

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 6th DAY OF JANUARY, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Bob Irvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - City Clerk, Virginia A. 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

Councilman Elwood A. Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Terry Rowden invited Council and staff to the Wings Over Willcox reception at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 16, 2014.

Rob Jones thanked Council and staff for all the work done to help clean- up the motel. He also thanked the newspaper for the article regarding community events.

The Mayor thanked Alan Baker for all of his efforts working with Willcox Cares.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Cronberg made a motion to adopt the agenda.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Holloway

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2013.

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes.

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2014-01 APPROVING PURCHASES THROUGH MEMBERS OF ITS GOVERNING BODY

MOTION: Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-01.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Cronberg asked why Council has to approve this year after year.

City Manager Soltis said it was in the procurement policy.

MOTION CARRIED

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RESOLUTION 2014-02 APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2014 AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE NORTHERN COCHISE HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

MOTION: Councilmember Cronberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-02.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked for clarification on the changes. Councilmember Cronberg said the age limit was decreased to 55 to increase participation.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2014-03 APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE "ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVED FULL SERVICE LEASE WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLCOX, "LESSOR", AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, LESSEE"

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2014-03.

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked about the changes to the lease. Ms. Graham said utilities and rent would now be paid and the length of the term was changed from an annual lease to a ten-year lease. Opportunity to reevaluate the rate would come after five years. Councilmember Lindsey asked if only DPS could terminate the lease. City Attorney Roberts said it may be terminated by either party. Councilmember Cronberg noted that the City has a great ongoing relationship with them.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2014-04 APPROVING THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT TO FUND OFFICER OVERTIME, MILEAGE, AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF OPERATION STONEGARDEN

MOTION: Councilmember Cronberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-04.

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked a question related to equipment compatibility. Interim Chief Childers said it is mainly for radios and they are compatible.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

The City Manager, John Bowen and Ruth Graham attended a Waste Water Treatment Plant Value Engineering meeting. Mr. Bowen discussed how different design plans could save money.

He noted that Wings Over Willcox activities will take place from the 15th -19th of January 2014. He thanked the group and encouraged everyone to attend.

The employee appreciation party was a success with close to 80 people attending.

He noted that holiday lighting around the community was fantastic.

He had a preliminary request for developing a community garden on city property. One proposed site was the former water tank site.

He asked Council for their thoughts on changing the meeting time to 6:30 pm from 7:00 pm, and possibly the meeting day to another day. Council was amenable to changing the time. Vice Mayor Holloway asked if the day could be left open-ended until it can be discussed further. Ms. Broeder stated the compelling reason it was changed Monday from Tuesday was due to newspaper deadline, but with current technology it's easier and it is not such a problem. Mayor Irvin requested this to be brought up again at a later date.

Mr. Miner gave his end of the year annual report on the library.

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COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice Mayor Holloway said after being stuck in airports, he is glad to be home.

He asked if there was a place for people to go to keep warm if it gets really cold. This may be something to think about.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ARS 38-431.03A (1) FOR CITY MANAGER'S SIX MONTH EVALUATION

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:43 pm.

DISCUSSION/DECISION RELATED TO CITY MANAGER'S SIX MONTH EVALUATION

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:23 pm.

Councilmember Cronberg stated the Council made the right decision hiring Mr. Soltis. He is doing a wonderful job and it is showing through his actions.

ADJOURN Being no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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 6th day of January, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of January 2014

/s/ Virginia A. Mefford

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of January 2014.

/s/ Robert A. Irvin

MAYOR ROBERT A IRVIN

ATTEST:

Date signed: 01-23-2014

/s/ Virginia A. Mefford

City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford