

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ  
HELD ON THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 Earl Goolsby  
~~Councilman Elwood A. Johnson~~  
Councilman Gerald W. Lindsey  
Councilwoman Monika Cronberg  
Councilman William "Bill" Nigh  
Councilman Tim Bowlby

**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

**ABSENT**

Councilman Elwood A. Johnson- Excused

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

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ann Bryan expressed concern regarding the zoning of her property at 125 N. Railview Ave. She hopes the issue with her property will be resolved in a timely manner. She appreciates everything Council does and hopes working together will resolve the issue.

**DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - None declared

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2014.**

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

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Cronberg seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG FUNDS - BONNIE WILLIAMS**

Ms. Williams passed out handouts regarding projects the community may need. She gave a brief overview of what the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are used for and the process used to decide the priority list. The whole project, once decided, will take about three years to complete as it is done in phases.

Councilman Nigh asked who decides what the projects will be.

Ms. Williams stated the projects are decided based on the criteria in these handouts and then brought to Council for approval.

Councilman Goolsby asked about public service projects and when the monies need to be used by.

Ms. Williams replied this is a separate project. She stated with \$198,000 available for city/towns, they are only able to pick one project.

Mr. Cropper asked if there was a requirement for matching funds.

Ms. Williams stated no matching funds are required.

Councilman Lindsey explained these are the same funds that have been used for the Community Center for the past six years for improvements.

Councilmember Cronberg asked if the funds could be used for housing rehabilitation or the waste water treatment plant.

Ms. Williams stated yes and explained the processes for each one of them based on the handouts presented.

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**OPENED Public Hearing:** 6:58 pm.

Suggested items to consider by Council and audience in attendance:

Councilmember Cronberg suggested it be used to improve the commercial properties located on Main Street.

Mr. Cropper suggested considering sidewalk improvements.

Mr. Jones suggested street projects and demolition.

Mr. LeRoy suggested that the West side of town could use some beautification.

Mr. Hagerich explained some of the ideas that were mentioned tonight were set aside as it takes a lot of money. What Public Works has suggested is the City use the money to rehabilitate the commercial area on Haskell Ave. He noted it will take the owner's agreement and for them to turn in paperwork.

Councilmember Goolsby suggested fixing up the parks. Ms. Williams stated that parks are not fundable at this time.

**CLOSED Public Hearing:** 7:16 pm

**RESOLUTION 2014-17 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD AN AMENDMENT TO THE WILLCOX MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 17 ZONING, THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT ENTITLED "CHAPTER 17.10 CITIZEN REVIEW PROCESS"**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-17.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Lindsey asked that a grammar error be corrected. City Manager Soltis noted that it would be corrected. Councilmember Lindsey asked about the definition difference between the process in 17.10.40 and the text amendment in 17.10.50. Ms. Roberts explained the difference to Council. Mayor Irvin asked if it would be done through Planning & Zoning or Council. Ms. Roberts gave a brief explanation of the citizen review process and how it works. Mr. Soltis stated he has a draft Title 17 started but the citizen review process needs to be approved before Title 17 work can be finished.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE 319 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WILLCOX MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 17 ZONING, BY ADOPTING AS A NEW CHAPTER, THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORD ENTITLED "CHAPTER 17.10 CITIZEN REVIEW PROCESS"**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cronberg made a motion to approve Ordinance 319.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPOINT A COUNCILMEMBER TO FILL THE VACATED VICE MAYOR POSITION**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nigh nominated Councilmember Goolsby as Vice Mayor. Ms. Cronberg commented she would have volunteered for this position instead of nominating someone. Mayor Irvin asked if there were any other nominations. With no other nominations, he called for the vote.

**MOTION CARRIED -5 AYES and 1 self-nomination.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- He noted that at the last Council meeting Councilmember Cronberg recommended staff get our newly elected council some material to review to get them ready to take their seats on council. That has been done. The material is available in the Clerk's office.
- The October 2, 2014, Council meeting will be canceled as all Councilmembers will be attending the Cowboy Hall of Fame dinner.
- He announced some good news regarding a TV show called Communities of Distinction presented by Terry Bradshaw. They would like to do a small segment on Willcox and it will be shown on one nationwide TV program and 19 times on local stations. The funding needed for this to happen will be raised by the Chamber of Commerce. If the funding does not come through, the City will not participate in it.
- Chief Childers updated Council regarding recent training with the Department of Corrections. The training is done without announcement due to the nature of the training.
- Mr. Hagerich updated the Council on the recent storm event.
- City Manager Soltis thanked Public Works for all they did during the storm event.

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

Councilmember Goolsby thanked Council for voting him in as vice-mayor. He also welcomed Tim Bowlby to the Council.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

**Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014**

Virginia A. Mefford  
City Clerk Virginia Mefford

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2014.

Robert A. Irvin  
Mayor Robert A. Irvin

ATTEST:

Virginia A. Mefford  
City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford