

**THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 4th DAY OF MARCH 2013**

CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Irvin called the work session meeting to order on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and

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 arrived at 6:31 pm
Councilwoman Monika Cronberg
Councilman Earl Goolsby
Councilman William "Bill" Nigh

STAFF

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG led by Mayor Irvin

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No Conflicts were declared.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Cronberg moved to adopt the agenda as presented

SECOND: Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion - **CARRIED.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING REVIEW SOLID WASTE BUDGET AND RATES FOR FY214

City Manager Mr. McCourt began the discussion explaining that we have several funds. This is part of budget what we will be talking about tonight is the Solid Waste Fund. Our Revenue is exceeding our expense as the chart points out. He explained the charts graphs and stated we have a lot of numbers and columns due to the variance of containers for commercial use and the number of pickups, and the residential rates are factored by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which is 1.7%. He went column by column. It will cost the City of Willcox \$659,653.68 to deliver this service to our customers. If we don't adjust the rate at all we will be in an \$11,000 deficit. I will suggest in the rate hearing to adjust the rates by the cost of living adjustment of 1.7%. Councilmember Lindsey asked if the recycling was factored in to the cost. City Manager McCourt stated no we didn't, as we don't use this as income because we don't transfer it to another place and the reason we don't is because of the transfer cost is too great. Councilmember Cronberg stated the County takes the cardboard do, they do anything else. City Manager McCourt stated the County does take everything else. Our local concern as a whole is recycling is a good thing and we try to do as much as we can without costing us too much. We do have several sites for volunteer recycling for cardboards and it is being used. Councilmember Nigh stated if I could suggest doing one pick up a week instead of two days a week. City Manager McCourt stated it doesn't make much of a difference between one pickup and two pickups. The concern with one pickup is the occasional holiday and Super bowl, it gets pretty hard for the one week pickup and the occasional missed day because then it's rolling into the following week and in the summer months of the heat it get pretty fowl. In the multi-year projection our fiscal health is improving and under state law we have to budget it or we can't spend it and he pointed at the line item of \$50,000 contingency. This figure helps us increase it if for some reason we need to

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supplement it to help out if we don't collect enough to pay for the fees. We will be making gradual change not to disrupt the customers. We are projecting and assuming we adopt this new rate of a 1.7% cost of living increase.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CEMETERY PERPETUAL FUND

City Manager introduced the possibility of setting up a Perpetual Care Fund for the Cemetery I am only asking the Council to consider and think about it. We are not required to have a perpetual care fund. I have put together a chart based on the number of plots and how long it would be before we run out of plots it would take about 80 years. In 80 years we would make enough money to take care of the cemetery which the City decides to set up a Perpetual Care Fund it would have about \$4,856,243 in 80 years, and the interest will pay for it to be taken care of. The chart is based on the 3% interest. Councilmember Goolsby asked why we were in the Cemetery business. City Manager McCourt stated we are not in the Cemetery business, it is just a service we offer. The Council does set the fee for the rates. We will be coming to the council as we have almost sold out of the grass area. Councilmember Johnson asked how many acres the City has. Mr. Bonner stated about 40 acres of plot land. City Manager McCourt asked the Council if they would think about this and discuss this to see if this is something you would like to do. We would need to work on this and have time to do an ordinance. Mayor Irvin stated I would like to see something put together and if we don't like it we could turn it down. Mr. McCourt stated he would work on this and present it.

ADJOURN

Being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Irvin adjourned the Work Session at 6:50 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session of the City Council of the City of Willcox held on the 4th day of March 2013. I further certify that the work session was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of March 2013

/s/ Virginia A. Mefford

City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April 2012

/s/ Robert A. Irvin

MAYOR ROBERT A IRVIN

Signed 04-03-2013

ATTEST:

/s/ Virginia A. Mefford

City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford