

**THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 22nd DAY OF APRIL 2013**

CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Irvin called the work session meeting to order on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6:30 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
Councilwoman Monika Cronberg
Councilman Earl Goolsby
Councilman William "Bill" Nigh

STAFF

City Manager Pat McCourt
City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford
Public Serv. & Works Interim Director John Bowen
Finance Director Ruth Graham
Development Services Jeff Stoddard

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 Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as presented

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg **CARRIED.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING STREETS/HURF

City Manager McCourt explained this is one of our continuing and ongoing Budget Work Session. He went over all the different funds and stated some of them are moved by transfer only and pointed at the budget sheet from the councilmembers handouts. He stated in the Waste Water Treatment Plant instead of the \$5,000,000 the city was anticipating on getting a loan for it may be looking at getting a loan for \$2,000,000 instead for the projected and I am almost afraid to say that. City Manager McCourt stated one of our community volunteers asked if he went after some grants for the Firefighter's Pension Plan if we would be able to add it to the budget. He pointed out the funds for this and we do a pretty hefty amount in the expense and revenue. The government has a flat rate per gallon. He explained the sheet the Councilmember's we given and read the various amounts that were gained by revenue by the gas rates and explained that there has been some recovery in this area. Another source of income was from the City's 1% sales tax increase; this will have an impact on the GF. The Projection sheet has the income sources. We do have transfer funds going on. Some a couple of the (loans) are for the Zipper and the loader. The loader goes on for one more year. What we are planning on doing after the loader is paid is purchasing a streets sweeper. Mr. Gary Adams will explain this a bit further later in his presentation. I have recommended having an open ended balance budget. We have a long understanding with the public of what we are going to fix. We do have a bond for debt service that runs out in 2035. Councilmember Lindsey asked if this was to fix Arizona Street. Mr. Adams stated yes, and a couple of other streets. City Manager McCourt introduced Gary Adams to show what the money has been used for.

Mr. Adams stated with the Zipper we have been able to maintain the streets. This piece of equipment has helped us immensely. We are presently doing Curtis and Biddle we are doing Scott Street as we were going to do Wilson, but we have been getting a lot of complaints regarding Scott Street. Next year we will be doing Bowie, Cochise, and Maley to Bisbee. We have been able to get a dump truck thanks to Mr. Bowen getting on from State Surplus a lot cheaper. The new street sweeper will be mechanical broom and we currently have one that does a sucking motion and it is better to have a

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broom. City Manager McCourt asked about the savings on the Zipper. Council asked if the Zipper would save a lot of money on oil. Mr. Adams stated it won't on oil but on patching material the city has saved between \$49,000 and \$50,000 so far, since purchasing the Zipper. He gave a presentation on the power point of the areas they have completed so far and what they are about to complete. Several things that we do in streets consist of Mowing, Maintenance at Keiller Park, Bird area it is ADA standards, weed maintenance, and Crosswalk. Mayor Irvin asked how much do you spend on the patching load. Mr. Adams stated about \$2,500 a load. With Chip Seal we should keep the cost down. Recycling we have 11.41 ton of cardboard from TA 6.48 tons of card board has been collected at the city. We have spent about 47.95 of man hours plus inmates. Councilmember Cronberg asked if the capital expense was not just for this year. Mr. Adams stated no it is a 5 year plan; next year is about \$65,000

City Manager stated this is what we are proposing and the budget we are recommending. Next week we will be focusing on the General Fund.

ADJOURN

Being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Irvin adjourned the Work Session at 7:03 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 22nd day of April 2013. I further certify that the work session was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 22nd day of April 2013

/s/ Virginia A. Mefford
City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May 2013

/s/ Robert A. Irvin
MAYOR ROBERT A IRVIN

Signed 4-24-2013

ATTEST:

/s/ Virginia A. Mefford
City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford