

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE HOLBROOK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
JANUARY 14, 2021

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

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

CITY STAFF: City Manager Ted Soltis, Water/Wastewater Supervisor Randy Sullivan, and Deputy City Clerk Lisa Hunt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Young. The Invocation was given by Gloria Montoya from Day Star.

CONSENT AGENDA:

December 10, 2020 meeting minutes

MOTION: Councilmember Dixon

SECONDED: Councilmember Jackson

MOTION CARRIED

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-Isabel Rollins. A Public Hearing was called at 6:03 p.m. Isabel Rollins shared that the City of Holbrook is expected to receive approximately \$260,000.00 in FY2021 CDBG funds. She explained the process that would have to be followed and the conditions that must be met. Several Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rollins. Cherise Myers and Barbara Blythe, from the Bread of Life Mission requested that the funds be used to renovate the existing Bread of Life Mission building, and possibly purchase a new mobile home for their female guests. City of Holbrook's Water/Wastewater Supervisor, Randy Sullivan requested that the funds be used for the Sun Valley water system. The proposed request included drilling a new well and rehabbing or replacing the two existing tanks. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.
- b. Public Hearing: The 2012-2014 amendments to the tax code of the City of Holbrook. The Public Hearing was opened at 6:44 p.m. After no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.
- c. Resolution 21-01: A resolution declaring the "The 2012-2014 amendments to the tax code of the City of Holbrook" is a public record. Mayor Young read Resolution 21-01 by heading.

MOTION: Councilmember Nilsson

SECONDED: Councilmember Dixon

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Dixon "Aye", Councilmember Jackson "Aye", Councilmember Kester "Aye", Councilmember Marsh "Aye", Councilmember Nilsson "Aye", Vice Mayor Payne "Aye" and Mayor Young "Aye"

- d. Ordinance 21-01- 1<sup>st</sup> reading: An ordinance adopting "The 2012-2014 amendments to the tax code of the City of Holbrook" by reference; establishing effective dates; providing for severability and providing penalties for violations. Mayor Young read Ordinance 21-01 by heading.
- e. Resolution 21-02: A resolution regarding an Implementation Agreement between Navajo County and the City of Holbrook concerning One Arizona Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding. Mayor Young read Resolution 21-02 by heading.

MOTION: Councilmember Dixon

SECONDED: Councilmember Kester

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Dixon "Aye, Councilmember Jackson "Aye", Councilmember Kester "Aye", Councilmember Marsh "Aye", Councilmember Nilsson "Aye", Vice Mayor Payne "Aye" and Mayor Young "Aye"

CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

-Phil Cobb requested that the Council issue a Resolution addressing the "insurrection" at the US Capital building that occurred on January 6, 2021.

-Chamber Director Cindy Tafoya shared with the Council that the Chamber of Commerce was awarded a \$15,000.00, non-matching grant. Local Businesses can apply for \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 to make COVID related business improvements. Ms. Tafoya also shared that, on a personal note, she would like to encourage her friends and everyone in the community to do some volunteer work.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-MAYOR:

Mayor Young said that he was sad to hear that Gilbert Gallegos had passed away. He sent his condolences to the family. He also commented on what Phil Cobb had said and added that "it's a shame to see actions that people take that are unnecessary."

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-COUNCILMEMBERS:

\*Councilmember Marsh shared that the County/State is offering vaccinations locally at North Country Health Care. The information is listed on the Navajo County website.

\*Councilmember Nilsson stated that he was made aware of a survey that was done addressing the City of Holbrook. He also said that he ate at the new restaurant that was opened by the Langes. Councilman Nilsson said that it is a classy restaurant and that they have the best steak. He said it is nice to see someone do something good for the community.

\*Councilmember Kester applauded the Langes for having five active business in the community. He also thanked the City employees who graded the dirt road by the church.

\*Vice Mayor Payne sent her condolences to the family of Gilbert Gallegos. She also congratulated the Chamber of Commerce for receiving the grant.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-CITY MANAGER:

\*Mr. Soltis shared that this first meeting of the new year provides opportunity for reflection. He stated that the year 2020 was a difficult year for many with the arrival of COVID-19 and all its subsequent ramifications.

\*Mr. Soltis stated that he is optimistic for our new year. Holbrook has a great location on old historic Route 66, not far from the Petrified National Forest. Over the past few years, properties around town have been cleaned up. People are realizing the potential Holbrook holds and are investing here. Several businesses have sold and have new owners. Mr. Soltis believes that this positive trend that has started in our community will continue.

\*The City is working with individuals who have big plans for investing in Holbrook and the surrounding area. City staff find ways to go the extra mile to provide assistance to these newcomers.

\*In the new year, the City will continue to work on cleaning up Holbrook, being business-friendly, providing efficient, effective, and sustainable service delivery, and keeping Holbrook a safe place to live.

\*Mr. Soltis thanked APS for street light repairs. He stated that APS has worked diligently to repair reported light outages. He also thanked City staff for systematically checking and reporting on street light outages throughout our community.

\*The City's street sweeper has arrived and is in use.

\*Mr. Soltis ended his report by sharing that he attended the soft opening at the new Bienvenidos restaurant. He shared that the food was delicious, and the service was exceptional. It is a very nice addition to our community.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Councilmember Nilsson

SECONDED: Councilmember Kester

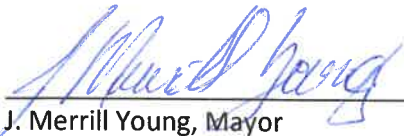
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Holbrook City Council held on January 14, 2021. 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

  
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J. Merrill Young, Mayor