

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 181 NORTH 9TH STREET, SHOW LOW, NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Leech called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Leech, Vice Mayor Kakavas, Councilman Allsop, Councilman Clark, Councilman Hatch, and Councilwoman Wilson.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Adams.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Muder, City Manager; Morgan Brown, City Attorney; Justin Johnson, Deputy City Manager; Brad Provost, Police Chief; Shane Hemesath, City Engineer; Nicole Hudson, Deputy City Clerk; and Rachael Hall, City Clerk.

GUESTS: David Clouse, Bruce Tucker, Wiley Williams, Brian and Tavi Swanty, Curt Fernau, John Hannah, and others.

3. Invocation.

Councilman Clark gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Kakavas led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Any citizen desiring to speak on a matter that is within the jurisdiction of the City Council may do so at this time. Comments may be limited to three minutes per person and shall be addressed to the City Council as a whole, and not to any individual member. Issues raised shall be limited to those within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the City Council cannot discuss or act on items presented at this time. At the conclusion of the call to the public, individual City Council members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken, (2) ask staff to review a matter, and (3) ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

Alatina Taufete, 2429 Ranch Road, said he and his family would like to partner with the City to bring more family-friendly events to the City and to volunteer at those events.

6. **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

A. Presentation by Navajo County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff David Clouse, with the Navajo County Sheriff's Office, gave a brief introduction on the Navajo County Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT). He introduced Chief Deputy Brian Swanty and Lieutenant Wiley Williams who work with the MCAT task force. MCAT focused on local and direct enforcement on crimes that were in the surrounding communities and help local municipalities with major crimes.

Chief Deputy Swanty gave a brief report about MCAT. The multi-agency task force included the Sheriff's Office, Show Low Police Department, Winslow Police Department, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), Arizona Department of Public Safety Criminal Target Unit, Arizona State Gang Task Force, United States Marshal's Office, Homeland Security Investigations, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Navajo County Probation Department.

Chief Deputy Swanty said in 2021, MCAT seized 823.2 pounds of Methamphetamine, 1.3 pounds of Heroin, 0.2 grams of Cocaine, 175 pounds of Marijuana, 209,598 Fentanyl pills, and \$97,697.00 in US currency. There were significant increases in drug seizures in 2021 compared to 2020 except for Cocaine.

Chief Deputy Swanty said in 2021, the Sheriff's Office had 137 physical arrests, 434 agency assists, and served 81 search warrants.

Chief Deputy Swanty said MCAT arrests in 2021 were up 33% from 2020.

Chief Deputy Swanty said MCAT detectives assisted Show Low Police Department with an aggravated assault and drug investigation at the 2800 block of West Owens. Approximately 41 grams of Methamphetamine and one gram of Heroin were seized along with evidence of the aggravated assault.

Chief Deputy Swanty said MCAT detectives assisted Show Low Police department with a traffic stop that occurred following a surveillance operation at the Maverick gas station located at 902 North Penrod. The stop led to a drug sales investigation and a search warrant being served at the Quality Inn. The search warrant resulted in the seizure of

approximately 30,000 Fentanyl pills, 105 grams of Heroin, and numerous items of drug sales evidence.

Chief Deputy Swanty said a long-term drug sales investigation led to the execution of a search warrant at the Timberstone Apartments at 100 West Cooley. The investigation linked drug sales from Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside and Snowflake. The residence was fortified with a steel chain, steel bar and metal door braces. Detectives gained entry and arrested two drug sales suspects. Detectives were exposed to Fentanyl smoke and NARCAN was deployed. They were treated and released from Summit Healthcare emergency department.

Chief Deputy Swanty said detectives initiated a drug sales investigation that stemmed from a Show Low Police Department patrol officer's information. The investigation led to the execution of a search warrant at The Pines apartments at 2700 South White Mountain Road. The warrant yielded 880 Fentanyl pills and three suspects were arrested.

Vice Mayor Kakavas asked how the 33% increase in arrests had impacted the amount of drugs being brought into the community. Chief Deputy Swanty said MCAT made a dent but for all the drugs that are interdicted across the state's interstate system, only one to ten percent of drugs were seized. The MCAT team had done a good job of identifying dealers in the community and targeted those criminals to seize the drugs and identify the suppliers.

The Council thanked Sheriff Clouse, Chief Deputy Swanty, and Lieutenant Williams for their work.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. Consideration of Resolution No. R2022-03 Authorizing Submitting Application to Arizona Department of Transportation for Federal Transit Administration (Section 5311) Funding. (Lisa Robertson)
- B. Consideration of Acceptance of Grant Funds from Tangled Bank Studios, LLC and Authorization of Associated Budget Transfers. (Lisa Lewis)
- C. Consideration of Acceptance of Grant Funds from Cornerstones of Science and Authorization of Associated Budget Transfers. (Lisa Lewis)
- D. Consideration of Resolution No. R2022-04 Rescinding Resolution No. R2020-26 and Adopting Revised Title VI Policy Statement and Implementation Plan Regarding Non-Discrimination in City Programs and Activities. (Lisa Robertson)

- E. Consideration of Minutes of Show Low City Council meetings:
- (1) Retreat of October 18, 2021.
 - (2) Regular Meeting of February 1, 2022.

VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WILSON; PASSED 6 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ALLSOP, CLARK, HATCH, AND WILSON VOTING IN FAVOR.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Consideration of Award of Construction Contract for Sunken Manhole Repair Project, City of Show Low Project No. S-2722. (Shane Hemesath)

Mr. Hemesath said the City currently required that new wastewater manholes were backfilled with a type 2 slurry backfill similar to a low strength concrete. The slurry material was poured into the excavated area around the manhole, later dried, and provided a strong base for the future asphalt replacement. This requirement removed the difficult task of compacting backfill material next to the curved surface of the manhole. Manholes installed prior to 2008 may have been installed without slurry backfill and likely with aggregate base compacted along the side of the manhole. If the aggregate base material was not compacted correctly, the roadway began to settle around the outside of the manhole. The steel cover of the manhole stuck out of the settled hole creating an unsafe condition for the traveling public and snowplows.

Mr. Hemesath said the scope of this project was to excavate eight feet deep around the settled manhole, replace with slurry backfill, reset the steel ring and cover, install a concrete collar, and replace any asphalt removed. 18 manholes had been identified for this project at various locations throughout the City.

Mr. Hemesath said the project was designed by engineering staff with a construction estimate of \$148,000.00. The project was publicly bid in accordance with statutory requirements with the following results:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Apache Underground and Excavating	\$151,200.00
R Blume Underground Inc	\$195,031.98
Standard Construction Company, Inc	\$269,820.00

Mr. Hemesath said staff recommended awarding the construction contract for the Sunken Manhole Repair Project, City of Show Low Project No. S-

2722, to Apache Underground and Excavating in an amount not to exceed \$151,200.00.

COUNCILMAN HATCH MOVED TO AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE SUNKEN MANHOLE REPAIR PROJECT, CITY OF SHOW LOW PROJECT NO. S-2722, TO APACHE UNDERGROUND AND EXCAVATING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$151,200.00; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CLARK; PASSED 6 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ALLSOP, CLARK, HATCH, AND WILSON VOTING IN FAVOR.

9. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:**

A. Council Members

Councilwoman Wilson said Meals on Wheel was looking for volunteer drivers.

Councilman Allsop said the Show Low High School girls' and boys' basketball teams were playing in the playoffs and congratulated the teams on their hard work.

B. Mayor

None.

C. City Manager

Mr. Muder said the recreation department was accepting registrations for spring one pitch softball through March 1.

Mr. Muder said in public works projects, the City's contractor continued working on the sewer project on McNeil from 4th to 8th Avenue and at Days Inn. The waterline project at 1st Drive and McNeil was almost completed with the contractor finishing the final water main tie overs this week. Concrete work at the City Campus parking lot had been completed and the site was back open for use. The contractor would return to pave once the weather permitted. Mr. Muder thanked the citizens for their patience as important improvements were made to the City.

10. **SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:**

Scheduling of meetings, which may be brought up at this time.

Mr. Muder reminded the Council that there would be a special meeting on February 22, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. to interview representatives from the three air carriers who submitted proposals for the Essential Air Service (EAS). He said the Council was invited to view the aircrafts prior to the interviews at 2:00 p.m. at the airport.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to be brought before the Council, **MAYOR LEECH ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022, AT 7:39 P.M.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Rachael Hall, City Clerk

John Leech, Jr., Mayor

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of Show Low held on February 15, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

Rachael Hall, City Clerk