



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes City Council Meeting

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Apache Junction, AZ
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Doors are open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the posted meeting start time.

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Nesser gave the invocation and Councilmember Johnson led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Wilson
Vice Mayor Schroeder
Councilmember Nesser
Councilmember Heck
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Cross
Councilmember Soller

Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager
Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager
Evie McKinney, City Clerk
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Kayla Fulmer, Director of Marketing and Communications
Michael Pooley, Police Chief
Johnny John, Assistant Police Chief
Ted Wolff, Public Works Director
Pam Harrison, Library Director
Amy Greening, Deputy City Clerk
JC Kliner, GIS Administrator
Casaundra Wallace, City Attorney 1
Maggi Quinn, Public Works Facility Manager
Alice Edwards, Acting Animal Services Supervisor
Rob Wisler, Management Analyst
Eli Richardson, Management Analyst

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Soller moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser to approve the Consent Agenda.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Schroeder, Councilmember Nesser, Councilmember Heck, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Cross and Councilmember Soller

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1. [25-056](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [25-057](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2025.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

3. [25-129](#) Proclamation designating the week of April 5 through April 11, 2025, as "Week of the Young Child."

Mayor Wilson read the proclamation designating the week of April 5 through April 11, 2025, as "Week of the Young Child." He presented it to Management Analyst Eli Richardson who is also a Regional Council Member for First Things First for Pinal County. He spoke of the importance of investing in early childhood education and thanked the Mayor and Council.

4. [25-117](#) Proclamation designating the week of April 6 through April 12, 2025, as "National Library Week."

Mayor Wilson read the proclamation designating the week of April 6 through April 12, 2025, as "National Library Week." He presented it to Library Director Pam Harrison. She stated that the library connects the community together and highlighted several activities that the library offers.

F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

5. [25-058](#) Brief summary of intergovernmental updates from mayor and councilmembers.

Mayor Wilson shared that he and City Staff toured the new condo neighborhood, Ironwood Station. He commented on the unique aspect of the building and the facilities.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

6. [25-059](#) City Manager's Report

City Manager Bryant Powell shared that he and Councilmember Johnson joined the Apache Junction Little League to celebrate their opening ceremonies. Councilmember Johnson got to raise the flag and Mr. Powell threw the first pitch. He complimented the Parks and Recreation department for a great job in getting the field ready for the game.

Mr. Powell also shared the history of the long time employee tradition Scrub and Grub. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the wonderful facilities we have, that enable us to provide the best customer service we can to the community.

7. [25-152](#) Update on Geographic Information System Division applications available to the public on the City of Apache Junction website.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator JC Kliner presented an update on the division. He explained what GIS means and the applications that are used on the City's website.

He went through each map that is available for the public and how to search on it. He also stated there are several maps that staff uses for various research.

Council Members expressed their appreciation for the GIS department's work.

8. [25-151](#) Legislative Update

Management Analyst Rob Wisler presented an update on Senate Bill 1229/ House Bill 2371. He explained how planning and zoning works for the city and that this bill focuses on residential zoning. This bill would limit local government control over home design and zoning rules. The lot sizes would be not greater than 3,000 square feet. He also gave three examples of how this would change the density in the City and the current status of the bill.

Councilmember concerns included control over the height of residences, the purpose of the bill and how it would negatively impact the City.

Mr. Wisler responded to concerns.

9. [25-060](#) Announcement of Current Events.

Management Analyst Eli Richardson shared upcoming events:

- Apache Junction Water Festival on April 24, 2025, 8:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. at Prospector Park, 3015 N. Idaho Road. The volunteer training is on April 14, 2025, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Apache Junction Multi-Generational Center, 1035 N. Idaho Road.

- Earth Day Celebration and Ladybug Release on April 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Flatiron Community Park, 100 N. Apache Trail.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

10. [25-153](#) Update on Animal Control Services and Shelter with Police Chief Michael Pooley.

Police Chief Michael Pooley presented an update on the Animal Control facility. He gave statistics on the number of current employees, volunteers and kennels. He also spoke about the animal intake numbers for the last 3 years and why the numbers have decreased. He explained that the recent rat infestation has caused severe damage to the electrical lines and the building. With Public Works assistance, they have tried many ways to resolve this issue but they have not been successful. Animal Control will have to temporarily close, remove the pets and take a more aggressive approach with rat poison. They have stopped intakes and are looking for a temporary location for the animals.

Councilmember concerns included building a brand new facility, tearing down the old one, where the animals will go, a long term fix, and where the rats could be coming from.

Chief Pooley responded to all concerns.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

L. SELECTION OF MEETING DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND PURPOSES

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Dan Holand, 2341 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, introduced his new business that will be at the Hitching Post. They will be doing events on Sundays for kids with the International Miniature Riding Association.

Mehmood "Mo" Mohiuddin, 2304 N. Cortez Road, Apache Junction, explained why the bull riding companies have changed at the Hitching Post. He also complimented the Planning and Zoning and City Staff.

Catherine Meek, 1327 S. Belair Road, Apache Junction, shared concerns about the road work maintenance on Tomahawk Road.

Donna Carr, 2178 W. Virginia Street, Apache Junction, commented on various topics discussed during the meeting: Senate Bill 1229, the animal control rat issue and Tomahawk road work maintenance.

Michael Clark, 1123 W. Windham Ave, Gilbert, introduced a benefits program for eligible employees and the Challenger program for Little League.

Andre Meek, 1327 S. Belair Road, Apache Junction, shared concerns about Senate Bill 1229.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

EVIE MCKINNEY
City Clerk