

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Bob Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Councilman Earl Goolsby - Excused
Councilman William "Bill" Nigh - Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Gayle Berry - She informed the Council that April 9th is Arizona Gives Day. She thanked the community for their generosity to the theater. As a private individual, she also expressed her dismay over recent issues involving Wings Over Willcox. She gave a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers.

Mr. Johnson spoke on behalf of the businesses in the community. He stressed the importance of shopping local as it "pays wages" and the sales tax "helps keep the city afloat."

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Councilmember Johnson declared a conflict of interest on item #13.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Johnson

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2014.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Hallway made a motion to approve the minutes.

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson commented that his and the City Manager's comments regarding Wings Over Willcox were not in the minutes; however, he noted that the newspaper printed the comments.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING - SERIES 7 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ISABEL'S SOUTH OF THE BORDER LOCATED AT 135 EAST MALEY, WILLCOX, AZ

Open: 6:40 p.m. **Closed:** 6:41 p.m.

APPROVE A SERIES 7 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ISABEL'S SOUTH OF THE BORDER LOCATED AT 135 EAST MALEY, WILLCOX, AZ

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a Series 7 Liquor License for Isabel's South of the Boarder located at 135 East Maley, Willcox, AZ.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Holloway

MOTION CARRIED

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STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FOR THE WINE FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY THE WILLCOX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR RAILROAD AVE. BETWEEN STEWART ST. AND MALEY ST. ON MAY 17 AND 18, 2014, FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the street closure for the wine festival sponsored by the Willcox Chamber of Commerce for Railroad Avenue between Stewart St. and Maley St. on May 17 and 18, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg

MOTION CARRIED

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FOR THE WILLCOX ROD AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW SPONSORED BY THE REX ALLEN MUSEUM FOR RAILROAD AVE. BETWEEN STEWART ST. AND MALEY ST. ON MAY 24, 2014, FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the street closure request for the Willcox Rod and Classic Car show sponsored by the Rex Allen Museum for Railroad Avenue between Stewart St. and Maley St. on May 24, 2014, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg

MOTION CARRIED

PURCHASE APPROVAL FOR A 2014 FORD XL CREW CAB 4X4 FROM THE SANDERSON FORD STATE CONTRACT FOR USE IN THE UTILITY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion for purchase approval of a 2014 Ford XL Crew Cab 4x4 as presented.

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg

DISCUSSION: Councilmembers inquired about the current vehicle inventory, commented on the importance of purchasing suitable vehicles for the job required, and shopping local. Mr. Bowen answered questions.

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES: Mayor Irvin, Vice Mayor Holloway, Councilmember Lindsey, and Councilmember Cronberg. **1 NAY:** Councilmember Johnson

PURCHASE APPROVAL FOR A POLICE VEHICLE

MOTION: Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion for purchase approval of a police vehicle.

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg

DISCUSSION: Chief Childers gave a brief explanation on the vehicle that is being purchased. He noted the packet included a state bid and two quotes. As the state bid came in high, he chose to seek three quotes.

He added, based on the procurement policy and past decisions, staff chose to recommend the low quote, O'Reilly Chevrolet. Councilmembers had questions on where taxes would go and discussed shopping local. City Attorney Roberts recommended tabling the item and bringing it back to the next Council meeting with additional information on the sales tax.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Cronberg made a motion to table the purchase of a police vehicle.

SECOND: Councilmember Lindsey

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES: Mayor Irvin, Vice Mayor Holloway, Councilmember Lindsey, and Councilmember Cronberg. **ABSTAIN:** Councilmember Johnson

PROCLAMATION - ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK

Mayor Irvin presented the Proclamation to Kelly Colbert.

Chief Childers expressed his appreciation for everything the Humane Shelter personnel do.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Mayor Irvin presented the Proclamation to Tom Minor.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Mayor Irvin presented the Proclamation to Tom Minor on behalf of the volunteers of the library.

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PROCLAMATION - PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

Mayor Irvin presented the Proclamation to Patricia Ackerson, Julie Teeters, and Julie Zozaya.
Chief Childers thanked them for all that they do.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

He thanked Penny Bell for her service as she is resigning. Chief Childers highlighted Ms. Bell's accomplishments and presented her with a plaque. Ms. Bell thanked everyone. Chief Childers introduced Ms. Zozaya as Ms. Bell's replacement.

He announced Mr. Bowen's retirement potluck and invited the Council to stop by. It is at 4:30 p.m., April 4, at the Golf Course.

He thanked Tanya Flanders for her service at the Library as she is resigning.

He thanked Pioneer Title for the donation of a desk.

He thanked staff for their participation in Career Day. They did a great job.

He attended the Rate Review Revisionary Board (RRAB) in Bisbee regarding trash tipping fees. They will increase; he will keep Council posted.

He announced the job posting for Public Works Director has closed. The City received 15 applications. He is excited as there are some very qualified candidates.

He attended a meeting regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Bowen gave an update on the new plant. He is expecting the 90% Completion Plans on Friday. Everything should be in place by mid-June with construction to begin in October; it should take about 15 months to complete. He also noted that the facility will include solar panels.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice Mayor Holloway asked that the City and staff not take any position on Wings Over Willcox (WOW).

Councilmember Johnson asked if staff could look into rental property owners having to pay for water, gas, sewer and trash to be connected when they don't have renters. He stated Penny was a great asset to the City and hoped Julie learns everything she can from her.

Councilmember Lindsey stated that after traveling it is good to be back in Willcox.

Mayor Irvin announced tonight's fundraising concert for the hospital by Councilmember Goolsby at the First Baptist Church.

ADJOURN Being no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. 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 3rd day of April 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2014

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April 2014.

MAYOR ROBERT A IRVIN

ATTEST:

Date signed: _____

City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford