

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA,  
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020  
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT  
325 W. WHITE MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD, LAKESIDE, AZ 85929**

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**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
Jim Snitzer	Council Member
Mazie Hastings	Council Member
Lynn Krigbaum	Council Member

Also, Present:

Keith Johnson	Town Manager
Kevin Rodolph	Finance Director
Jill Akins	Town Clerk
Matt Patterson	Public Works Director
Dan Barnes	Chief of Police
Cody Blake	Community Development Director
Tony Alba	Community Services Manager
Annie DeRosier	Tourism Marketing Coordinator

➤ **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Mayor Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pastor Ron Everingham delivered the Invocation.

**B. Call to the Public**

Mayor Irwin stated that the agenda would be slightly rearranged for the meeting tonight before getting into the regular business part of the meeting.

Mayor Irwin expressed the following:

*“Earlier this week our White Mountain community was shaken with a tragic event in which White Mountain Apache Police Officer David Kellywood was killed while in the line of duty responding to a call on the White Mountain Apache Reservation near Hon-Dah Casino. Officer Kellywood had been with the White Mountain Apache Police Department for just nine months. In fact, he had attended the academy with two of our Pinetop-Lakeside officers. He was a Blue Ridge High School Graduate and is survived by his wife and two very young children. Yesterday afternoon Blue Ridge High School held a fundraising BBQ for the family and while I was there, I met one of Mrs. Kellywood’s co-workers and she described this couple as true beacons of light in our community. Such a tragic loss for all of us. A Wells Fargo bank account has been set up to collect funds for the family and there is a family liaison that the Town will have information on to find out what other help to also offer. The Town of Pinetop-Lakeside has co-sponsored a luncheon next Thursday with the Tribe to host visiting dignitaries and family that will be here for the services next weekend. The Town of Pinetop-Lakeside extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of Officer Kellywood, to the White Mountain Apache Police Department, the entire White Mountain Apache Tribe and all our community members who are dealing with this tragic loss. He was a member of the Pinetop-Lakeside community as well as the tribal community and in these times, I feel that we are all joined as one. At this time, I ask Navajo County Chief Deputy Brian Swanty to come to the podium and give a few words about Officer Kellywood and then we will have a moment of silence.”*

Navajo County Chief Deputy Brian Swanty offered the following comments:

*“Thank you, Mayor and Council and staff, and thank you for having me be here tonight. You nailed it on the head Mayor, this was a fine young man that was out doing what he had been dreaming of doing. He spent the first fourteen months of his law enforcement career serving as a Detention Officer at the Navajo County Jail. During that fourteen months he had developed an incredible following of friends, basically family, within the jail. Of course, the Navajo County Sheriff’s office was trying to recruit him to become a deputy, but he was not going to have anything to do with it and he insisted on returning to his community in Whiteriver and to work as a police officer there. Officer Kellywood graduated from the Northern Arizona Officer Training Academy in Taylor graduating May 2019. He graduated with four current Navajo County Deputy’s, two Pinetop-Lakeside Police Officers and a Holbrook Police Officer. His death has caused a very big ripple effect through the Sheriff’s Office, through Pinetop-Lakeside and through all the mountain communities. Officer Kellywood was not doing anything that every one of the ladies and gentlemen in this room today and all around this state do every day. He answered the call, he answered the call for service, somebody needed help, they were scared, and he responded. Very tragic how he passed away, but he was part of keeping the community safe that night. Officer Kellywood was a warrior and being politically correct these days that is not a word that can be used, but I do not care, he was a warrior. He answered that call, went to the fight and fought. We ask a lot of our police officers. I have spent twenty-eight years doing this and every time one of these things happen, it does not matter if it is across the state or in our back yard, it hurts. I appreciate the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, City of Show Low, the Fire Departments and all the communities around the White Mountains for the incredible, overwhelming love that has been shared towards Officer Kellywood, his family and his police agency. I appreciate that very much. Please keep his family in your prayers and all our other officers in your prayers. This does not go away and it is very difficult to deal with, whether you are in the fire service or the police service, it is the same and it hurts. Thank you very much for the opportunity to say some words about Officer Kellywood tonight and I thank you for the respect.”*

Mayor Irwin called for public comments. No Comments were offered from the public.

### 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.

Councilmember Dahnk moved for passage of the Consent Agenda as presented. Vice Mayor Smith 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 Snitzer		
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 7-0 vote.

#### C.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting held on February 6, 2020

By a unanimous vote under the Consent Agenda, Town Council approved the minutes of the Town Council Regular meeting held on February 6, 2020.

#### C.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Meetings held on November 14, 2019 and December 14, 2019.

By a unanimous vote under the Consent Agenda, Town Council approved the minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Meetings held on November 14, 2019 and December 14, 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.

Mayor Irwin announced that item D.3 Presentation and Update from Navajo County Sheriff's Office would be discussed next before item D.1

**D.3 Presentation and Update from Navajo County Sheriff's Office.**

Chief Deputy Brian Swanty said that he is here tonight on behalf of Sheriff Clouse who was unable to attend this evening. He said he would be providing an update of the Sheriff's office activity as it relates to the Pinetop-Lakeside area. The Sheriff's office is responsible for any domestic type calls or any calls for service outside of the incorporated portions of the Town, including areas of Wagon Wheel, Blue Spruce, White Mountain Country Club and Pinetop Country Club. He said that during the calendar year of 2019, the Navajo County Sheriff's Office responded to 38 agency assist calls, 262 people from this area were booked into the County jail and responded to 5129 dispatch calls from this area, not including traffic stops and six hundred and twenty-four traffic stops. One positive thing to mention, is that the new jail tax that passed last year, that the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department is no longer charged to book somebody into the County Jail. Prior to the jail tax, every time a police officer booked somebody into the jail the Town was charged for that person being in jail. This has been eliminated and saves the Town a significant amount of money annually to the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside. He stated that it is the mission of the Navajo County Sheriff's Office and the vision of Sheriff David Clouse and myself to continue the partnerships that we have with the other local agencies that we work with in Navajo County.

**D.1 Recognition of the 2019-2020 Law Enforcement, Firefighter and EMT/Paramedic.**

John Beeler, VFW Post 2364, presented the following awards:

- Deputy Garrison Fawcett, Navajo County Sheriff's Office.
- Officer Eduardo Bonilla, Jr., Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department.
- EMT/Paramedic Leonel "Omar" Apodaca, Pinetop Fire Department.

- Captain Barry Green, Pinetop Fire Department.
- Fire Fighter Miles Larsen, Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District.
- Fire Fighter/EMT J.D. Pepper, Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District.

D.2 Presentation regarding the visitor website.

Tourism Marketing Coordinator Annie DeRosier said that she is excited to present Phase One of the new visitor website and said that this will be the tourism focused website that will replace the current Pinetop-Lakeside website. She said that one of the biggest elements for the new website will be visual engagement, including beautiful imagery and videos.

Ms. DeRosier pointed out the following features on the new website:

- The landing page will feature Instagram feed pictures and will constantly change.
- Text and pictures will be clickable objects.
- The home page will feature seasonal and upcoming events.
- Get to Know Us video series and YouTube channel will be linked to the site.
- There will be a Getting Here Map with directions from multiple locations.
- Sign up for our newsletter.
- Things to do, take to images, common requests, seasons, helpful links and all are clickable.
- The website mirrors the Visitor Center and is regional and not limited to Pinetop-Lakeside.
- There will be an events page that flyers/events can be downloaded and shared or can go directly to the website to register for the event.
- Pinetop-Lakeside signature annual Town events are high-lighted and there will be an entire page for an event, sponsors, results and pictures of the event.
- Calendar view by month, week or agenda view, links to times and locations of each event.
- Plan your trip page; including sleep, eat, shop and play.
- Filter system in place for hotel, restaurants and lodging.
- Contact Us page highlighting the Visitor Center, holiday hours or closures or contact by email with a question.

Ms. DeRosier said that this is Phase 1 and said that there is massive growth potential for the website.

In response to Mayor Irwin, Ms. DeRosier said that this website is not hard for people to learn or train to operate and said it is very user friendly.

In response to Mayor Irwin, Ms. DeRosier said all videos that are uploaded currently are from those that Larry John Wright has produced over the years and the new videos are by Birdman Media.

Ms. DeRosier explained that the Town is in a partnership with Rob Hephner, Birdman Media and his group that is producing the get to know Pinetop video series and in addition to that partnership any business can go to Mr. Hephner's office on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and do a shout out about their business or an event at no cost.

In response to Mayor Irwin, Ms. DeRosier said her goal is to launch the website within the next two weeks.

Community Services Manager Tony Alba said that Ms. DeRosier has poured her heart into and worked very hard on this website. He said that Red Flag Warnings or Winter Storm Warnings can be posted on the home page. He said that this website is much more user friendly, has more information and is more dynamic.

**D.4 Consider Resolution No. 20-1540 for the submission of an application to the Gila River Indian Community state Shared Revenue Grant on behalf of Save Our Park.**

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Town Manager Keith Johnson explained Resolution No. 20-1540 for the submission of an application to the Gila River Indian Community State Shared Revenue Grant on behalf of Save Our Park for the purchase of a portion of the Woodland Lake Park Tract from the United States Department of Agriculture sponsored by the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside. The Gila River Indian Community allows non-profit organizations to apply for funding with municipal sponsorship under their Prop 202 requirements for gaming revenues. Save Our Park has prepared a grant application in the amount of \$500,000 for the purchase of a portion of the Woodland Lake Park Tract and the Town agrees to sponsor this application to the Gila River Tribe.

Town Manager Johnson said that the Town believes the purchase of the Woodland Lake Park Tract would be beneficial to all citizens and welcomes the potential support of the Gila River Indian Community in securing the purchase.

In response to Councilmember Bowen, Town Manager Johnson explained that they would not own any part of the land it is just a grant submittal. He explained that this is a resolution in support of the grant application.

Councilmember Bowen said she has not seen anything like this in all her years in real estate.

Town Manager Johnson stated there is no ownership of any kind and said we are just applying for a grant for \$500,000.00 and the land will be held in the Town's name.

Councilmember Bowen said it is conflicted from her point of view. She said that we have not completed the purchase of the 107 acres of the park and now we are trying to accumulate more land. She said that it is a concern to her because we do not have the funds to be taking care of all of this and yet we are now out trying to get another 100+ acres and we have not even closed on the current 107 acres. She said that she feels pushed and asked to make a decision too fast before we have even completed the first purchase.

Town Manager Johnson said that we have until the end of March 2020 to get the grant submitted. He said that we are looking forward in case the donors do not come through and this could help complete the purchase of the 107 acres.

Mayor Irwin said that the grant is not specific on any acreage and that is open ended on what acreage it can be used for.

Councilmember Krigbaum said that the problem is that the Town and Save our Park have not received the big donation in a timely manner from the foundation for the big money and said we have been waiting since last June 2020. If they were to back out this grant for \$500,000.00 would help.

Councilmember Krigbaum explained that the intention of Save our Park is to only purchase the riparian corridor because we are only interested in purchasing land that cannot be developed and said that they want it just to be park land. She said that the 87 acres in the riparian area has very low maintenance cost according to the Forest Service. She said that Save our Park is only committed to raising money for recreational land, not land that could be developed.

Councilmember Bowen said that she understands this but said that she is feeling pushed and pressured by it.

Mayor Irwin said that it understandable due to conversation on the maintenance issues that we discussed in January 2020.

Councilmember Dahnk said that Save our Park is still trying to collect funds to help maintain portions of the park that are purchased.

Vice Mayor Smith moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-1540, authorizing the submission of the Gila River Indian Community State Shared Revenue Grant on behalf of Save Our Park for the purchase of a portion of the Woodland Lake Park Tract, and authorize the Town Manager to execute any and all documents reasonably necessary for this project including any grant application and related documents. Councilmember 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 Snitzer		
Council Member Hastings		
Council Member Krigbaum		

Mayor Irwin then declared that Resolution No. 20-1540 was approved, passed and adopted with a 7-0 vote.

**D.5 Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Amendments to Title 17, Chapter 17.04 Mountainside Development Regulations; Resolution No. 20-1539, declaring as Public Record a Certain Document filed with the Town Clerk and entitled “Town Code Amendments to Title 17, Chapter 17.04 Mountainside Development Regulations;” and Ordinance No. 20-425, Adopting the Town Code Amendments to Title 17, Chapter 17.04 Mountainside Development Regulations.**

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Community Development Director Cody Blake stated that staff recommends that the Council adopt the amendments to Town Code Title 17, Chapter 17.04 Mountainside Development Regulations.

Director Blake explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed Chapters 17.04 and has made the following recommendations to the Council. The Commission's purpose for making the changes were to streamline the process and, in an effort, to make the Town's Codes more business friendly.

Sections amended in Chapter 17.04 Mountainside Development Regulations:

- 17.04.010 Introduction.
  - 17.04.020 Purpose.
  - 17.04.030 Implementation.
  - 17.04.040 Mountainside definitions.
  - 17.04.050 Review and development process.
  - 17.04.060 Documentary requirements and certification.
  - 17.04.070 Development standards.
  - 17.04.080 Density and subdivision/lot split standards.
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Mayor Irwin opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting for discussion and comments.

In response to Vice Mayor Smith, Director Blake said that culverts are listed under the Subdivision Regulations in Chapter 5, drainage section. He said that the drainage is for the entire development and is covered under the drainage and subdivision regulations.

Director Blake said that this is specifically for Mountainside Development and the concern is regarding the terrain and not disturbing anything that does not have to be disturbed.

Mayor Irwin explained that this section of the Code was developed when Elk Ridge was being discussed and this section of the Code was developed by the Planning and Zoning Commission twelve years ago.

Director Blake explained that there is not a lot of mountainside development areas in the Town boundary and said that this portion of the Code was developed specifically for the Elk Ridge development.

Mayor Irwin announced that the Public Hearing portion of the meeting would now be closed.

Councilmember Bowen moved to adopt Resolution No 20-1539 and Ordinance No. 20-425 amending Town Code Chapter 17.04 Mountainside Development Regulations. Councilmember Snitzer 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 Snitzer		
Council Member Hastings		
Council Member Krigbaum		

Mayor Irwin then declared that Resolution No. 20-1539 and Ordinance No. 20-425 were approved, passed and adopted with a 7-0 vote.

D.6 Reports from Council Committee Liaison

Vice Mayor Smith reported that the Transit Committee wants to move the bus stop from in front of the old Town Hall site to the side street across near the gym. He said he is working with Director Patterson regarding this move.

Councilmember Hastings reported that the Historical Society is still closed and will re-open in May 2020. She said the Humane Society is doing well and that they are planning several fundraisers and an open house. She said that the manager, the cook and the assistant cook at the Senior Center all received salary adjustments.

Councilmember Snitzer said that at the next Town Council meeting he would provide an update on TRACKS.

Councilmember Dahnk reported that the Nature Center is growing and expanding and will be moving into a new building that will double in space for the information center and the gift shop.

Councilmember Bowen reported that the School Board meeting was cancelled last week due to weather and said that she has nothing to report at this time.

Councilmember Krigbaum reported that Save our Park fundraising firms contract will be ending the end of February 2020. She said that the Firewise event will be

held on July 25, 2020 at Blue Ridge Elementary School. Chief Morgan is working with the fire department attorney and with Director Blake on Title 17, Chapter 17.96 of the Town Code which is fire restrictions for properties.

Mayor Irwin thanked Blue Ridge Unified School District for the fundraising BBQ held last night for Officer Kellywood. She said that she reached out to Chairwoman Gatewood and said that the Town provided water and snacks for the family meeting that was held last Monday afternoon. Town Manager Johnson delivered the supplies and Vice Mayor Smith attended the meeting.

**E. Adjournment**

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.

*Stephanie Irwin*

Stephanie Irwin  
Mayor

ATTEST:

*Jill Akins*

Jill Akins, CMC  
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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

*Jill Akins*

Jill Akins, CMC  
Town Clerk

