

**THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ HELD ON THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER-** Mayor Bob Irvin called the Work Session to order on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance

**ROLL CALL-**City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford, called the roll:

**PRESENT**

Mayor Robert A. Irvin  
Vice Mayor Bill Holloway  
Councilman Gerald W. Lindsey  
Councilman Elwood A. Johnson  
Councilwoman Monika Cronberg  
Councilman Earl Goolsby  
Councilman William "Bill" Nigh

**STAFF**

City Manager Pat McCourt  
City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford  
City Attorney Ann Roberts  
Finance Director Ruth Graham  
Public Services & Works Director Dave Bonner  
Development Services Jeff Stoddard  
Library Director Tom Miner

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** led by Mayor Irvin

**DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None Declared

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilman Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

**SECONDED:** Councilman Lindsey seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION ON CAPITAL EXPENSE NEEDS SEWER SYSTEM**

**Discussion-** Mr. Bonner will give the presentation on the Sewer System from the material in the Council packets. He explained two main aspects, collections and treatment and three lift station on magic circle RV Park Railroad Avenue and Wood St. Railroad. The lift station has been approved to replace pumps the budget was \$45,000. He went over the Collections and stated there are 37plus manholes in the system. The Repair budget for 2012-13 includes \$32,000 to replace/repair deteriorated manholes he stated the system overview is listed in the council packets. The primary concerns are: tree roots and the lines under the railroad. He also explained that ADEQ also have to make sure the City is in compliance. We have to have class B effluent; currently the City is under a Consent Order due to non-compliance. Wilson Engineers along with Dave Bonner and John Bowen met with ADEQ's permitting unit for a pre-application meeting. ADEQ's response may result in cost saving for the City of Willcox. In the Wilson Engineers Design, they will recommend in the PER as stated in the Council Packets. Future Plans do have options stated in the Council Packets. He explained the disinfection process the City would use the Hypochlorite disinfection because of the reliability factor. Mr. Bonner went over the Sewer Utilities Budget in the Council Packets and stated it is the same as the others we have been going over in previous Work Sessions. He asked the Council if they had any questions. Vice Mayor asked In the PER report option 3 seems like it is very similar to design option 2. Mr. Bonner explained you do have issues with rocks so in option 3 we eliminate some of the hydrogen process and it doesn't use the oxidation ditches. Mr. Bowen stated because we put the sludge in there it takes the anti-aerobic to aerobics and it would be grade B sludge. City Manager McCourt stated we will be able to set up the proper charges. Councilman Lindsey stated in Option 2, it can run two trucks a day and option 3: it takes two or three hours. Mr. Bonner stated it would be approximately 10,000 gallons and then we would have to hold it and let it set to oxidation and in option 3: you would not have to do that. Councilman Nigh asked if ours was not working properly because of two years ago decision, can it not be set right. Mr. Bowen stated we could leave it but we really can't because we would never get in class B to be reused. Councilman Nigh asked: by chance we do not get this grants what does the City do? Vice Mayor Holloway stated we have to do the way we are doing it because it has been voted to go this route. Councilwoman Johnson stated other council has dealt with this issue and it has been ongoing. Councilman Nigh asked how you pay for it. Mr. Bonner stated it was defined by the USDA. City Manager McCourt stated we do look at the 15 to 20 year projection any projection is just that; it is with the best information available, if we don't have a document of what we did last year. He stated there is not a change in Capital cost; and we don't know how much the cost is. We are estimating at this time. Mr. Bowen replied to Mr. Nigh's question regarding Serra Vista they are redesigning their Sewer Systems, and stated they are not doing B quality work. Councilman Lindsey stated he appreciates Mr. Nigh's commits but with the PER

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and ADEQ we really don't need to talk about the lagoon system. Councilman Holloway stated I hate to rely on the government but if our rates are dramatically low as other folks. ADEQ representative stated it would not go to ridiculous sewer rates. Mr. Bonner stated the grant from USDA has to be revising the language on the contract so we can work with USDA. Mr. Nigh stated he would like to see the contract when the language is changed. The Council stated we all will see the contract. Mr. Bonner stated we will know within the next three months what the USDA will give us. We have projected \$5 million in the budget. Councilman Nigh asked why it cost \$45,000, I did not understand that. Councilman Lindsey asked, it indicated to me if we get the sludge we will be able to bury it. Mr. Bonner stated we could use the top soil for irrigation. Councilwoman Cronberg asked is the future of the plumbing being considered in this design. Mr. Bonner stated we would put a T in anywhere that one would be needed. Councilman Johnson stated that is included in the blue print. Mr. Bonner stated yes. Councilman Johnson stated for the new Councilmember's we have tried to keep the rates down. One of the things we addressed is the quality of life, in order for Willcox to grow is to get the waste water treatment plant the past (4) Council have looked at lots of treatment plants and we felt this was the best one to do. When you talk about raising rates it is very sensitive to me, and if there are options down the road it helps.

**ADJOURN**

Being no further business before the Mayor and Council Mayor Irvin adjourned at 7: 30 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Willcox held on the 26th day of November 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

**Dated this 10th day of December 2012**

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City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of January 2013.

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*MAYOR ROBERT A IRVIN*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford