



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 5, 2021

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Wilson gave the invocation and Councilmember Struble led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Mayor Serdy
Mayor Wilson
Vice Mayor Wilson
Councilmember Barker
Councilmember Evans
Vice Mayor Rizzi
Councilmember Schroeder
Councilmember Struble

Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager
Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Jennifer Pena, City Clerk
Al Bravo, Public Information Officer
Thomas Kelly, Chief of Police
Jill Bright, Deputy City Clerk

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Barker moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Yes: 8 - Mayor Serdy, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Vice Mayor Rizzi, Councilmember Schroeder and Councilmember Struble

No: 0

Mayor Serdy stated that there will be no call to the public tonight.

1. [20-678](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [20-679](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 1,

2020.**E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

3. [20-680](#) Presentation of plaques to city councilmembers Barker, Struble and Mayor Serdy for their years of service and any related comments from councilmembers and staff.

Mayor Serdy acknowledged and thanked outgoing Councilmember Barker for her outstanding service and dedication for the past 22 years on the city council and many other organizations within the community.

Councilmember Barker thanked the voters for allowing her to represent the city for 22 years. She thanked city staff for always supporting her.

Councilmembers thanked Ms. Barker for her work and time on the council.

Ms. Barker took a seat in the audience.

Mayor Serdy acknowledged and thanked outgoing Councilmember Struble for his outstanding service and dedication for the past 4 years on the city council and other organizations within the community.

Councilmember Struble told a joke and shared that it has been an honor to serve on the city council. He thanked city staff for carrying out what council decides on and thanked the residents for allowing him to serve.

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Struble for his work and time on the council.

Mr. Struble took a seat in the audience.

Mayor Elect Wilson acknowledged and thanked outgoing Mayor Serdy for his outstanding service and dedication as a councilmember and mayor for the past 13 years as well as other organizations within the community.

Mayor Serdy thanked city staff for always making council look good and hopes that the new council will continue moving forward.

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Serdy for his work and time on the council.

Mr. Serdy took a seat in the audience.

4. [20-536](#) 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 Nesser, Biggs and Gremmel.

City Clerk Jennifer Pena explained the process of the swearing in ceremony.

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

Councilmember Elect Nesser took her Oath of Office, was presented with a Certificate of Election and took a seat at the dais.

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

Councilmember Elect Gremmel took her Oath of Office, was presented with a Certificate of Election and took a seat at the dais.

City Clerk Jennifer Pena announced that the obligations of state law and the city code have been met and the council can proceed with the remaining items on the agenda.

Councilmember Nesser thanked her family and friends for attending and thanked the voters for electing her and promises to do the best to her ability.

Councilmember Biggs thanked the voters for trusting him to be a part of the city council and thanked his parents and friends for attending tonight.

Councilmember Gremmel thanked Judge Coleman for swearing her in. She thanked her family for attending and watching from home. She looks forward to working with the council and city staff and thanked the voters for allowing her to serve them.

Mayor Wilson thanked his family for attending tonight and thanked the voters for electing him as mayor.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilmember Evans shared that the Apache Junction Community Development Corporation is allowing citizens to pay for a brick with their name or a message on it on their website and it will be laid at the focal point.

Councilmember Rizzi shared that this Saturday from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Flatiron Park there is going to be a prayer walk.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bryant Powell shared that he is proud to be a part of this community and to welcome the new council.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

5. [20-537](#) Consideration of nomination and selection of vice mayor as required by city code.

Mayor Wilson asked if there is anyone on the council not wishing to be elected as vice mayor. Councilmember Gremmel stated that she would prefer not to be nominated.

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

Councilmember Nesser moved, seconded by Councilmember Biggs that we open nominations for the office of vice mayor.

Motion passed 7 - 0.

Councilmember Nesser nominated Councilmember Rizzi for the office of vice mayor.

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

Councilmember Evans nominated Councilmember Evans for the office of vice mayor.

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Mayor Wilson asked for a motion to close nominations.

Councilmember Nesser moved, seconded by Councilmember Gremmel that we close nominations for the office of vice mayor.

Motion passed 7 - 0.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll call vote on the individuals nominated for the office of vice mayor in the order in which they were nominated.

Councilmember Rizzi - Motion passed 4-3 to select Councilmember Rizzi as vice mayor.

6. [20-538](#) 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.

Councilmember Biggs moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans that Councilmember Schroeder be designated as acting mayor according to Apache Junction City Code section 2-2-3 for the time period beginning January 5, 2021 and ending January 3, 2023.

Motion passed 7 - 0.

City Clerk Jennifer Pena explained what an acting mayor is.

7. [20-539](#) Consideration of designation of city council check signatories. City checks require the signature of a council member in addition to that of the city clerk.

Councilmember Biggs moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that Councilmember Evans be designated as a check signer on city accounts in addition to the city clerk.

Motion passed 7 - 0.

Councilmember Nesser moved, seconded by Councilmember Gremmel that Councilmember Biggs be designated as a check signer on city accounts in addition to the city clerk.

Motion passed 7 - 0.

City Clerk Jennifer Pena explained that normally the mayor and vice mayor are designated as check signers on city accounts.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF**L. SELECTION OF MEETING DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND PURPOSES****M. CALL TO PUBLIC****N. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Wilson adjourned the council meeting at 8:12 pm.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021, BY THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PENA
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 _____, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

JENNIFER PENA
City Clerk