

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE HOLBROOK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
March 26, 2020

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

ROLL CALL: Mayor Merrill Young, Councilmembers Tim Dixon, Earl Kester and Mike Nilsson. Vice Mayor Francie Payne and Councilmember Adam Marsh participated telephonic. Councilmember Mark Jackson was excused.

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 Councilmember Nilsson.

CONSENT AGENDA: March 12, 2020 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Councilmember Kester

SECONDED: Councilmember Dixon

MOTION CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Arizona Health Zone SNAP-ED Program - Review of SNAP-ED Program presented by Paula Wright from the Navajo County Public Health District. Council asked clarifying questions. The questions were answered by Mrs. Wright.
- b. Resolution 2020-03: A Resolution approving a Memorandum of Agreement with Navajo County Public Health District pertaining to the Arizona Health Zone SNAP-ED Program.

MOTION: A motion to approve Resolution 2020-03 was made by Councilmember Kester.

SECONDED: Councilmember Marsh.

MOTION CARRIED with the follow results of a roll call vote: Councilmember Dixon "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:

Colleen Dawes Marsh emailed a statement addressing COVID-19 requesting that the City of Holbrook start having virtual meetings.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-MAYOR:

Mayor Young thanked the community for complying with State and Government mandates. He encouraged citizens to support local businesses such as restaurants that are doing take-out, curb side and delivery options. He also thanked the Holbrook Unified School District for helping to provide for children. Mayor Young shared that the Navajo County Governmental Complex, except for the courts, is closed to the public. He also requested that the community pray for the First Responders. Mayor Young shared several web sites that have accurate COVID-19 information. He asked that people use the web sites and don't rely on social media for accurate information. In closing he asked that everyone "Be Patient. Be Kind to Neighbors".

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-COUNCILMEMBERS:

\*Vice Mayor Payne stated that she has been in isolation for a few weeks and thanked everyone that has been contacting her via Facebook. She shared that community member Char Baloo has organized a purchase/delivery service for senior citizens and people that are not able to get out. Ms. Baloo can be contacted via Facebook. Vice Mayor Payne also shared that Tammy Gray is making face masks for health care workers.

\*Councilmember Marsh shared that as of two days ago the Petrified Forest is closed to the public. He stated that the Government measures need to be taken seriously. He thanked the First Responders and staff. He also thanked the Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor for reaching out to the community. He closed by saying "We are all in this together. We will get through it. Be kind to each other".

\*Council Member Dixon shared quotes from Stephen Hoak, MD. and several verses from the bible. He encouraged everyone to wash hands often, cover their coughs and sneezes and to stay home if they are sick. In closing he stated "Keep perspective. It will pass. Don't fear".

\*Councilmember Kester stated that he had been to the store and some of the shelves are bare. He also requested that people only flush toilet paper down the toilet to reduce chances of a sewer plug.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-CITY MANAGER:

\*Manager Soltis read a statement addressing the City of Holbrook's response to COVID-19.

\*Manager Soltis shared that the water leak detection equipment has arrived, but due to the current situation the training will be delayed.

\*In light of the current situation, the City of Holbrook is taking advantage of this opportunity to get additional work done: The gym will be painted, and new flooring will be installed. The recreation center meeting room will be expanded by removing an unnecessary office. This will allow for more people to use the facility. New tables and chairs have been ordered. All the bulbs will be replaced with LED's. The bulbs in the library and the Police Departments will also be upgraded to LED's. Water Department Staff repaired a long-time leak on the irrigation tap for Hulet Middle School.

\*Additional prep-work on the cemetery expansion is nearly complete. A good amount of buried concrete was removed from where a former building was located. We avoided future problems that would have occurred at burial time. Additional fill material was hauled in. Final grading is nearly complete.

\*Fence installation around the lake and cliffs is completed. This will protect bird viewing at the lake and prevent damage to the petroglyphs.

\*An expanded parking area at the petroglyph park is nearly complete. Additional millings and base material need to be placed.

\*Dead trees in the tree farm area have been removed and will be burned.

\*Additional millings are being added to the golf course bus parking area. The rains have brought to light some low, soft spots.

\*The expanded soccer field at Hunt Park is being readied. We need to do some additional grading along the borders and replace sprinkler heads.

\*Finally, we had a meeting with the Airport Pilot's Association. It was a very productive meeting. We are fortunate to have such an association at our airport.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

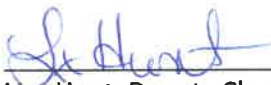
MOTION: Councilmember Kester

SECONDED: Councilmember Nilsson

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 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 March 26, 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 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.

  
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J. Merrill Young, Mayor