

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ  
HELD ON THIS 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** - Led by Mayor Irvin

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - None

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Cronberg

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2013.**

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

**SECONDED:** Vice Mayor Holloway

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (SSVEC) CAPITAL CREDITS CHECK  
PRESENTATION - TELLY STANGER**

Mr. Stanger presented a capital check in the amount of \$1,364.95 to the Council. The Council thanked SSVEC.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to accept the check.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Lindsey

**MOTION CARRIED**

**WILLCOX CARES REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MOTEL DEMOLITION FUNDS**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to approve Willcox Cares request for additional motel demolition funds.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Cronberg

**DISCUSSION:** Chamber Director, Alan Baker, thanked Mike Kauffman with Willcox Cares, the County, and the City. Councilmembers noted that this was a win/win situation. Councilmember Cronberg said considering the time frame given, it was amazing and she thanked them.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ARIZONA MUNICIPAL RISK RETENTION POOL (AMRRP) MUNICIPAL LIABILITY COVERAGE APPROVAL -  
PRESENTATION BY ED BANTEL**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to approve Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (AMRRP) Municipal Liability Coverage.

**Seconded:** Councilmember Cronberg

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**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Bantel gave a presentation on the AMRRP Municipal Liability Coverage. He stated the City of Willcox is one of their best clients for property casualty. Councilmember Lindsey asked for clarification regarding the buildings in question. He asked staff if they could better describe the buildings. Vice Mayor Holloway asked staff to provide Council with a breakdown of the structures. Mr. Stoddard asked for an explanation on building replacement coverage. Mr. Bantel explained that the structure would be replaced "as is" with additional coverage to meet building codes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FRIENDS OF MARTY ROBBINS MUSEUM REQUEST FOR RAILROAD AVE. STREET CLOSURE FROM HASKELL AVE. TO MALEY ST. ON MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 8:00 AM UNTIL 8:30 AM FOR A PARADE**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Friends of Marty Robbins Museum request for Railroad Ave. street closure from Haskell Avenue to Maley St. on March 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00 am until 8:30 am for a parade.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Lindsey

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Johnson noted that there may be a typo as the parade starts at 9:00 am.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FRIENDS OF MARTY ROBBINS MUSEUM REQUEST FOR RAILROAD AVE. STREET CLOSURE FROM STEWART ST. TO MALEY ST. ON MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> FROM 8:00 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Friends of Marty Robbins Museum request for Railroad Ave. street closure from Haskell Avenue to Maley St. on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Lindsey

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2014-05 SETTING THE DAY AND TIME FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cronberg made a motion to approve the time change to 6:30 pm.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Johnson

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Johnson asked if there would be a scheduling conflict with work sessions. Councilmember Goolsby said we could work around this if we needed to.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cronberg stated, "The way this resolution reads, is to reevaluate the date change. I would like at this time to move the meeting days to Thursday evenings."

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Johnson

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Cronberg stated things change and she was able to accommodate this at this time. Councilmember Lindsey asked if this would take effect in February. City Manager Soltis said yes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2014-06 APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE ELSIE S. HOGAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-06.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Cronberg

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NATURESWEET LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cronberg made a motion to approve the NatureSweet letter of support.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Lindsey

**DISCUSSION:** City Manager Soltis said NatureSweet asked for Council to help them with this request. He drafted the letter based on the recommendation of NatureSweet and recommended Council to approve the letter of support.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Graham presented the financial reports for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Councilmembers asked questions.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

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- He attended a Willcox Historic Theater meeting. Input was gathered from individuals representing various organizations. He said we are fortunate to have the theater and we need to support it.
- Public Works had a pot-luck for retiring city worker, Joe Fimbres. He retired after 10 years of service. He thanked Joe for his hard work and dedication.
- He met with Small Business Development Center (SBDC) which works closely with Cochise Community College. He indicated they are a good resource and he encouraged businesses that need assistance to contact them. Information is available at City Hall.
- The City is nearly about finished with Wings Over Willcox (WOW) property donation.
- He attended the WOW banquet and was very impressed with the event. The Mayor and he met with Congressman Barber.
- He attended the Mayor Manager luncheon in Sierra Vista with Mayor Irvin and Councilmember Lindsey.
- He attended the annual Firemen's Pension Board meeting. The Mayor ran that meeting and did a great job.
- We have a solution to the City's unsightly recycling center on Railroad Avenue; it's currently more of a dump site than a recycling center. The City is partnering with the County as they offer free recycling at the transfer station.
- Interim Chief Childers presented an end-of-the-year report.

**COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilmember Johnson commented on recycling. He usually takes his cardboard after work and couldn't drop it off on Saturday night; he had to keep it until Tuesday. He used to have a dumpster at Kempton and it was there so people could dump their trash rather than in the alley or behind buildings. He was concerned that tipping fees would go up. He suggested the City may want to think about having a place to recycle at least the cardboard and newspaper.

Mayor Irvin welcomed the Chamber Director's wife, Pam, to Willcox.

**ADJOURN** Being no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

**Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2014**

Virginia A. Mefford  
Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

Robert A. Irvin  
MAYOR ROBERT A IRVIN

ATTEST:

Date signed: 02-26-2014

Virginia A. Mefford  
City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford