

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HOLBROOK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
January 12, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: Mayor Kathleen Smith, Vice Mayor Francie Payne, Councilmembers Robert Black, Mike Nilsson, Arcenia Pacheco, and Karina Pack appeared in Council Chambers. Councilmember Mike Nilsson participated via conference call. Councilmember Tim Dixon had an excused absence.

CITY STAFF: City Manager Ted Soltis, Parks Department Napo Baldonado, and City Clerk Lisa Hunt.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

December 20, 2022, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Councilmember Black

SECONDED: Councilmember Pack

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Henning Block (Bucket of Blood Saloon) buildings assessment update – Robert Graham: Mr. Graham presented a Power Point via Zoom on his past and present assessment of The Bucket of Blood Saloon.
- b. Code Enforcement Update – Councilmember Black: Councilmember Black requested an update on hiring a Code Enforcement Office. City Manager Soltis shared that a current employee has taken on that position.
- c. Potential Hiring of Economic Development Director – Councilmember Black: Councilmember Black requested an update on hiring an Economic Development Director. City Manager Soltis shared that, as noted in the budget, he is doing that position.
- d. Update on access to cemetery plots – Councilmember Black: Councilmember Black voiced various concerns he had with the cemetery.
- e. Update on 2022-2023 City Goals – Mayor Smith: Mayor Smith asked City Manager Soltis to share city updates. The City Manager shared the current updates.
- f. Growing Smarter Legislation and Holbrook General Plan – Mayor Smith: Mayor Smith shared information and noted that this topic will be put on a Work Session Agenda.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-MAYOR:

-Mayor Smith shared that she attended the Transit Advisory Committee for the White Mountain and Four-Season Connections transit systems. They discussed ridership stats and a 5-year study between commuting options in the region.

She also attended Real AZ which is Navajo and Apache Counties economic development arm. They are finalizing their branding and marketing strategies and are still looking for high quality photos and information they can add to their website.

Mayor Smith spoke with Amanda Ormond with Just Energy Transitions. Amanda serves as co-director of the JET Center at ASU where she helps design and direct the work of the Center. Their focus is working with coal plant closures and the impact it has on those communities. She is looking forward to coming up, hopefully next month, to share a presentation with the Council on what the JET center is all about and some of the resources they can offer.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-COUNCILMEMBERS:

-Councilmember Pack shared that Change Point purchased the Howard Johnson Motel. She shared that they have 42 rooms available for additional housing and a clinic.

-Councilmember Black – No Report

-Councilmember Pacheco shared the following:

January is Stalking and Human Trafficking Awareness month.

Holbrook High School Basketball Teams head to Show Low tomorrow, and on January 19th there will be an away game in Winslow. The Girls and Boys Wrestling team will be headed over to Winslow this weekend for the Doc Wright Tournament. She wished good luck to all participating.

The Holbrook High School Choir and Swing Thing have been accepted to perform in Disneyland. They are currently fundraising and accepting donations. They mentioned the best way to donate is through the Arizona State Tax Credit Program. This program allows Arizona taxpayers to donate to extracurricular activities and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their state taxes. All they have to do is stop by the High School or District office to donate and get more information about the program.

As always, the local Holbrook Roadrunner Booster Club and 2023 Grad Night Committee welcome any and all parents and volunteers, there will be plenty of upcoming events to be announced.

Last but not least, Councilmember Pacheco gave a shout out and thanks to 7-year-old Ben Watson. He and his mom were out for a walk, and he noticed an empty lot with trash and debris and asked who would pick it up. She replied nice people do. He said, “were nice people, lets clean it tomorrow” and they did. Our children are our future. That was a big job for a little guy, and he didn’t complain once. Way to go parents.

-Vice Mayor Payne – No Report

-Councilmember Nilsson – No Report

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Soltis shared that the new heating/cooling unit will be installed Tuesday at the Community Center. The kitchen remodel is complete. There are just a few minor projects that still need to be wrapped up.

The next project is finishing up the City Hall remodel. Three offices will get new carpet and paint.

The next project will be the golf course restrooms and museum. The restrooms will be completely remodeled, and the museum will get a fresh coat of paint. Fill is still being brought in for the driving range.

The Streets Department will be crack sealing for another month.

The Parks Department is installing new baseball benches at Lisitzky Park.

Mr. Soltis met with APS to discuss how they may be able to provide some assistance with Barrow Field lighting. He will keep everyone posted on the progress.

He is also working with APS to take advantage of their rebate program. They have quite a rebate system, for example, on lighting windows, HVACs, and more.

The Auditors are scheduled to give their presentation on January 23, 2023

We have a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning work session scheduled for February 23, 2023. The outcome will be a planning document that will provide guidance on cleanup and reuse in an economically viable approach reflecting the community's vision.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Vice Mayor Payne

SECONDED: Councilmember Pack

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 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 12, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Hunt, City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2023.



Kathleen Smith, Mayor