

MAYORS OF HOLBROOK ARIZONA

Holbrook Arizona was founded in 1881, with the arrival of the railroad in Apache County across Northeastern Arizona Territory. In 1895 Navajo County was organized, with Holbrook named the county seat. In 1912 the Territory became the nation's 48th state.

But it was not until 1917 that Holbrook became an incorporated community with a mayoral form of government.

The following is a list of early mayors, council members and city officials who served the citizens of Holbrook.

March 6, 1917

(the first council appointed by the Navajo County Board of Supervisors.)

Mayor: W.R. Scorse

Clerk: R.S. Teeple

Council: Julius Wetzler, P.T. Coleman, J.C. Paulsell & J.W. Richards

1918

Mayor: George Hennessey

Clerk: B.B. Neel

Council: John Flanigan, Charles P. Cooley, W.H. Chamberlin & L.D. Divelbess

1919

Mayor: J.M. Lee

Clerk: B.B. Neel, who resigned 8/1/1920

Clerk: J. M. Patterson, appointed 8-7-1920

Council: John Flanigan, W.H. Chamberlin, Charles P. Cooley & James H. Scorse

May 1921

Mayor: Charles P. Cooley

Clerk: J.M. Patterson

Council: John Flanigan, J.M. Lee, James H. Scorse & W.H. Chamberlin

Resignations: Councilman Chamberlin, 9-18-1921; Mayor Cooley, June 1922; & Councilman Lee, 12/13/1922

Appointments: Councilman L. Cadwell, 10-13-1921 and Mayor Cadwell, June 1922; Councilmen C.H. Jennings June 1922 and W. F. Williams, 12-22-1922

1923

Mayor: Lloyd Henning

Clerk: C. W. Moore

Council: C.J. Jennings, Fred Wetzler, W.J. Hookway & W.F. Williams.

Resignations: Clerk Moore, 8-13-1924; Councilmen Hookway, 8-13-1924; & Jennings 2-11-1925

Appointments: Hookway, clerk 8-13-1924; Councilmen W.B. Woods, 10-8-1924 & John Taylor, 3-11-1925

1925

Mayor: Ed W. Stevens

Council: John Taylor, W.B. Cross, W.B. Woods & G.L. Noel

(For the period of May 1925 to July 1929, no minutes were found of elections. From various ordinances approved and other records 1927 and 1929 have been determined.)

1927

Mayor: G.C. Leckron

Clerk: W.J. Hookway

1929

Mayor: A.F. Light

Clerk: W.J. Hookway

Council: J.C. McCleve, E.J. Whiting, W. B. Woods Sr. & G. L. Noel

1931

Mayor: Frank Rees

Clerk: W.J. Hookway

Council: J.C. Paulsell, E. B. Newman, Tom Isaacson & H.M. Hays

1933

Mayor: J.C. Paulsell

Clerk: W.J. Hookway

Council: H.M. Hays, Tom Isaacson, E.B. Newman & Frank B. Rees

Resignation: Councilman Newman, 9-30-1933

Appointment: W.B. Woods Sr., 4-24-1934

1935

Mayor: H.M. Hays

Clerk: W.J. Hookway

Council: Tom Isaacson, J.C. Paulsell, F.B. Rees & W.B. Woods, Sr.

Resignation: Councilman Paulsell, 1-8-1936

Appointment: Councilman James Reeder, 2-17-1936

1937

Mayor: James Reeder
Clerk: W.J. Hookway
Council: E.B. Buell, Tom Isaacson, W.B. Woods Sr. & F.B. Rees

1939

Mayor: J. Minor Park
Clerk: George A. Kyes
Council: G.C. Leckron, Santos Ortega, Lloyd Taylor & P.R. Hancock

1940

Mayor: J. Minor Park
Clerk: J.C. McCleve
Council: Santos Ortega, P.R. Hancock, Lloyd Taylor & G.C. Leckron
Resignation: Councilman Leckron, 6-30-1941
Appointment: Councilman C.W. Lewis, 11-5-1941

1943

Mayor: J. Minor Park
Mayor: Hancock, 9-22-1943
Mayor: Lewis, 8-16-1943
Clerk: J.C. McCleve
Council: P.R. Hancock, C.W./ Lewis, Santos Ortega & Lloyd M. Taylor
Resignations: Mayor Park, 9-8-1943; Mayor Hancock, 8-16-1943; and Mayor Lewis, 4-11-1943
Appointments: Councilmen B.J. Sanders, 6-14-1943 and C.N. Ledfore, 8-16-1943

1945

Mayor: J.M. Wilkinson
Clerk: J. C. McCleve
Council: J. P. Gerwitz, L.B. Owens, C.N. Ledfore & Charles Dudding

1947

Mayor: L. Owens
Clerk: J.C. McCleve thru 8-31-1945
Clerk: E.L. Gardner effective 9-1-1945
Council: Joseph P. Gerwitz, Louis Chacon, Dallas Guttery, Ralph Harris, Dr. J.E. Kalb & Verne Siedel
Resignation: Councilman Chacon, 6-1-1947
Appointment: Councilman Pete Armijo, 6-14-1947

1949

Mayor: Verne D. Seidel
Clerk: E.L. Gardner (*dcd. Feb 1950*)
Clerk: Donald E. Ellison
Clerk: Everett C. Fox
Council: L. B. Owens, Ralph Harris, Pete Armijo, George Mester, Lee Kutch & Ishmael Torres.
Resignations: Clerk Ellison, 3-23-1950; Councilmen, Armijo, 4-15-1950; Kutch, 12-31-1950; and Clerk Fox, 4-30-1951
Appointments: Clerk Fan Thompson, 5-1-1951; Councilmen Albert Baca, 7-5-1950; and J.M. Wilkinson, 1-1-1951

1951

Mayor: George R. Mester
Clerk: Fan Thompson
Council: H. Lee Smith, Albert Baca, Cecil R. Tuley, Harvey Randall, Joe P. Gertzitz & Ishmael H. Torres
Resignations: Clerk Thompson, 9-30-1951 and Councilman Torres
Appointments: Clerk Roy Tuley, 10-1-1951 and Councilman Jay Manley, 2-11-1951

1953

Mayor: A.C. Whiting
Clerk: Nelda Rencher
Council: Tom Burns, R.P. Bradley, Frank Adair, Joe Gerwitz, Ken DeWitt, Harvey Randall

1955

Mayor: A.C. Whiting
Clerk: Nelda Rencher
Council: Tom Burns, R.P. Bradley, Frank Adair, William Dyer, Joe Gerwitz and Harvey Randall
Resignation: Clerk Rencher, 1-31-1956
Appointment: Clerk Tom Smithson, 2-1-1956

1957

Mayor: A.C. Whiting
Clerk: Tom Smithson
Council: John N. Owens, William Dyer, Frank Adair, R.P. Bradley, Roy J. Downing & J. Merrill Young
Resignations: Councilmen Owens, 8-31-1957 and Young.

Appointments: Council men Dono C. Brinkerhoff, 9-24-1957 and H. Albert McEvoy, 3-3-1959.

1959

Mayor: H. Albert McEvoy

Clerk: Thomas E. Smithson

Council: Dono C. Brinkerhoff, Jack B. Guttery, Edward J. Jennings, Philip K. Gardner, Robert B. Heward and Lawrence Chavez

Resignation: Mayor McEvoy, 11-18-1959

Appointments: Mayor Brinkerhoff, 12-9-1959 and Councilman Virgil C. Stuart.

1961

Mayor: William M. Smith

Clerk: Thomas E. Smithson

Council: Virgil C. Stuart, Jack B. Guttery, Wilford W. Kyes, Lawrence Chavez, Philip K. Gardner and Lloyd M. Taylor.

1963

Mayor: William M. Smith

Clerk: T.E. Smithson

Council: Allen G. Hensley, Wilford W. Kyes, Willard Guttery, Philip K. Gardner, W.S. Dyer and Edward L. Karges

1965

Mayor: Edward L. Karges

Clerk: T.E. Smithson

Council: Willard Guttery, Norman Turley, Albert Ong, Kenneth DeWitt, Doyle Nester and R.J. Haley III.

Resignations: Councilmen DeWitt, 1965 and Haley, 1966

Appointments: Councilmen Ronnie V. Heward, 1965 and Frank Jennett, 1966.