

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE, 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
Police Chief Glenn Childers
Library Director Tom Miner
Public Works Director Kevin Hagerich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Barbara Chavez expressed her concern about cleaning up the City and enforcing the laws pertaining to cleaning up the City.

Rob Jones supports the City of Willcox and announced the Willcox Cares meeting. He is excited about the streets being paved. He updated Council on the Willcox Cares meeting and discussed the importance of improving Willcox. He gave kudos to City workers.

Alan Baker announced the State Transportation Board meeting and invited all the Council to attend; it will be held at Aridus Wine Company.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey and Councilmember Goolsby

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 15, 2014.

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby

MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC HEARING - STUMBLEWEEDS, LLC APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE LOCATED
AT 115 S. HASKELL AVENUE**

Open: 6:35 pm

Closed: 6:36 pm

APPROVE STUMBLEWEEDS, LLC APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Stumbleweeds, LLC application for Liquor License

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby

MOTION CARRIED

**FEE WAIVER REQUEST FROM REX ALLEN DAYS, INC. FOR USE OF QUAIL PARK RODEO GROUNDS FOR
THE "SOUTHERN ARIZONA FREE RIDE" TO BE HELD JUNE 14, 2014**

MOTION: Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion not to approve fee waiver request from Rex Allen Days, Inc. for use of Quail Park Rodeo Grounds for the "Southern Arizona Free Ride" to be held June 14, 2014.

MOTION FAILED for lack of second.

DISCUSSION: City Attorney Roberts advised Council to make a motion for discussion or table it and move to next item.

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MOTION: Councilmember Goolsby made a motion to approve the fee waiver request from Rex Allen Days, Inc. for use of Quail Park Rodeo Grounds for the "Southern Arizona Free Ride" to be held June 14, 2014.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Holloway

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Nigh asked why fees have been waived as the City incurs fees and should collect some sort of fee. Councilmember Lindsey stated this issue was discussed a few years ago and he had asked the City Manager to look into it. The City Manager stated the City Clerk went through the minutes and there was no decision found. Councilmember Lindsey indicated there were fees approved. The City Clerk stated she researched the minutes and the only fees that were approved were for the Community Center fees. Councilmember Johnson indicated it was discussed back in 2008 and 2009. Vice Mayor Holloway stated the need to reevaluate the fees and establish a new fee schedule. Mr. Hagerich stated staff is in the process of evaluating draft forms and operating procedures for each area, and once the forms and fee schedule are established, he will give them to the City Manager for review who will then discuss them with Council.

MOTION FAILED: AYES -2 Councilmembers Goolsby and Nigh **NAYS 4-** Mayor Irvin, Vice Mayor Holloway, Councilmembers Lindsey and Johnson.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a flat fee of the following: \$50 application/arena fee and \$150 cleanup fee to be refunded upon duties performed.

SECOND: Councilmember Lindsey

MOTION CARRIED- AYES- 4- Mayor Irvin, Councilmembers Lindsey, and Johnson and Nigh **NAYS- 2-** Vice Mayor Holloway and Councilmember Goolsby.

FEE WAIVER REQUEST FROM CHIRICAHUA TRAILS FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR A FUNDRAISER ON JULY 18TH AND 19TH.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the fee waiver request from Chiricahua Trails Fire Department for use of the Community Center for a fundraiser on July 18th And 19th.

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson noted it's a similar situation with a \$50 registration fee, \$150 ballroom fee and \$150 cleaning/damage fee.

AMEND MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a flat charge of the following: \$50 registration fee, waive the \$150 ballroom fee, \$150 cleanup fee to be refunded upon duties performed.

SECOND: Councilmember Nigh

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey clarified the \$50 registration fee is not refundable as the previous motion. Councilmember Johnson noted that was correct. Ms. Shultz, a member of the audience, asked about liability insurance. Mr. Hagerich stated as part of the application package, they did provide proof of coverage. Mr. Broeder, a member of the audience, asked about the fee schedule and definition of the 501c3 status. Mr. Levine, with the Fire Department, stated that the 501c3 has been pending since August of 2013. Councilmember Goolsby agreed with Councilmember Johnson that the fee waiver fee issue needs to be addressed as it is conflicting.

MOTION CARRIED- AYES- 4- Mayor Irvin, Councilmembers Lindsey, Johnson, and Nigh **NAYS- 2-** Vice Mayor Holloway and Councilmember Goolsby.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AND INSURANCE PRESENTATION - AL THUNBERG

Mr. Thunberg gave a presentation on the employee benefit insurance. This charge is exactly the same as last year. Ms. Van Allen stated the percentage of changes of employee/spouse and employee/children was done by a percentage rate. The MetLife premium will remain the same. Mr. Thunberg announced enrollment and employee education is on June 19, 2014 at the Council Chamber.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE - BLUE CROSS BLUESHIELD OF ARIZONA - RENEWAL

MOTION: Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to approve the employee health insurance - Blue Cross BlueShield of Arizona - renewal

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby

MOTION CARRIED

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EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE - METLIFE - RENEWAL

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the employee life insurance - MetLife - renewal

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby

MOTION CARRIED

ESG EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ADVOCATE SERVICE APPLICATION APPROVAL

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the ESG Employee Benefit Advocate Service Application

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Holloway

MOTION CARRIED

ESG ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RENEWAL AGREEMENT APPROVAL

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the ESG Administrative Services Renewal

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Holloway

MOTION CARRIED

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY CLASS A PUMPER GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the Gila River Indian Community Class A Pumper Grant Application

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey

DISCUSSION: Chief Childers explained the grant application process. He stated if the City receives this grant he will begin looking to purchase this pumper. Councilmember Nigh asked if they had a maintenance program. Mr. Childers explained they fix the equipment as needed, and they do preventive maintenance with City mechanics.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER REPORT

He attended the Wine Festival, and he said it was very successful. He thanked everyone who assisted, and Mr. Keeling and Jan Schaefer in particular.

He heard the car show was a great success. He thanked those who helped make it a success.

He announced an opening on the Planning and Zoning Commission as Doyle Miller had resigned. He thanked Mr. Doyle for his service on the Commission.

He announced Donnie Blacks retirement party and wished him well.

He announced Amber Naverrette's departure from the Police Department to the Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Hagerich gave an update regarding electric work at Railroad Park and the recent auction and ongoing clean-up of City-owned property. He discussed the importance of the City setting an example.

The City Manager proposed a budget work session for June 12 at 6:30 p.m. Since there was a time conflict with the Arizona Transportation Department get-together, the meeting time was changed to 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Irvin thanked the City Manager for all the work he did getting the motel cleaned up. He said, "He deserves a round of applause."

Vice Mayor Holloway stated the City finally had a Code Book after 15 years. He said he personally expects to see movement on clean-up.

Goolsby echoed Vice Mayor Holloway sentiments that there should be improvement on City clean-up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ARS 38-431.03(A)(1)- CITY ATTORNEY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to move into Executive Session per ARS 38-431.03(A) (1) - City Attorney Performance evaluation and Employment Agreement.

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby

MOTION CARRIED

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:24 p.m.

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ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT APPROVAL

MOTION: Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to approve the City Attorney Employment Agreement for two more years.

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURN

Being no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 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 5TH day of June 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5TH day of June 2014

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June 2014.

/s/ Robert A. Irvin
MAYOR ROBERT A IRVIN

ATTEST:

Date signed: 06-19-2014

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