

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 8th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Bob Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Crystal Hadfield
Police Chief Glenn Childers
~~Library Director Tom Miner~~
Public Works Director Kevin Hagerich
Development Services Jeff Stoddard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chuck Broeder spoke regarding the Chamber of Commerce contract renewal. He requested an investigation of the Chamber's conduct regarding Wings over Wilcox (WOW) and why 19 volunteers decided to resign from WOW, before Council decides on renewing the contract.

Mike Laws, Trevor Ward, Sean Chaffey, and Calvin King all expressed concern over the new park fees and the impact the fees would have on the kids who play sports.

Donald Rayos noted that his brother Albert Rayos worked for the City of Willcox and that there is no mention of him at any of the facilities. He also expressed concern over the new fees, noting that if there are no activities to keep kids busy, they will get bored and get into trouble. He announced that there will be a motorcycle rally in July 2015.

Kevin, the Public Works Director, explained that the new fee structure was due to budget constraints. He is trying to increase revenue to help upkeep City facilities. He has checked other fees around Arizona and the new fees are some of the lowest. He wished the City didn't have to charge for the use of its facilities.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None declared

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to adopt the agenda with removal of item # 11.

SECONDED: Councilwoman Cronberg seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 17, 2014.

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

PROCLAMATION - COCHISE COLLEGE - 50TH ANNIVERSARY - J.D. ROTTWEILER

Mayor Irvin read the proclamation and presented it to President J.D. Rottweiler, and Cochise College representatives Denise Hoyas and Debbie Ellis. Mr. Rottweiler thanked the Council for recognizing Cochise College for their 50th Anniversary and invited the Council to the many events that are going to happen. He also presented Council with Cochise College's 50th anniversary pin.

PROCLAMATION - REX ALLEN DAYS

Vice Mayor Holloway read the proclamation and the Mayor presented it to Michael Clements, president of Rex Allen Days. Michael pointed out that the Chamber and the Museum were mentioned in the Proclamation and he thanked them for their part in the Rex Allen Days' activities. He also thanked the Council.

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PROCLAMATION - CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Irvin read the proclamation.

REX ALLEN DAYS, INC. SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE REQUEST FOR KEILLER PARK ON OCTOBER 4TH FROM 12:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

REX ALLEN DAYS, INC. SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE REQUEST FOR QUAIL PARK ON OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH FROM 2:00 PM TO 4:30 PM

MOTION: Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to approve the Rex Allen Days, Inc. Special Event License request for Quail Park on October 4th and 5th from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson asked for clarification. Chief Childers explained he will have regular patrol out at this time, but not someone devoted to this specific event due to the limited number of officers. Mr. Clements stated he was working on obtaining one certified officer and two Rangers. Chief Childers stated since this had not left the City Clerk's office, Michael would be able to modify this section on the liquor license to reflect the change from two certified officers to one.

MOTION FAILED

MOTION: Councilmember Cronberg made a motion to approve Rex Allen Days, Inc. Special Event License request for Quail Park on October 4th and 5th from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm with the corrections made from two certified officer to one certified officer, as recommended by Chief Childers.

SECONDED: Councilmember Johnson

MOTION CARRIED

WILLCOX HISTORIC THEATER PRESERVATION SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE REQUEST FOR WILLCOX HISTORIC THEATER ON OCTOBER 18TH FROM 12:00 PM TO 7:00 PM AND OCTOBER 19TH FROM 12:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

MOTION: Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the Willcox Historic Theater Preservation Special Event License request for Willcox Historic Theater on October 18th from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm and October 19th from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Berry stated this will be in conjunction with the wine festival. This event will help educate the festival patrons on the wine industry.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2014-14 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL AND EXTENSION OF THE USE, MAINTENANCE AND STIPEND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLCOX ["CITY"] AND THE WILLCOX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE ["CHAMBER"]

MOTION: Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-14.

SECONDED: Councilmember Nigh seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Baker gave his annual report to the Council on what the Chamber has been doing to promote the City of Willcox.

MOTION FAILED (2 to 5) - AYES: Vice Mayor Holloway and Councilmember Nigh **NAYS:** Mayor Irvin, Councilmembers Lindsey, Johnson, Cronberg, and Goolsby

MOTION: Councilman Johnson made a motion to table this item.

SECONDED: Councilmember Cronberg seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE 318 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, ARIZONA, LEVYING A PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY SUBJECT TO TAXATION, A SUM CERTAIN EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET, LESS THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

MOTION: Vice Mayor Holloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 318.

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 1) - AYES: Mayor Irvin, Vice Mayor Holloway, and Councilmembers Lindsey, Cronberg, Goolsby and Nigh. **NAYS:** Councilmember Johnson

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PROPOSED BILLBOARD DESIGN

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

SECONDED: Councilman Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Nigh asked why only one exit was listed on the billboard. Councilmember Cronberg explained that the Visitor Center is located at the listed location. Ms. Shultz explained that you only have about 10 to 15 seconds to read these signs. If you put too much on the billboard, it doesn't get read.

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 1) - AYES: Mayor Irvin, Vice Mayor Holloway, and Councilmembers Lindsey, Johnson, Cronberg, and Goolsby **NAYS:** Councilmember Nigh.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Soltis explained how the City will move forward on the proposed parks and public facility fee schedule. He stated that since the fees had not been approved by Council, any new fees paid thus far will be refunded. Any proposed fees will be waived until approved by Council. There will be a public hearing before any new fees are adopted by Council.

He announced that the City will have its First Annual Chili Cook-off on August 9th at 11:30 a.m. at the golf course.

We are putting together a Citizens' Review Process and Public Hearing ordinance. These need to be completed before the City proceeds with any zoning code changes.

ADOT has been working on Railroad Avenue and Maley Avenue updating the handicap ramps. The City is working with ADOT to reduce trip hazards on the sidewalks.

There is an opening on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Public Library Advisory Committee (PLAC).

The City has to look sooner into making further budget cuts. It has to refund \$100,813 in sales taxes. We are looking at staff levels and benefits.

Staff will carpool to the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Conference for the City display. No staff members will be participating beyond the display. With new personnel, the City will be using the limited training funds for essential training.

The Council tour of public property is planned for Friday, August 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Goolsby reminded everyone that school starts on Monday for Willcox Schools.

Vice Mayor mentioned Bill Stroud who passed away. He noted he was a great track coach and a fine man.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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 7th day of August, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of August 2014

Virginia Mefford
City Clerk Virginia Mefford

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of September, 2014.

Robert A. Irvin
Mayor Robert A. Irvin
Date signed: 09-08-2014

ATTEST:

Virginia A. Mefford
City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford