

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA,  
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019  
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
James Snitzer	Council Member
Carla Bowen	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
Daniel Barnes	Chief of Police
Cody Blake	Community Development Director
Tony Alba	Community Services Manager
Dustin Whipple	Roads Manager

➤ **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Mayor Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pastor Coy Brewer delivered the invocation.

**B. Call to the Public**

Mayor Irwin called for public comments.

Keith Johnson offered the following comments:

*“Today is a special day for Mayor Irwin and staff would like to wish her a Happy Birthday.”*

**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.

Council Member 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 Snitzer		
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 7-0 vote.

**C.1** **Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council  
Regular Meeting held on September 5, 2019**

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By a unanimous vote under the Consent Agenda, Town Council approved the minutes of the Town Council Regular meeting held on September 5, 2019.

**C.2** **Accepting the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission  
Regular Meeting held on August 22, 2019**

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By a unanimous vote under the Consent Agenda, Town Council accepted the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission Regular meeting held on August 22, 2019.

**C.3** **Accepting the Minutes of the Advertising and  
Promotion Committee Regular Meeting held on August 21, 2019**

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By a unanimous vote under the Consent Agenda, Town Council accepted the minutes of the Advertising & Promotion Committee Regular meeting held on August 21, 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 on Drug Prevention efforts by the Nexus  
Coalition for Drug Prevention.**

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Vicky Solomon, Executive Director of Nexus Coalition for Drug Prevention, presented the following information:

- 2B MPOWRD provides materials for age-appropriate discussion groups presenting some of the most challenging topics facing adolescents today. The curriculum is based on the evidence-based, award-winning high school program MPOWRD and creates an opportunity for teens to develop the

confidence and communications skills to address issues that they face at each developmental level. MPOWRD support groups for grades 5-6-7-8 providing workbooks with pages for student processing and activities to show proof of concept.

- Evidence-based 2BMpowrd Junior High schools and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Youth program for building confidence, awareness and positive decisions.
- Schools are looking at GPA, absences and referrals.
- We are working to achieve positive behavior changes and lower drug/alcohol use.
- Over 100 Drug testing kits distributed throughout Pinetop-Lakeside & Show Low communities.
- Over 100 Naloxone distributed in the White Mountains.
- 2B MPOWRD classes at Blue Ridge Junior High.
- Diversion classes. Partners: NC Probation, Show Low Teen Court, Principals of all schools.
- Vaping presentations for BRJS – 140 students.
- 5 sessions of Freshman University at BRHS with 200 youth participating.
- Best Practice Love & Logic Parent Ed Classes.
- Partner with local Behavior Health/Change Point for drug prevention education for 25 youth.
- Present to Family Resiliency Team with Judge Ruchel & Alysia Heward/CASA – 20 in attendance.
- Present to Blue Ridge School Board for Junior Leadership Academy review.
- ACE's Trauma & Addiction Training for professionals – 50 attended.
- Media-Radio, White Mountain Independent, Birdman, SLTV4, Facebook.
- Whiteriver Fentanyl/Naloxone training for 100 law enforcement/security.
- Executive Director Vicky Solomon and Program Coordinator Brenda Willis attended the Communities Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) in Washington DC and received Coalition Graduation Certificates after attending a three-week intensive coalition training.
- Funded by BCBS Mobile AZ.

In response to Council Member Dahnk, Ms. Solomon said including Blue Ridge, Show Low and Whiteriver they are in touch with around five thousand students each year.

In response to Council Member Krigbaum, Ms. Solomon said that they obtained funding from a grant through BCBS Mobile AZ.

- D.2 Consider Resolution No. 19-1523, accepting the primary bid in the amount of \$1,266,485.10 and entering into a construction contract with Rawlings Specialty Contracting, LLC to complete the Pinetop-Lakeside Billy Creek Pedestrian Bridge and Pedestrian Pathway Project No. PW 19-005; and authorize the Town Manager to execute any and all documents in connection with the project.**
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Public Works Director Matt Patterson explained that this project started approximately fourteen years ago and over the years has been passed along to three different Public Works Directors. This has been a project that has taken multiple grants, multiple years to fund and has had to work with Holbrook and Navajo County to move funds around to move forward with this project. NACOG allows only \$500,000.00 through and this project is a lot bigger than what \$500,000.00 will pay for. This project puts a bridge on Billy Creek from the stop light at Highway 260 and Porter Mountain Road and will get the children from the stop light down to the school without having to cross traffic. Currently, it is a very narrow and dangerous area to walk. This project is over budget by \$90,204.10 but Director Patterson believes that it is worth moving forward with this project. The funds will come out of street maintenance, although he is working on options to reduce the cost of the project. He is working with the bridge company to see if a one-span bridge will work instead of a two-span bridge. If so, the project might be able to be brought back into budget and reduced by approximately \$150,000.00. He said this project was a Federal job and changed to a HURF job. The reason is that Federal funds were swapped out for HURF and we are now able to run the job locally and have a local contractor doing the job instead of an out of town contractor.

In response to Council Member Krigbaum, Director Patterson said the bridge is a one-hundred-and-forty-foot span, if he can get what he wants to have done. He is currently working on the engineering. He said it is required by ADOT that it meet a one-hundred-year flood and the current bridge does not meet that requirement. The numbers are also high due to the cost of the bridge and the drilling on the project. The contract is one-hundred and eighty days long due to so many moving

parts, due to drilling and bringing in over size loads, for example, the bridge. Traffic on Porter Mountain Road would have to be shut down when the bridge is brought in and placed.

In response to Mayor Irwin, Director Patterson said he would move forward with the notice to proceed. He said it is a pretty strict time-line with the State to get the funding.

In response to Vice Mayor Smith, Director Patterson said the overrun would be taken from street maintenance. He said there is approximately \$500,000.00 in street maintenance funds, this is an increase from \$200,000.00 last year.

Mayor Irwin said we cannot lose the money that has been compiled over the years for this project and that we have negotiated for and we have an extra \$197,000.00 HURF distribution in our budget, which were not funds that were counted on.

Director Patterson said if the project was turned down we would have to give all of the design fees back to the federal government, which would cost five to six hundred thousand dollars.

Council Member Bowen moved for passage of Resolution No. 19-1523, accepting the primary bid in the amount of \$1,266,485.10 and entering into a construction contract with Rawlings Specialty Contracting, LLC to complete the Pinetop-Lakeside Billy Creek Pedestrian Bridge and Pedestrian Pathway Project No. PW 19-005. Council Member Dahnk 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 Snitzer  
Council Member Bowen  
Council Member Hastings  
Council Member Krigbaum

Mayor Irwin then declared Resolution No. 19-5123 approved, passed and adopted with a 7-0 vote.

**D.3 Public Hearing and Consider Ordinance No. 19-423 amending the Official Zoning Map of the Town to rezone APN 212-01-036A, located on White Mountain Blvd., west of the Family Fun Park, Lakeside, AZ 85929 in Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 22 East, Navajo County, AZ, from OS, Open Space/Park to C-1, Light Commercial Zoning District.**

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Community Development Director Cody Blake said this is a project that is ideal for the Town. This property was Forest Service property and after going through a long and extensive land swap, which was just completed last year, the owner of the property has a potential buyer for forty acres which is a portion of the entire property. Part of the purchase agreement is that the zoning is changed from Open Space (OS) to Light Commercial (C-1) property. The developer of the property is Park West. The property has the potential of having two-hundred and seventy square feet of retail building space on the forty acres which would be a huge opportunity for the Town. The owner of the property required a one-hundred-foot easement as a separator between Camp Tatiyee and any potential development that happens on this land. He explained this zone change went before the Planning and Zoning Commission on September 12, 2019 and the Commission approved the zone change unanimously as a recommendation to the Town Council for approval.

In response to Council Member Dahnk, Director Blake said the size of the entire parcel is approximately two hundred and thirty acres. He said the entire forty acres would not necessarily be clear-cut for the project. He explained that the Code requires that they try to maintain legacy trees or groves and said they would have to blend in some of the trees into the landscaping requirements. He stated that the zoning change requested tonight is only for forty acres.

Council Member Bowen said that the entire parcel is zoned open space and anything done to that parcel is going to require rezoning, because the Forest Service had it all zoned Open Space. In her opinion, this is a natural use for this type of property with the highway frontage.

Council Member Snitzer expressed that many times a lot more parking is shown than actually required because of shared parking. When the project moves further along, he would like to have the number of parking spaces considered and possibly reduced and leave more natural landscaping.

Mayor Irwin reminded the Council that this is only a zoning change the council is looking at tonight.

***Mayor Irwin called for public hearing to allow comments on this matter.***

Dave Hendrix, White Mountain Family Fun Park owner, added the following comments:

*“He said that he and his wife, Rachel, are in favor of the re-zoning to Light Commercial. The only concern that he would have is people griping about the go-carts. The go-carts are loud and that would be his only concern. I think it is a great opportunity for the Town and I was really happy to see that it was not going to be residential, because then we might have an issue. Other than that, I just want to go on record and say that the re-zoning is great.”*

***There being no further comments, Mayor Irwin declared the public hearing closed.***

Council Member Bowen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 19-423 amending the Official Zoning Map of the Town to rezone APN 212-01-036A, located on White Mountain Blvd., west of the Family Fun Park, Lakeside, AZ 85929 in Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 22 East, Navajo County, AZ, from OS, Open Space/Park to C-1, Light Commercial Zoning District. 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 Snitzer		
Council Member Bowen		
Council Member Hastings		
Council Member Krigbaum		

Mayor Irwin then declared Ordinance No. 19-423 approved, passed and adopted.

**D.4 Reports from Council Committee Liaison**

Council Member Krigbaum said that Save our Park will meet next week and will be talking to a potential donor. Forest Health Committee has not met and is waiting for the CPAW group to return to Town. She also attended the Advertising and Promotion Committee on September 18, 2019.



Council Member Bowen attended the most recent Blue Ridge Board meeting and stated that they discussed computer hacking and how to take measure not to be hacked. She said that open enrollment at Blue Ridge schools is a privilege and has been cut back.

Council Member Dahnk stated that the White Mountain Nature Center Labor Day weekend Wildlife Festival viewable bee hive was a great success and received wonderful newspaper coverage from the White Mountain Independent. She said that the Nature Center Annual Benefit Dinner had almost three hundred people in attendance and was a successful fundraising event.

Council Member Hastings said there was a record number of pet adoptions at the Humane Society's Happy Tails Event in August 2019 and that they achieved their fundraising goals. She said at the next Town Council meeting that the Senior Center will provide an update and a presentation. She said they had a record serving in one day of fifty-six guests.

Council Member Snitzer said he helped serve lunch at the senior center and it was wonderful to see members of the Police Department serving also. Tour of the White Mountains will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> and nine hundred riders have registered for the event. He said he attended the Rainbow Lake Coalition meeting and that Rainbow Lake is in good shape due to the carp eating all of the weeds.

Vice Mayor Smith said that the transit authority will be meeting in the near future and he said that Council Member Hastings covered the Senior Center meeting for him due to a conflict.

Mayor Irwin thanked Town staff and members of the Council that helped with trash pick-up along Highway 260 on September 11, 2019. She reminded everyone of Fall Festival weekend that kick-offs on Friday, September 27, 2019. She said the Jack Barker Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

Town Manager Johnson said that Summit and the Show Low Chamber are holding Crawtoberfest at Mountain Meadow Park on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. He said that the Fall Festival Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2019. He invited members of the Council to attend the employee barbeque being held on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall and that the Cavalcade of Cars will be watched during the barbeque.

E. Adjournment

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:57 p.m.

*Stephanie Irwin*

Stephanie Irwin  
Mayor

ATTEST:

*Jill Akins*

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019

*Jill Akins*

Jill Akins  
Town Clerk

