



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes City Council Meeting

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
300 E. Superstition Blvd
Apache Junction, AZ
85119

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Tuesday, January 3, 2023

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Rizzi gave the invocation and Councilmember Evans led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Wilson
Vice Mayor Rizzi
Councilmember Evans
Councilmember Heck
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Nesser
Councilmember Schroeder

Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager
Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Jennifer Pena, City Clerk
Evie McKinney, Deputy City Clerk
Al Bravo, Public Information Officer
Patrick Ainsworth, Economic Development Director

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Rizzi moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser to approve the Consent Agenda.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Rizzi, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Heck, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Nesser and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 0

1. [22-803](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [22-804](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 6, 2022.

3. [22-809](#) Consideration of approval to enter into an agreement with Southern Counties Oil Company, DBA SC Fuels in the amount of \$800,000.00 for one year, with the option to renew for up to four additional one-year periods.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Wilson announced Item F., "Regional Intergovernmental Updates" would be moved up on the agenda at this time, and asked if any councilmembers had any updates to provide. No comments were given from councilmembers. Mayor Wilson had an announcement, which is noted below under Item F., "Regional Intergovernmental Updates".

Mayor Wilson returned to the "Awards, Presentations and Proclamations" on the agenda by stating at this time he would like to acknowledge the outgoing council members.

4. [22-762](#) Presentation of plaque to Vice Mayor Rizzi acknowledging her years of service to the City of Apache Junction.

Mayor Wilson requested Vice Mayor Rizzi meet him in front of the dais. He presented Vice Mayor Rizzi with her name plate, portrait and plaque, and thanked her for her many years of service to the City.

Councilmembers thanked Ms. Rizzi for her encouragement to each of them, and for her time and services on the various boards, commissions and city council.

Vice Mayor Rizzi thanked the community who elected her. She expressed her appreciation and gratitude to staff, and the honor and privilege it has been to serve. She also gave a special acknowledgment and thank you to her husband, as her "biggest supporter and fan!"

Ms. Rizzi took a seat in the audience.

5. [22-761](#) Presentation of plaque to Councilmember Evans acknowledging her years of service to the City of Apache Junction.

Mayor Wilson requested Councilmember Evans meet him in front of the dais. He presented her with her name plate, portrait, and plaque. He acknowledged and thanked her for her support and dedication to the community and citizens.

Councilmembers thanked Ms. Evans for her knowledge and the sharing of it with each of them, as well as her many years of serving on the city's boards, commissions and council.

Councilmember Evans thanked the community that elected and supported her over the years. She thanked the staff for their support and friendships. She also expressed the gratitude she has for such educated individuals that fill the positions on city staff.

City Manager Bryant Powell shared his appreciation to both Vice Mayor Rizzi and Councilmember Evans, and their families. He mentioned the many accomplishments they brought to the community, as well as a multitude of programs and amazing projects. A slide was presented with numerous events they had both participated in over the years. He listed the various commissions they each held a seat on prior to serving on Council, and gave attention to the specific heart felt topics they each enhanced by their involvement.

Mayor Wilson expressed his appreciation to each of the outgoing members, and thanked them for the support they gave him to lead the council.

Ms. Evans took a seat in the audience.

6. [22-763](#) Oath of Office and seating of newly elected mayor and councilmembers. As required by law, the city clerk will administer the oaths of office to Mayor-elect Wilson and Councilmembers-elect Cross, Schroeder and Soller.

Mayor Wilson explained at this time the Oaths of Office and seating of the newly elected Mayor and city council members would be conducted. He called upon City Clerk, Jennifer Pena.

Mayor Elect Wilson took his Oath of Office, was presented with a Certificate of Election and obtained a seat at the dais.

Councilmember Elect Cross took his Oath of Office, was presented with a Certificate of Election and obtained a seat at the dais.

Councilmember Elect Schroeder took his Oath of Office, was presented with a Certificate of Election and obtained a seat at the dais.

Councilmember Elect Soller took his Oath of Office, was presented with a Certificate of Election and obtained a seat at the dais.

Councilmember Cross thanked all those who supported him through the election process and who put their faith in him to lead the City in a positive way.

Councilmember Schroeder thanked everyone for their support of his re-election and he is looking forward to the next 4 (four) years.

Councilmember Soller thanked everyone that voted for him and looks forward to the next 4 (four) years. He thanked his family for their support.

F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

Mayor Wilson informed that on December 16, 2022, he attended the inaugural ceremony of new members for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, (SRPMIC). At this ceremony recognition was also given to the outgoing members for their service. This was a very impressive ceremony, as they sang the National Anthem in their native language. He mentioned this election brought forth many young individuals that ran for office and were elected. Also in attendance at the event was the newly elected Arizona Governor, Katie Hobbs.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bryant Powell announced the retirement of Public Works Director Mike Wever. The new Public Works Director, Ted Wolff, will be starting soon and will be introduced at the next council meeting.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS**J. NEW BUSINESS**

7. [22-764](#) Consideration of nomination and selection of vice mayor as required by City Code § 2-2-2.

Mayor Wilson called upon City Clerk Jennifer Pena, who explained the process of nominating and selecting the vice mayor as required by city code.

Mayor Wilson asked for a motion to open nominations for the office of vice mayor.

Councilmember Soller moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that nominations for the office of vice mayor be opened.

Motion passed 7 - 0

Mayor Wilson asked for nominations for vice mayor.

Councilmember Heck nominated Councilmember Schroeder for the office of vice mayor.

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Councilmember Nesser moved, seconded by Councilmember Heck to close nominations for the office of vice mayor.

Motion passed 7 - 0

City Clerk Jennifer Pena informed a motion is now necessary for the nomination of Councilmember Schroeder as vice mayor along with a second.

Councilmember Soller moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser to select Councilmember Schroeder as vice mayor.

Motion passed 7 - 0

8. [22-765](#) Discussion and designation of acting mayor in accordance with Apache Junction City Code Section 2-2-3 Acting Mayor. This item allows the council to designate one of its members to be acting mayor during the absence of both the mayor and vice mayor. The person will be able to conduct meetings and act in the event of emergency situations.

City Clerk Jennifer Pena introduced the process of designating an acting mayor. She also explained the purpose and duties of acting mayor.

Mayor Wilson asked for a motion for acting mayor.

Vice Mayor Schroeder moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson that Councilmember Nesser be designated as acting mayor according to Apache Junction City Code section 2-2-3 for the time period beginning January 3, 2023 and ending January 7, 2025.

Motion passed 7 - 0

9. [22-766](#) Discussion and designation of city council check signatories. City checks require the signature of a city council member in addition to that of the city clerk.

City Clerk Jennifer Pena informed that city code requires all city checks have 2 signatories in addition to the City Clerk.

Mayor Wilson asked for a motion.

Councilmember Soller moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Schroeder be designated as city check signers in addition to the city clerk.

Motion passed 7 - 0

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

L. CALL TO PUBLIC

Catherine Meek, 1327 S. Belair Road, Apache Junction shared upcoming events to be offered at the Superstition Mountain Museum. She encouraged attendance on January 28th and 29th for the Native American Festival, which will include hoop dancers and other Native American presenters. There is a fee of \$ 10.00 for this event.

George Schroeder, 2444 W. Virginia Street, Apache Junction commented on fencing materials, trash behind fences, and the current garbage contract.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PEÑA
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
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 the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, held on the _____ day of _____, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

JENNIFER PEÑA
City Clerk