

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE HOLBROOK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
May 14, 2020

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 and Earl Kester appeared in Council Chambers. Councilmembers Mike Nilsson, Adam Marsh and Vice Mayor Francie Payne appeared via conference call.

CITY STAFF: City Manager Ted Soltis, Facilities Manager/Airport Manager Tim Kelley and Deputy City Clerk Lisa Hunt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Jackson. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Nilsson.

CONSENT AGENDA: April 9, 2020 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Councilmember Kester

SECONDED: Councilmember Jackson

MOTION CARRIED.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Levy and facility maintenance presentation: Tim Kelley presented a slide show highlighting the work that has been done. The Machusak Recreation Center is in the process of being renovated. Work should be complete soon. The fitness center has been updated by removing the old carpet and flooring and replacing with rubber mats, painting, and installing additional mirrors. Fitness equipment and weights were re-organized to make things flow more easily. The flooring in the bathrooms, entryway, and rear room will soon be replaced as well as changing the entrance door from the front of the building to the side. Mr. Kelley also gave an update on the levy. He talked about the challenges of keeping recreational vehicles from driving up and down the levy and leaving ruts that erode the levy. Mr. Kelley shared that the City has one of the best levees in Arizona. The levy is inspected every five years. Discussion was held by the Council about getting the word out to the citizens that walking paths exists on the levy.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-MAYOR:

Mayor Young gave "kudos" to Tim Kelley for helping the military choppers that landed at the Airport who experienced mechanical issues. He also thanked Romo's Café for feeding the military personnel that were aboard those choppers. He shared that citizens could log onto the Holbrook Unified School District's web site to get information about graduation. Mayor Young shared that the City received a Thank You card from the Grad Night Committee for the donation from the City. He thanked the citizens and businesses for complying with the "Stay at Home" order. Mayor Young mentioned how the banks have been bombarded with several new federal regulations due to COVID19. Mayor Young also gave "kudos" to Randy Sullivan and the water department crew for the work that they did in Sun Valley over the past few weeks.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-COUNCILMEMBERS:

\*Councilmember Kester stated that he is thankful that businesses are opening.

\*Councilmember Dixon stated that after the last few months he is looking forward to getting back to normal. He said he will not accept a "new normal" and will not obey any orders that violate his rights because the Constitution is not suspended in times like this. He thanked society for voluntarily social distancing and encouraged frequent hand washing, covering when sneezing, and staying home when sick.

\*Councilmember Jackson stated that Councilmember Dixon is correct on his views. He likes that citizens are helping each other, and he likes the "Cruz Nights". He stated that "no new norm will be acceptable"

\*Councilmember Marsh took a break from work and visited the Petroglyph Park. He thanked Jason Foutz and Tim Kelley for installing fencing and improving the road. He also thanked Pat Nichols and Mike O'Dell for creating the interpretive panels that are on view at the Petroglyph Park.

\*Vice Mayor Payne is pleased at what the City is doing. Although she has remained at home she still communicates with constituents and relays concerns to the City Manager. Vice Mayor Payne appreciates the citizens of Holbrook and stated that they are doing a good job of stepping up and helping each other.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS-CITY MANAGER:

\*City Manager Soltis shared that the City is upgrading financial transaction security at the Golf Course, the Swimming Pool, and the Transfer Station. Depending on the requirements of the location, the City will be adding a computer, receipt printer and a locking cash drawer. What that means for the Transfer Station, for example, is that the City will soon have the ability to take both credit cards and cash, and to provide a standard printed receipt.

\*Renovation of the Recreation Center is nearly complete. The meeting room has been expanded, painted and new LED lighting was installed. New Chairs and tables have been purchased. The City can now accommodate events with up to 80 people. Thank you to staff for a job well done.

\*The Airport runway paving project is complete. City staff have used the closure to complete additional work. Tie down areas have been painted, the cross runway is being improved: additional fill is being added and it is being graded, windblown soil along the perimeter fence on Mission Lane has been removed, old fence posts and scrap materials have been removed; and the new fuel station will be installed. Grand Opening is planned for June 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

\*Cleanup has begun at the property located next to Safeway that burned on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The property owner will also be cleaning up the property itself. There are items located around the property that will be removed.

\*A water check valve recently went out on the Sun Valley water system. It has been repaired. Since the City did not install the water system, some speculation had to go into determining what was wrong. Unfortunately, this meant that residents were without water for an extended period of time. I am sorry for this. Hopefully, next time repairs will not take as long as staff has a better understanding of the system.

\*The new water line to the La Quinta passed the pressure test. Next week it will be chlorinated. Following filling of the applicable paperwork, it will be in service.

\*Due to COVID19 concerns, the water leak detection equipment instructor has not been able to come to Holbrook to train staff on how to use the new equipment. Therefore, the leak on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue has not yet been repaired.

\*Finally, thank you to the Police Department for solving the case related to damage done to Nakai's located on Navajo Boulevard. The individual who ran into the side of the building was apprehended.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Councilmember Jackson

SECONDED: Councilmember Dixon

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 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 May 14, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

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J. Merrill Young, Mayor