

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HOLBROOK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
June 22, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: Mayor Kathleen Smith, Councilmembers Robert Black, Tim Dixon, Mike Nilsson, and Arcenia Pacheco appeared in Council Chambers. Councilmember Karina Pack participated via phone.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

June 8, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION: Councilmember Dixon

SECONDED: Councilmember Nilsson

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Lynn Huenemann from Sun Valley shared his positive perceptions of Holbrook.

-Esther Dawson shared that she feels that supervision and professionalism are lacking from the swimming pool employees.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None

Swear in new Councilmember: Mayor Smith moved this topic from Item 10 to before New Business. Councilmember Dixson objected. Mayor Smith said that, as Mayor, she could move items on the agenda.

New Councilmember Teri Tafoya was sworn in by City Clerk Lisa Hunt. She then joined the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A new application for a Liquor License for the Cameleon Café:
MOTION: Councilmember Nilsson
SECONDED: Councilmember Pacheco
MOTION CARRIED
- b. Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2024 Primary Tax Levy: A Public Hearing was called at 6:15p.m. No public comment was made. The Public Hearing closed at 6:15p.m.
- c. Ordinance 23-03 – 1st Reading: An ordinance levying a primary property tax upon the assessed valuation of property located within the City subject to taxation, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024: Ordinance 23-03 was read in it's entirety by Mayor Smith. Manager Soltis noted that under the 3rd whereas the word budget needed to be changed to Primary Tax Levy.
- d. Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2024 Final Budget- A Public Hearing was opened at 6:18p.m. No public comment was made. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:19 p.m.
- e. Resolution 23-04: A resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Final Budget-Resolution 23-04 was read in it's entirety by Mayor Smith.
DISCUSSION WAS HELD
MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTION 23-03 until a Work Session is held: Councilmember Black
SECONDED: Councilmember Pack
MOTION CARRIED
- f. Charter Review Committee selection- Mayor Smith: Mayor Smith apologized for comments that were made during the last meeting and referred to Section D of the Charter under the Code of Conduct. Mayor Smith appointed and asked for consent for individual persons that had an interest in becoming a Charter Committee member. She first appointed Rebecca Slade- 5 consents and 1 nay.; Her second appointment was Richard Peterson- 4 consents and 2 nays; Her third appointment was Robin Gonzales- 4 consents and

2 nays. Her fourth appointment was Kent Darris- 5 consents and 1 nay; Her 5th appointment was Gretchen Herndon-4 consents and 2 nays; Her sixth appointment was Steven Carbonneau- 4 consents and 2 nays; Her seventh appointment was Mark Romo- 6 consents. Merrill Young was not appointed by Mayor Smith.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-MAYOR:

-Mayor Smith thanked the Holbrook Chamber, the Navajo County Fair Ground staff, and all the volunteers that helped Wild West Fest to be a success. Mayor Smith said that she liked the venue and has seen it growing through the years. It takes a lot of hours to put on an event, so thanks to the family members that come out and work right along with the volunteers.

Mayor Smith congratulated the 3-peat Chili Winner Council woman Pacheco.

She attended the Grand Opening of the Puff n Stuff- and said she wishes them great success.

Mayor Smith shared that we lost one of the greats this week, Ordene Guttery, John Guttery's mother. Ordene and her husband were long time residents, business owners, and community leaders. We will miss her love of baking bread and Texas sheet cake to share with her neighbors.

She also met with three young ladies, ages 12-13, because of a letter that one of them wrote to the Mayor/Council.

Community Convening meeting will be held on July 10 from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-COUNCILMEMBERS:

-Councilmember Dixon shared that his heart goes out to the Guttery's. He also shared that June is Pro Life month.

-Councilmember Nilsson shared that he liked how the Chamber of Commerce thinks outside of the box by hosting the Wild West Fest at the Fairgrounds. He also shared that he will miss Ordene Guttery. Councilmember Nilsson attended a NACOG meeting about grants that are available because of the power plant closure. Winslow's Levee Program has created many jobs. Mr. Nilsson also advised that there is a Rural Transportation Summit coming up on October 18th and 19th in Yuma.

-Councilmember Pacheco has been Geo-Caching. She learned a lot of information about landmarks in Holbrook from an Adventure Lab that she found. She said that it is very educational. Councilmember Pacheco visited the Golf Course and said that it is very nice. She also visited the rock shop.

-Councilmember Black congratulated The City of Winslow for a \$500,000 grant that they received for tourism. He asked about the old JC Penny building and wanted to know if a circus was in town. He also shared that the State of Arizona supervisor let him know that the three entrances into town need new Hashknife signs. He also said that the Guttery's are Holbrook.

-Councilmember Tafoya attended the Grand Opening at Puff n Stuff. She also attended the Old West Fest and said that it was fun. She stopped by the Chamber's movie at the Old Courthouse. Councilmember Tafoya noted that the passing of Ordene Guttery is a sad loss to the community. She also thanked the Council for letting her become a Council Member.

-Councilmember Pack sent condolences to the Guttery's. She welcomed Councilmember Tafoya to the Council. Ms. Pack also shared that in Barstow "Route 66" is painted on the road.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-CITY MANAGER:

-City Manager Soltis gave an update on Code Compliance. He shared that 21 open cases were closed, 9 new cases were closed, 23 open cases started, and 19 additional cases from April were started. He also shared that Code Compliance has collected \$450.00 in fines.

Mr. Soltis read a letter of resignation, sharing that his last day of employment with the City of Holbrook will be August 3, 2023.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Councilmember Black

SECONDED: Councilmember Nilsson

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 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 June 22, 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 13th day of July 2023.



Kathleen Smith, Mayor