

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023, IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 325 W. WHITE MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD, LAKESIDE, AZ 85929**

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➤ **Call to Order**

Mayor Irwin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

➤ **Roll Call**

The following Council Members were present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Stephanie Irwin	Mayor
Jim Snitzer	Council Member
Jerry Smith	Council Member
Lynn Krigbaum	Council Member
Taber Heisler	Council Member

The following Council Member participated Telephonically:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Sterling Beus	Vice Mayor Beus

The following Council Member was absent:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
James Brimhall	Council Member

Also Present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Keith Johnson	Town Manager
Kevin Rodolph	Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director
Kristi Salskov	Town Clerk
Jeremiah Loyd	Community Development Director
Dan Barnes	Chief of Police
Dan Wilkey- arrived at 6:20 p.m.	Police Commander
Tony Alba	Community Services Manager
Rob Hephner	Creative Services
Betsy Peck	Library Manager

➤ **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Mayor Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Tony Alba offered the Invocation.

**B. Call to the Public**

Mayor Irwin called for public comments.

Jim Beck offered the following comments, *“Good evening, Council. My name is Jim Beck. I am actually excited to talk to you guys tonight. There has been three actions that Council has taken that I believe the public, and myself, personally, are happy about. I wanted to applaud you. Surprise, surprise. Because, number one, at the last meeting you had mentioned that three of you went down to Gilbert and spoke with ADOT. If you ever watch Nextdoor on social media, the Town was going crazy about the poor road conditions on the 260. I am not only speaking for myself, I do not mean to be presumptuous, but I am sure that everybody that lives here is very happy and pleased that you took that initiative. Number two, Matt Patterson and his crew repaired a lot of roads in Town. I do not know how many, but I know my road was resurfaced. His crew worked efficiently, fast, they did not disturb any of the residents, and the roads look really good. I know everyone in my neighborhood appreciates that too. So, there is two rounds of applause. The third one is, I had heard that the Community Center, that the Town is picking up, I hope I am right about this, that the Town is picking up the lease for one more year. If that is true, that is a good move too. So, there are three good actions that I wanted to say thank you for”*.

Mark Terrill offered the following comments, *“Good evening, Mayor and Members of the Council. My name is Mark Terrill. I am a full time resident here and a law enforcement officer with Arizona Game and Fish. What I wanted to speak to the Council about tonight is, at Woodland Lake, there is an Ordinance that states that the park closes at 10:00 p.m. I was wondering if in the future the Town would consider allowing fishermen to fish later than 10:00 p.m. This would allow them to continue fishing specifically for catfish that are stocked in the lake by Game and Fish. Catfish tend to bite or are able to be caught after dark. I was wondering if Council would consider either allowing fishermen to stay in the park after 10:00 p.m. or extend the park hours past 10:00 p.m. I understand that there are reasons for the 10:00 closure such as vandalism to the bathrooms and I am hoping that was not associated with any fisherman. I think fishermen would respect the rules. If Police Officers came to the park, I would expect them to ask for a fishing license and it would be expected to have it in their possession. This is something we have allowed at other streams and lakes. I do have support here with me, my neighbor came and*

*he also enjoys fishing at Woodland Lake. My kids enjoy fishing at Woodland Lake especially for catfish. Thank you for your consideration.”*

Mayor Irwin thanked both, Mr. Beck and Mr. Terrill for their comments and asked Town Manager Keith Johnson to look into the Woodland Lake fishing hours.

**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 Smith moved for passage of the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Heisler seconded the motion and by show of hands the following vote was recorded:

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mayor Irwin	X		
Vice Mayor Beus- Telephonically	X		
Council Member Snitzer	X		
Council Member Smith	X		
Lynn Krigbaum	X		
Taber Heisler	X		

Mayor Irwin then declared that all Consent Agenda items in these minutes were approved, passed, and adopted with a 6-0 vote.

**C.1 Consider approval of the Minutes of the Town Council  
Regular Meeting held on June 1, 2023.**

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By a vote of 6-0 under the Consent Agenda, Town Council approved the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting held on June 1, 2023.

**C.2 Consider approval of the Minutes of the Community  
Meeting held on June 1, 2023.**

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By a vote of 6-0 under the Consent Agenda, Town Council approved the minutes of the Community Meeting held on June 1, 2023.

## **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 Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Proclamation “White Mountain Freedom Concert Series Week”**

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Mayor Irwin read the Proclamation.

Mayor Irwin Proclaimed July 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as “White Mountain Freedom Concert Series Week” in the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside.

### **D.2 Recognition of Community Services Manager, Tony Alba for 4 years of service on the NACOG Tourism Committee.**

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Town Manager Keith Johnson shared that Community Services Manager Tony Alba had served on the NACOG Tourism Committee for 4 years. Town Manager Johnson thanked Mr. Alba for his service on NACOG and for his work with the Town and promoting tourism.

### **D.3 Recognition and appreciation of David Widmaier for serving as Pinetop-Lakeside Town Magistrate for 20 years. May of 2003 – June of 2023.**

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Mayor Irwin presented David Widmaier with a plaque of appreciation for his 20 years of service as Town Magistrate.

After the meeting, the Clerk of the Court corrected the dates of service as Town Magistrate. David Widmaier was appointed Town Magistrate in 2003 for a total of 20 years.

### **D.4 Consider Resolution No. 23-1671, Appointing Robert Higgins, Pinetop-Lakeside Justice of the Peace, as the Town Magistrate for the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona, pursuant to Chapter 2.12 of the Pinetop-Lakeside Town Code.**

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Town Manager Johnson shared that Robert Higgins, Pinetop-Lakeside Justice of the Peace had sent in a letter of interest in serving as the Town Magistrate for a 4 year

term. Town Manager Johnson stated that it was a common practice to appoint the current Justice of the Peace as Town Magistrate.

Council Member Krigbaum moved to approve Resolution No. 23-1671, Appointing Robert Higgins, Pinetop-Lakeside Justice of the Peace, as the Town Magistrate for the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona, with a term ending June 30, 2027, pursuant to Town Code Chapter 2.14.020. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and by show of hands the following vote was recorded:

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mayor Irwin	X		
Vice Mayor Beus- Telephonically	X		
Council Member Snitzer	X		
Council Member Smith	X		
Lynn Krigbaum	X		
Taber Heisler	X		

Mayor Irwin declared the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

**D.5 Swear-In of Robert Higgins as Town of Pinetop-Lakeside  
Town Magistrate by Judge David Widmaier.**

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Swearing-In of Robert Higgins as the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Town Magistrate by Judge David Widmaier.

**D.6 Consider Resolution No. 23-1672, Approving the purchase of  
Two 2022 Ford F-150 Super Crew 4x4 Trucks for the  
Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department.**

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Dan Barnes, Police Chief asked for approval in purchasing two 2022 Ford F-150 Super Crew 4x4 trucks from San Tan Ford to be utilized as patrol vehicles.

Council Member Heisler moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-1672, approving the purchase of two 2022 Ford F-150 Super Crew 4x4 trucks from San Tan Ford, financing through Ford Credit Municipal Finance in an amount not to exceed \$122,479.92; and authorize the Town Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete this transaction. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and by show of hands the following vote was recorded:

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mayor Irwin	X		

Vice Mayor Beus-Telephonically	X		
Council Member Snitzer	X		
Council Member Smith	X		
Lynn Krigbaum	X		
Taber Heisler	X		

Mayor Irwin declared the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

**D.7 Public Hearing regarding the FY2023-2024 Consolidated Fee Schedule and Consider Resolution No. 23-1673, Adopting and Declaring as a Public Record that certain document filed with the Town Clerk and Entitled “FY2023-2024 Consolidated Fee schedule” Effective July 15, 2023.**

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Town Clerk Salskov stated that pursuant to ARS 9-499.15 a Public Notice and proposed fees were posted for more than 60 days on the Town Website. Town Clerk Salskov shared that some items are new and some items have increased fees adding that the proposed changes are highlighted. Town Clerk Salskov stated that the FY2023/2024 Consolidated Fee Schedule will be effective as of July 15, 2023 if approved by Council.

Mayor Irwin opened the Public Hearing.

No comments offered. Mayor Irwin closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Heisler moved to approve Resolution No. 23-1673, adopting and declaring as a public record, a certain document filed with the Town Clerk and entitles “FY2023-2024 Town Consolidated Fee Schedule” Effective July 15, 2023. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and by show of hands the following vote was recorded:

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mayor Irwin	X		
Vice Mayor Beus-Telephonically	X		
Council Member Snitzer	X		
Council Member Smith	X		
Lynn Krigbaum	X		
Taber Heisler	X		

Mayor Irwin declared the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

## **D.8 Reports from Council Committee Liaisons and Town Manager**

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Council Member Krigbaum reported on the following items:

- The Leave No Trace program was a success
- Shared that she has resigned from Save Our Park.

Council Member Heisler stated that he has nothing to report.

Council Member Smith reported on the following items:

- The meeting for the Transit Committee will be held in August.
- The Board of Directors for State parks and trails approved a grant in the amount of \$316,000.00 for the Arizona Alpine Trail System.

Council Member Snitzer reported on the following items:

- TRACKS has been doing work on the Springs Trail, Blue Ridge Trail, and the Osprey Trail. As summer moves along, trail work will be shifting east towards the Los Burros trail system.
- He was unable to attend the Rainbow Lake Coalition meeting because it was scheduled for the same day as the Town Council Budget Meeting.
- The carnival at the Nature Center was a success and is a major fundraiser for the Nature Center.
- The Nature Center is working with the Back Country Horsemen of America to host three (3) cowboy breakfasts as a fundraiser for both organizations.
- Updates on the construction at the Nature Center for the bird shows/flight pen.
- Program to improve the interior displays at the Nature Center. A generous donation of 10 computers for interactive displays was gifted to the Nature Center. The Wind Farm donated \$5,000.00 to build quality displays.
- The Guinness World Record Exhibit is gone now and it was not a popular exhibit.
- The Nature Center has two new birds and will be making a public announcement.
- If there are any trout fishermen who like to catch trout and not eat it, please stick it in the freezer and take it to the Nature Center any afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Beus reported on the following item:

- The Back Country Horsemen of America is working with the Nature Center for fundraising.

Mayor Irwin reported on the following items:

- On behalf of the Town Council, Mayor Irwin wished Show Low City Mayor John Leach a quick recovery.

- An ADOT engineer notified that the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside is back on the 5-year plan. Mayor Irwin thanked the community for being engaged and sending messages to the ADOT website. Mayor Irwin added that citizens of the Town sent over 200 comments which was more than any community has ever sent to ADOT. Mayor Irwin stated that community involvement really helped to get the project back on the 5-year plan. adding that it was a team effort.

Town Manager Keith Johnson reported on the following items:

- The Success of the Façade Grant program. \$28,000.00 has been allocated and businesses in Town have been thankful for the help.
- Sixth Annual White Mountain Balloon Festival will be held June 23-25, 2023 at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex.
- Music and Movie in the park was a success. It was held at Jack Barker Memorial Park. The next one will be held on July 15, 2023. Music will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the movie, Super Mario Brothers.
- Pinetop Fire District and Timber Mesa Fire District will host the Annual Fire Wise Block Party on July 15, 2023 from 9:30 to 3:30 at Blue Ridge Elementary School.

**Adjournment**

*Mayor Irwin*

There being no further business at this time, the regular meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

*Stephanie Irwin*

Stephanie Irwin, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Kristi Salskov, CMC*

Kristi Salskov, CMC  
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 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

*Kristi Salskov, CMC*

Kristi Salskov, CMC  
Town Clerk

