail. Grants will be sought to finish the trail in either asphalt or concrete.

-The road to the Petroglyphs is being upgraded. Drainage ditches and culverts are being cleaned and improved, the road will be widened for safety, the fencing will be repaired and replaced as needed, and a cattle guard is being installed.

-Finally, the Navajo County Historic Courthouse will soon be getting a new roof. Due to a partnership between the City, County and the Historic Society, funds are now available to complete the project. The Navajo County Historic Society, in a letter to the City, thanked City Council for supporting them and this project.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN PETITION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Councilmember Dixon

SECONDED: Councilmember Marsh

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting or the Holbrook city Council held on April 9, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Lisa Hunt, Deputy Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

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J. Merrill Young, Mayor