

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 17th DAY OF JULY, 2014**

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

ROLL CALL - Recording Secretary Sherry Van Allen 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
Recording Secretary Sherry Van Allen
City Attorney Ann P. Roberts
Finance Director Crystal Hadfield
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 - No Response

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None declared

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

SECONDED: Councilwoman Cronberg seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2014.

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

SECONDED: Councilman Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET

Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget was opened at 6:32 pm by Mayor Irvin

No comments or questions were received - Closed hearing at 6:33 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPERTY TAXES

Public Hearing on Property Taxes was opened at 6:33 pm by Mayor Irvin.

No comments or questions were received - Closed hearing at 6:34 pm.

RESOLUTION 2014-10 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

MOTION: Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-10.

SECONDED: Councilwoman Cronberg seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: City Manager Soltis gave a summary at the request of Councilman Johnson. He explained this budget is a commitment to continue to provide quality services to the public while finding ways to decrease expenses. Councilwoman Cronberg stated her appreciation. After eight years on the Council she finally received an understandable and well-presented budget.

Councilman Lindsey expressed his concern with deficit spending in the General Fund and the HURF Fund. City Manager Soltis addressed those concerns explaining all sections of the budget will be closely monitored by the staff responsible for them. He reiterated that his team fully understands that we have to make cuts where we can and the importance of keeping on budget.

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Councilman Johnson reiterated that City Manager Soltis is building a strong leadership team and that the Council has been presented a budget that was well thought out and presented in a professional and clear manner.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2014-11 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COCHISE COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

MOTION: Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-11.

SECONDED: Councilwoman Cronberg seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSED BILLBOARD DESIGN

MOTION: Councilwoman Cronberg made a motion to approve the proposed billboard design.

SECONDED: Councilman Goolsby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Lindsey felt corrections needed to be made to the design prior to approval.

Councilwoman Cronberg clarified that this is just to approve the initial design and that the wording can be modified.

MOTION FAILED (1-5) Aye's - Councilman Johnson. Nay's - Councilmembers Irvin, Cronberg, Goolsby, Lindsey, and Nigh.

MOTION: Mayor Irvin moved to TABLE the item.

SECONDED: Councilwoman Cronberg seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2014-12 - A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE CITY OF WILLCOX BANK ACCOUNTS, PROPERTIES, AFFAIRS, BOOKS AND CORPORATE RECORDS OF THE CITY

MOTION: Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-12.

SECONDED: Councilwoman Cronberg seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2014 -13 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AWARDING THE BID CONTRACT TO DUNLAP OIL COMPANY FOR PURCHASES OF UNLEADED GAS AND DIESEL

MOTION: Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-12.

SECONDED: Councilwoman Cronberg seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION was held on the process of the fuel bid. PW Director Kevin Hagerich clarified what was presented at the bid opening.

MOTION CARRIED (4-2) Aye's - Mayor Irvin, Councilmembers Lindsey, Goolsby, Nigh Nay's – Councilmembers Johnson and Cronberg.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

He thanked everyone who put time into the fireworks.

He thanked former Finance Director Ruth Graham for her years of service and wished her the best in her retirement.

He introduced Crystal Hadfield as the new Finance Director and welcomed her back to the City.

He attended a meeting with the Mayor with a Representative from Senator Barber's office.

He gave an update on the Municipal Code. Staff is currently working on animal control, code enforcement, and will begin Title 17. He thanked Planning and Zoning for their work on Title 17.

He proposed a Council tour on Friday Aug 8th to look at various City properties that Public Works has cleaned and made significant improvements on.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Irvin welcomed back Crystal Hadfield.

Councilwoman Cronberg welcomed Ms. Hadfield back to City Hall.

Councilman Goolsby asked Planning and Zoning Chair Fusco to speak in his place as Mr. Fusco was not present at call to the public. Chairman Fusco addressed staff and Council and stated that Planning and Zoning will give full cooperation with Title 17 and look forward to assisting in any manner with its development and implementation.

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ADJOURN

Being no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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 17th day of July, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of July 2014

/s/ Sherry Van Allen
Sherry Van Allen, Recording Secretary

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of August, 2014.

/s/ Robert A. Irvin
MAYOR ROBERT A IRVIN
Date signed: 08-07-2014

ATTEST:

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