

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA,
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT
325 W. WHITE MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD, LAKESIDE, AZ 85929**

A. Call to Order

Mayor Irwin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

➤ Roll Call

The following Council Members were present:

Stephanie Irwin	Mayor
Jerry Smith	Vice Mayor
Kathy Dahnk	Council Member
Carla Bowen	Council Member
Mazie Hastings	Council Member
Lynn Krigbaum	Council Member

The following Council Member was absent:

James Snitzer	Council Member
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Also Present:

Keith Johnson	Town Manager
Kevin Rodolph	Finance Director
Jill Akins	Town Clerk
Matt Patterson	Public Works Director
Daniel Barnes	Chief of Police
Cody Blake	Community Development Director
Dustin Whipple	Roads Manager

➤ **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Mayor Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Father Brian delivered the invocation.

B. Call to the Public

Mayor Irwin called for public comments. No comments were offered.

C. Consent Agenda

Mayor Irwin announced consideration of the Consent Agenda and explained that all items listed would be acted upon by a single vote of the Council, unless a member of the Council asked that specific items be removed from the Consent Agenda, discussed and voted upon separately.

Vice Mayor Smith moved for passage of the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Dahnk seconded the motion and by show of hands the following vote was recorded:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Mayor Irwin		
Vice Mayor Smith		
Council Member Dahnk		
Council Member Bowen		
Council Member Hastings		
Council Member Krigbaum		

Mayor Irwin then declared that all consent agenda items in these minutes were approved, passed and adopted with a 6-0 vote. Council Member Snitzer was absent.

C.1 **Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council
Regular Meeting held on September 19, 2019**

By a unanimous vote under the Consent Agenda, Town Council approved the minutes of the Town Council Regular meeting held on September 19, 2019.

C.2 Approval of the Town Check Register for the period August 1 through 31, 2019.

By a unanimous vote under the Consent Agenda, Town Council approved the Town Check Register for the period August 1 through 31, 2019.

D. Business Before the Council

Mayor Irwin announced that Public Comment will be taken at the beginning of each agenda item, after the subject has been announced by the Mayor and explained by Staff. Any citizen, who wishes, may speak one time for five minutes on each agenda item before or after Council discussion. Questions from Council Members, however, may be directed to staff or a member of the public through the Mayor at any time.

D.1 Update and Presentation from the Pinetop-Lakeside Senior Center.

Megan Rodgers, Senior Center Manager, presented the following information:

- Cost of meals for September 2019 was \$6.15.
- Cost of Meals – Fiscal Year to Date: July 2019 764 meals served at a cost of \$4.23; August 2019 720 meals served at a cost of \$8.55; September 2019 514 meals (600 projected) at a cost of \$6.58 (\$6.15 projected).
- NACOG Performance – Fiscal year to date: Minimum Expectation 287 meals per month.
- Fiscal YTD: \$29,499; NACOG Reimbursement of \$2,667.00.
- NACOG Area Agency on Aging: Last two years have shown steady decline in congregate meals and increase in home delivered meals.

A new contract has been received from NACOG for the fiscal year – July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This new amendment is for 3,108 meals per year reimbursed by NACOG and an additional 345 (10% match) meals served with no NACOG reimbursement. The new contract is for \$24,864.00 at a fixed rate of \$8.00 per meal. This is known as our reimbursement ceiling. The new contract equals serving 287 (259 NACOG reimbursed) +28 (10% match) meals per month. The new contract does not have any over-performance bonus but does increase the cost per meal and reduces the ceiling. The net result is that with these changes we

should be slightly above our last contract with an increase in our ceiling of \$861.00 for the year. With the reduction in meals per month, we should meet our goal every month.

Thrift Store sales:

- Monday – 25% off for Seniors 55+
- Tuesday – 25% off Housewares
- Wednesday – 50% off Clothing
- Thursday – Books & Shoes BOGO
- Friday – ½ off Everything

Average Thrift store income \$3,054.86 per month 1st quarter 2019; Average Thrift store income \$3,298.28 per month 1st quarter 2018. Seeking new sources for donations to improve our quality of merchandise and income.

Volunteer Hours: Volunteer hours total one hundred and sixty per month. One hundred and sixty hours at minimum wage: \$1,760.00 monthly or \$21,120.00 yearly.

In response to Council Member Dahnk, Ms. Rodgers said there are approximately fifteen volunteers in the dining room and twelve in the thrift store during the summer. During fall and winter the number of volunteers is approximately five.

Mayor Irwin asked for more detailed financially information.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that he appreciates Ms. Rodgers and likes her enthusiasm. He thanked her for providing a Senior Center update to the Town Council.

In response to Mayor Irwin, Ms. Rodgers said she has found a grant in California that she is looking into.

Council Member Hastings said Ms. Rodgers has done a nice job in putting together a grant proposal for \$5,000.00 for repairs at the Senior Center. She said that Ms. Rodgers is on top of the repairs and she feels that the Senior Center financials are very judicious.

Town Manager Keith Johnson asked Ms. Rodgers to send flyers and event information to the Town and we will advertise on the Town marquee, Facebook and in the Talk of the Town.

D.2 Mayor's Proclamation – Indigenous Peoples' Day – the second Monday in October.

Mayor Irwin read the Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation and declared the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Mayor Irwin said that there are some distinguished guests and elected officials, our Native American friends and neighbors, in attendance tonight.

Mayor Irwin introduced Dylan Baca and said that he came to Town Manager Johnson and herself and asked the Town to support this Proclamation.

Mayor Irwin presented to Dylan Baca a framed copy of the Proclamation and Dylan Baca offered the following comments:

“Thank you, Mayor Irwin. Let me express my deepest gratitude for the privilege to address the Town Council. Tonight, is a particular honor for our community as we anticipate the beginnings of a new chapter in our history. My name is Dylan Baca, I am a student at Blue Ridge High School, I currently serve as Chairman of the Arizona Prevention in Human Trafficking Committee, the Governor's Youth Commission, and as Chairman of the Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee. I am a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and through my Grandfather I am Navajo. As Chairman of the Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce my fellow Committee Members: Dr. Michael Wright, Casey Douma, Jennifer Brimhall, Eric Deschene, Senator Jamescita Peshlakai, Rochele Lacapa, Paul Watson, Elijah West and Adam Creek. For those of you that are able to join us this evening, Thank You. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Town Manager Keith Johnson for his collaboration with our Committee in writing this proclamation. Thank you, Mayor Irwin, Vice Mayor Smith and fellow Councilmembers, for this opportunity to present this proclamation on behalf of Indigenous Peoples. We tend to pass on the tales of political and business giants who have built this Country. But too often we have forgotten, one or more, of the stories of the onset of Americans who have made significant contributions to this Nation. These individuals, with their callused hands, aching muscles and personal drive, are responsible to helping to erect cities and build industries. Tonight, I would like to propose to the Council that

Christopher Columbus Day be renamed to Indigenous Peoples' Day. Columbus Day is a controversial Holiday with a turbulent history. The day was meant to be a source of national identity for Italian Americans and to promote their contributions to the United States. In retrospect, the days has been more a source of controversy than a sense of national pride. We would like to see Indigenous Peoples' Day pass because we believe that Native Americans should be represented with more visibility. Though Indigenous populations make up only two percent of the United States population, the contributions from Native Americans has been consequential to the building of the United States. Indigenous Peoples have contributed to the settlers their knowledge of the land and its resources and have continued to play a vital role in the development of communities and opportunities. Passing this holiday would promote pride in the contributions made by Native Americans to the State of Arizona and our Global Community. We must acknowledge the pain and suffering reflected in the stories of Native Americans. The past we share is marked by too many broken promises, violence and depravation. It is a history that we must recognize as we see it to build a brighter future. Side by side, with the cooperation and mutual respect for one another. By knowing the story of Indigenous People, we understand ourselves and others better. It binds us together and reaffirms that we are all Americans. The Native Americans story is not somehow separate from the great American story, but essential to that story. If this holiday is passed, it validates this country born of change, this country born of revolution and this country of "We the people". This country is great and can be better, and that is why we celebrate, but mindful that work is not yet done, mindful that we are going to put another chapter on our common journey, a stronger and more mindful journey. Reflecting on our past helps us to recognize the mistakes we have made and learn to build from them to become better people. A clear view of history can be uncomfortable and will shape us from familiar areas, but it is precious because of discomfort, that we learn and grow and harness our collective power to make this Nation more perfect. That is the story that this Indigenous Peoples' Day will tell. It is by embracing truth that we become stronger and it is the time to acknowledge the past and embrace the future. Thank you."

Chairwoman Dawnafe Whitesinger offered the following comments:

"Mayor Irwin, Vice Mayor Smith and Councilmembers I certainly appreciate and honored to be here tonight and be able to stand side by side with my son. I certainly appreciate you taking the time to be able to hear this proclamation and I just have a couple of notes that I want to share. In thinking about two attributes, Indigenous People across the country face numerous social challenges and it is in

these types of decisions and proclamations happening across the country, bringing to light the important conversations happening in Indian Country. It is through recognition that you are empowering a marginalized community and population in our country and helping to break down barriers for people that have often been forgotten. It is an important step in being able to work our partnership with our tribal communities. As a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and an Indigenous woman, mother and wife I am grateful for your consideration of this proclamation and the significance it renders to our community. Often, I have stood here and spoke about the relationship that exists between our two communities and the necessity of having a working relationship. Respectfully, I extend a Thank You to the Town for the visible effort in the development of partnership with the tribal community for economic growth and, more importantly, to cultivate a lasting relationship between two neighboring communities. I appreciate your time. Thank You.”

Senator Jamescita Peshlakai offered the following comments:

“Thank you, Mayor and Council, and to the City and to the entire community and thank you to Dylan for the work that you have done. With this proclamation it is the dawning of a new day for our people, our communities, our tribal nations and our state. I am so very proud of Dylan and his family for doing this. To give you a little bit of the history of a Native American Day in Arizona. I sponsored legislation in 2015 to create an Indigenous Peoples’ Day and it took five years and many concessions; from Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, to the day after Thanksgiving to July 15th. Finally, the legislation with an amendment made Native American Day June the 2nd in the state of Arizona, passed last year. The Governor signed the legislation and Native American Day became a holiday in the state of Arizona. This past June 2nd was the first official holiday. However, as a Native American, as a Veteran, as a mother, I felt, and many others felt, that a day in June in the hottest state in the Union, was not a fit day. I thought it was very disrespectful, but politics being what it is, I conceded to that day. I step forward and two steps back. Dylan, as a very observant young man, took it upon himself to become the tip of the spear as far as advocating or righting the wrong of all of those concessions that are absolutely necessary to get the holiday. I am really proud of Dylan for taking this upon himself, organizing and this is how democracy ought to work, this is really how our citizens should be involved and I am so happy with the community of Pinetop-Lakeside and Town Council Members for embracing his leadership. I hope the rest of the state and the nation take up your lead and continue to pass the proclamation town by town, city by city, chapter by chapter, whatever it takes. I do not want to repeat what Supervisory Whitesinger

said or what Dylan said, what they said was absolutely eloquent. I will be introducing another bill to amend Native American Day from June 2nd to replace Columbus Day, and also renaming it Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day. Thank you to everybody here and to all of the attendees here as well."

Representative Arlando Teller offered the following comments:

"Good Evening Mayor and City Council, Town Manager. I am very honored to be here today and I am especially blessed and honored to witness a young leader's effort on shining a light onto this movement. It takes four Navajo principles, I believe; he thought about it, you thought about it; he planned it, you planned it; he implemented it, you implemented it, you are reflecting on it, we are all reflecting on it. Those are the simple principles of life. Having those principles of thinking, planning, implementing and reflecting, as a township, as a community, whether on the nation or off, these are the efforts of which when we work as neighbors, when we cooperate, collaborate and communicate we can accomplish a lot. It started with this young man and I am very proud of him and his family. It is also implemented by your leadership, as Council, as Mayor and as City Manager. I applaud you and I applaud the family and I appreciate this opportunity. Thank you."

D.3 Presentation regarding the Public Works Staff participation at the 2019 City of Show Low's 5th Annual Public Works Equipment Rodeo and Safety Training held on September 11, 2019.

Public Works Director Matt Patterson said that the City of Show Low's 5th Annual Public Works Equipment Rodeo and Safety Training was held in Show Low on September 11, 2019. Most of the Town's Public Works employees were able to attend. Events for the Rodeo were two backhoe competitions, 2 Mini Ex, a skid steer, the crane, and a motor grader obstacle course. All the events are skill and safety-based events. The rodeo was one of the largest that the City has had with competition from Navajo DOT, Navajo County, City of Show Low, Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, White Mountain Apache Tribe, and Arnold Machinery. I am proud to say that our employees did well. Mike Mettie took second in one of the backhoe events, Clay Reidhead took 1st in a mini ex event, Fernando Ortiz took 3rd in the skid steer event, and Dustin Whipple took 1st in the grader event, and honorable mention goes out to Malaina Spillman for being one of two women that competed. A good time was had by all with some pretty impressive competition.

The crews are already looking to improve their skills and take the top prize of all-around next year.

Director Patterson introduced Fernando Ortiz, Mike Mettie, Clay Reidhead and Dustin Whipple to Mayor and Town Council. He said he is very proud of them and thanked the Council for letting them have the day to be able to compete and invited the Town Council to attend the competition next year.

D.4 Consider Resolution No. 19-1524 authorizing the submission of an Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund Grant for the “Mountain Meadow Parking Area Project – Phase 1”.

Public Works Director Patterson

The Mountain Meadow Parking Area Project – Phase I will construct a parking area that will include:

- Forty-two (42) Gravel Parking Spaces
- Six (6) Asphalt ADA-Parking Stalls
- Two (2) ADA Ramps
- Construct 8 Ft Wide x 200 LF Asphalt Pathway w/Curb and Gutter

Project Budget

AZGFD Heritage Fund Grant	\$25,000
Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Monetary Match	\$25,000
In-Kind Personnel (Value)	\$13,638
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$63,638

Staff recommends approving an application submission to the Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund Program for consideration to complete the Mountain Meadow Parking Area Project – Phase I.

Director Patterson said this is for the First Phase of the parking lot north of the soccer field at Mountain Meadow and the trailhead that goes there. Malaina Spillman has already been awarded a grant for the trailhead and we are working with the Forest Service to get the trails tied together.

In response to Council Member Krigbaum, Director Patterson said that the long-term plan, and remember this is in the flood plain, so it will need to be built to

where it can withstand water going over the top of it. The curb and gutter will help lock all of that in.

Council Member Dahnk moved for passage of Resolution No. 19-1524, authorizing the submission of an Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage fund Grant for the Mountain Meadow Park Area Project – Phase 1, and authorize the Town Manager to execute any and all documents reasonably necessary for this project including any grant application and related documents. Vice Mayor Smith seconded the motion and by show of hands the following vote was recorded:

AYES

ABSTAIN

NAYS

- Mayor Irwin
- Vice Mayor Smith
- Council Member Dahnk
- Council Member Bowen
- Council Member Hastings
- Council Member Krigbaum

Mayor Irwin then declared Resolution No. 19-1524 approved, passed and adopted with a 6-0 vote. Council Member Snitzer was absent.

D.5 Consider Resolution No. 19-1525, authorizing the purchase of three (3) 2020 Ford Expeditions from San Tan Ford under State Contract.

Chief Dan Barnes explained that in March of 2019, the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside applied for grant funding through the 2019 Gila River Indian Community, Proposition 202 grant. On August 7, 2019, the Gila River Indian Community awarded the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside with funds to purchase three police vehicles for public safety enhancements.

On August 15, 2019, vehicle purchase and police outfitting bids were received from San Tan Ford. San Tan Ford is a State Contract Ford dealer in Arizona, License #ADSPO17-166124. San Tan Ford contracts with Pride Group Outfitting to outfit vehicles with police equipment.

Gila River Indian Community award:	\$150,675.00
Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Contribution:	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total:	\$160,675.00

San Tan Ford vehicle bid:	\$128,435.62
Pride Group Upfitting bid:	<u>\$35,274.59</u>
	Total: \$163,710.21

The total cost of the project will be over budget by \$3,035.21. This amount will be paid out of the police departments FY 19/20 budget.

Council Member Bowen moved for passage of Resolution No. 19-1525, authorizing the purchase of three (3) 2020 Ford Expeditions from San Tan Ford under State Contract. The purchase includes police outfitting through Pride Group Outfitting. Council Member Dahnk seconded the motion and by show of hands the following vote was recorded:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Mayor Irwin		
Vice Mayor Smith		
Council Member Dahnk		
Council Member Bowen		
Council Member Hastings		
Council Member Krigbaum		

Mayor Irwin then declared Resolution No. 19-1525 approved, passed and adopted with a 6-0 vote. Council Member Snitzer was absent.

D.6 Update and Report from the Finance Department.

Finance Director Kevin Rodolph provided the following report:

This report is given to justify employee raises of 3% to be effective as of October 6, 2019.

We did not give raises at the start of this fiscal year- 7/1/19. We built into the budget a contingency amount of \$102,000.00 to give employee raises if cost savings or increase in revenue amounts allowed this. There have been a couple of things happen that have allowed us to realize cost savings to warrant employee raises. Those things are:

1. Proposition 421 was passed by the voters. This was the “jail tax” that Navajo County had on the ballot. Because this initiative passed, the County will stop billing us for jail costs halfway through this fiscal year. Estimated Savings: \$32,500.00

- 2. Remy Miller Retirement. Our Town Clerk retired at the first of September. We have moved up the Deputy Clerk to the Town Clerk position, and have chosen not to fill the vacancy of the Deputy Clerk position. Between not filling the Deputy Clerk position, and the savings of employee costs between the two personnel caused by length-of-service, we have Estimated Savings of \$72,360.00

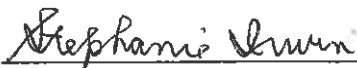
The savings generated by the two items listed above amount to \$104,860.00. Estimated costs of giving 3% raises (including benefits) is \$98,630.00.

Additionally, our sales tax is right where we have budgeted through two months of this fiscal year.

Because of the above information, it is the intent of the Town Manager to give employees a 3% raise to be effective 10/6/19.

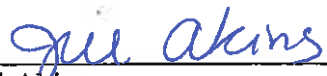
E. Adjournment

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:53 p.m.



 Stephanie Irwin
 Mayor

ATTEST:




 Jill Akins
 Town Clerk



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Town Council of Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona, held on the 3rd day of October, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2019



 Jill Akins
 Town Clerk

