

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Bob Irvin called the Regular Meeting to order on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance

ROLL CALL - City Clerk Virginia Mefford called the roll:

PRESENT

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

STAFF

City Manager Ted Soltis
City Clerk Virginia Mefford
City Attorney Ann P. Roberts
Finance Director Ruth Graham
Interim Police Chief Glenn Childers
Public Services & Works Director John Bowen
Library Director Tom Miner
Development Services Jeff Stoddard

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Bill Holloway-Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - No Response from Council or Staff.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None declared by Council or Staff.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the adoption of the agenda with the correction on number 8 removing "4-H and FFA Clubs" and replacing with "Willcox Junior Rodeo Association."

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg **CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2013

MOTION: Councilmember Cronberg moved to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2013.

SECONDED: Councilmember Johnson **CARRIED**

WILLCOX JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION REQUEST THE FEES WAIVED AT QUAIL PARK FOR A RODEO ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: NOVEMBER 23, 2013, JANUARY 25, 2014, MARCH 8, 2014 AND MAY 17, 2014.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the waiving of the fees for the Junior Rodeo for the dates stated above. **SECONDED:** Councilmember Cronberg **DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Goolsby asked for an explanation of Gymkhana. A member from the Junior Rodeo explained it's the same as a Jr. Rodeo. **CARRIED**

STREET CLOSURE FOR VETERANS DAY PARADE, RAILROAD AVENUE FROM FREMONT TO MALEY ON NOVEMBER 11, 2013 FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the request. **SECONDED:** Councilmember Lindsey **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-68 APPROVING RELEASE OF LIABILITY FROM CALIFORNIA BANK AND TRUST REGARDING DEMOLITION OF THE DESERT INN MOTEL LOCATED AT 704 SOUTH HASKELL AVENUE, WILLCOX, ARIZONA.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-68. **SECONDED:** Councilmember Lindsey **DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Johnson stated, for the record, this letter is to release the City of Willcox of liability and to be able to clean up the motel. Mayor Irvin asked if there was a time limit. The City Manager said he expected the final signatures by the end of the week. Councilmember Cronberg asked for clarification about the

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cleanup of the asbestos and whether a certified company must be used for all of the work. City Manager Soltis stated that Willcox Cares has obtained three bids and they are all certified to clean up all of the asbestos-tainted material. Councilmember Lindsey asked when the bids will be in. The City Manager stated that Willcox Cares, not the City, has obtained three bids. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-69 APPROVING THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY FROM KRISHNA PAL SINGH AND URMILA SINGH, OWNER/TRUSTOR, REGARDING DEMOLITION OF THE DESERT INN MOTEL LOCATED AT 704 SOUTH HASKELL AVENUE, WILLCOX, ARIZONA.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-69. **SECONDED:** Councilmember Cronberg **DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Johnson asked if the letter had been sent. City Manager Soltis stated yes. **CARRIED**

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

He provided an update on the Golf Course. Staff hopes to have a recommendation before Council at the next meeting.

He attended the SSVEC community meeting.

He had a meeting with Funeral Director Dan Douglas and discussed the cemetery expansion. Mr. Bowen gave an update.

He attended the Library Strategic Plan. He complimented staff - Mr. Minor, Sylvia, and Tonya - for their great presentations. Mr. Minor gave an update on the Library Strategic Planning process.

He attended the Wine Festival and stated it was fantastic and hopes it keeps growing.

He gave an update on the Municipal Code Book.

Mr. Bowen gave an update on the street sign for the corner of Maley and Haskell.

Interim Chief Childers made a detective announcement hiring at the Police Department. He stated that Detective Rios is eligible to retire soon and he wanted the Council to be the first to know we have selected Officer Reno as a new detective.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Johnson stated the Wine Festival was a success.

Councilmember Lindsey stated that this coming Saturday is "Make a Difference Day." "We will clean up the historic cemetery and all are welcome to help."

Mayor Irvin noted that not too long ago the City sold some property out at the Industrial Park. The Council made a good choice selling it to Arizona Grain. They have had truck loads come in and it is going great.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm by Mayor Irvin.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Willcox held on the 21st day of October, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 23rd day of October 2013

/s/ Virginia A. Mefford

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2013.

/s/ Robert A. Irvin

Robert A. Irvin, Mayor

Date signed: 11-06-2013

ATTEST:

/s/ Virginia A. Mefford

City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford