

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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 Adams, Councilman Allsop, Councilman Clark, Councilman Hatch, and Councilman Judd.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Muder, City Manager; Morgan Brown, City Attorney; Justin Johnson, Deputy City Manager; Jeff McNeil, Police Commander; Jay Brimhall, Community Services Director; Nicole Hudson, Deputy City Clerk; and Rachael Hall, City Clerk.

GUESTS: John Hannah, Cynthia Whipple, Danny and Erin McNeil, Robin McNeil, Leslie Adams, Brittany Totherow, Becky Adams, Josh Adams, Kayle and Sandy Adams, Hal and Ashley Frost, Josh Boggs, Sandra Wilhelm, Daniel and Lacey Rawlings, LaDawna Wallace, Maryon Wallentine, Val Poglajen, Josh Lewis, Shannon Rivera, Scott Tipton, Norlis McKay, and others.

3. Invocation.

Councilman Adams gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Show Low High School Show Biz Choir sang the national anthem in lieu of 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.

6. **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- A. Presentation by Show Low High School Show Biz Choir.

Cynthia Whipple and the Show Biz Choir students announced the 38th annual Feast of Carols on November 30 through December 3 at Whipple Ranch Elementary School. Tickets went on sale November 14. The choir students would perform five shows, including dessert only on Wednesday night and full six-course meals on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

The choir students performed “Angels We Have Heard on High” for the Council and audience.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. Proclamation by the Mayor Proclaiming November 2022 as **Show Low Junior High Softball League Championship Month** in the City of Show Low.
- B. Consideration of Minutes of Show Low City Council meetings:
(1) Regular Meeting of November 1, 2022.
(2) Joint Study Session of November 2, 2022.

COUNCILMAN CLARK MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HATCH; PASSED 7 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ADAMS, ALLSOP, CLARK, HATCH, AND JUDD VOTING IN FAVOR.

Ms. Hall read the proclamation aloud for Show Low Junior High Softball League Championship Month.

The Council congratulated the Show Low Junior High Softball players.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Consideration of Resolution No. R2022-23 Authorizing Naming City Parks. (Ed Muder)

Mr. Muder said in 1990, the Zebulon Pearce family donated 20 acres of land to the City between McNeil and Cooley, the current location of the Fox Canyon subdivision. One of the stipulations by the Pearce family was that the donated land or land acquired because of this donation would need to be named Zebulon Pearce Park.

Mr. Muder said in 2005, the property that the Pearce family donated was traded for the majority of the property on Old Linden Road. It was the Council's intention to create the property on Old Linden Road to become a passive park with parking, bike trails, ramadas, and restrooms.

Mr. Muder said on January 18, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-01 which authorized the purchase of approximately 12.7 acres near Woolford Road and Sierra Park Trail. The City already owned approximately five acres at this location. This property, a total of approximately 17 acres, was reserved to be used as a future park and open space area.

Mr. Muder said at the Council retreat in October, Council members discussed naming the two parks in honor of Timothy McKay and Zebulon Pearce. Staff contacted the families of Timothy McKay and Zebulon Pearce and the families had agreed to the naming of the parks and had approved of the park locations.

Mr. Muder said through Resolution No. R2022-23, the City-owned parcel of land located on Old Linden Road, known as A.P. No. 210-18-015B, would be named Timothy McKay Memorial Park and the City-owned property located near Woolford Road and Sierra Park Trail, known as A.P. Nos. 210-30-016, 210-30-017, 210-30-018, and 210-30-019, would be named Zebulon Pearce Park.

COUNCILMAN ADAMS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R2022-23 AUTHORIZING NAMING CITY PARKS AS TIMOTHY MCKAY MEMORIAL PARK AND ZEBULON PEARCE PARK; SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS; PASSED 7 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ADAMS, ALLSOP, CLARK, HATCH, AND JUDD VOTING IN FAVOR.

Councilman Adams said he had known the McKay family all his life and he was honored to have had the opportunity to be involved in the naming of the parks.

Councilman Clark thanked Councilman Adams for his work on pursuing the naming of the parks. He said he had the privilege of knowing Timothy McKay and he missed him dearly.

Mayor Leech said he looked forward to building the Timothy McKay Memorial Park.

Councilman Allsop thanked the McKay family for their permission to name the park after Timothy.

9. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:**

A. Council Members

Councilman Clark encouraged everyone to attend the Feaste of Carols event that was put on by Show Low High School. He said The Forgotten Carols, a Broadway-style production, would be held at the Show Low Auditorium on December 8.

Councilman Adams said Show Low High School varsity football team made it to the State semi-finals and would play on Saturday night in Ahwatukee. He encouraged everyone to attend the game.

Councilman Judd said there would be a sendoff for the football team on Saturday morning. He encouraged supporters to line up along the Deuce of Clubs from Old Linden Road to State Route 260 to cheer on the team as they left for their game.

Councilman Allsop said Show Low Main Street's Shop Small Saturday Poker Walk would be on November 26. The Shoppes on Candycane Lane would be held at the Elks Lodge on December 2 and 3. He said the Show Low High School basketball teams had games on Saturday starting at noon and he encouraged everyone to attend and support the players.

B. Mayor

Mayor Leech asked for prayers for each other with the upcoming holidays.

C. City Manager

Mr. Muder said the Show Low Family Aquatic Center would close for three weeks for annual maintenance beginning November 24 and would reopen for business on December 19.

Mr. Muder said the Show Low Shines Christmas Parade would be held on December 3. The parade would be on the Deuce of Clubs from Central Avenue to White Mountain Road. This year's theme was "Snow Much Fun."

Mr. Muder said the Christmas lights in the City would be turned on the day after Thanksgiving for the annual Show Low Shines.

Mr. Muder said the tenth annual Community Fast began November 6 and would end November 19. Residents were encouraged to fast one or two meals and donate the cost of those meals (or more) to help fellow citizens in need this holiday season. Donations would be accepted at City Hall

and three local banks—National Bank, Chase, and Arizona Central Credit Union. Donations could also be made online at showlowcommunityfast.org. A Community Celebration would be held November 20 at the Show Low school district auditorium.

Mr. Muder said in public works projects, the West McNeil roadway improvement project continued with pulverization this week and shaping, and concrete work would continue next week. The McNeil Acres sewer installation project was complete with the contractor patching 11th Street and Whipple. Work continued on the East Huning sidewalk project with concrete curb being installed on the north side. He thanked the citizens for their patience as these important projects were completed.

Mr. Muder said City offices would be closed next week on November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. He said the City sent best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving.

10. **SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:**

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

None.

COUNCILMAN CLARK MOVED TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CITY MAGISTRATE AND A.P. NO. 210-32-016V; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HATCH; PASSED 7 TO 0 WITH MAYOR LEECH, VICE MAYOR KAKAVAS, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ADAMS, ALLSOP, CLARK, HATCH, AND JUDD VOTING IN FAVOR.

The Show Low City Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

A. Confidentiality Statement.

B. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of a public officer, appointee, or employee of any public body. Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(1).

(1) Discussion and Consideration of City Magistrate.

C. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body or with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding

contracts that are the subject of negotiation pursuant to A.R.S. Sections 38-431.03(A)(3) and 38-431.03(A)(4).

(1) A.P. No. 210-32-016V.

The Show Low City Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:16 p.m.

12. **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 NOVEMBER 15, 2022 AT 8:17 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 November 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