

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014**

SWEAR IN RECENTLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS – CITY CLERK VIRGINIA A. MEFFORD

A SHORT CELEBRATION - THANK YOU TO OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS, WELCOME NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND WELCOME BACK RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Bob Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL - City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford called the roll.

PRESENT

Mayor Robert A. Irvin
Vice Mayor Earl B. Goolsby
Councilman Elwood A. Johnson
Councilman Gerald W. Lindsey
Councilman William “Bill” Nigh
Councilman Timothy A. Bowlby
Councilman Michael J. Laws

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

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None declared

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2014

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

SECONDED: Councilmembers Bowlby and Johnson seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE PROCESS FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the process for election of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson asked City Manager Soltis to explain the voting process.

MOTION CARRIED: Six (6) AYES - Mayor Irvin, Vice Mayor Goolsby, Councilmembers Lindsey, Johnson, Bowlby, and Laws; **One (1) Nay** - Councilmember Nigh.

ELECT A MAYOR

Votes were tallied and the results were: (3) votes for Robert “Bob” Irvin; (3) votes for Mike Laws; and (1) vote for Earl Goolsby. A tie occurred and a re-vote was conducted between Robert “Bob” Irvin and Mike Laws. The re-vote tally was 4 votes for Robert “Bob” Irvin and 3 votes for Mike Laws. Robert “Bob” Irvin was re-elected Mayor.

ELECT A VICE-MAYOR

Earl Goolsby received a total of (4) votes; Mike Laws received (2) votes; and Tim Bowlby received (1) vote. Earl Goolsby was re-elected Vice Mayor.

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RESOLUTION 2014-21 - ACCEPTING A DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY

MOTION: Vice Mayor Goolsby made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-21.

SECONDED: Mayor Irvin seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Stoddard provided background on the donation. It would provide a buffer for the waste water system and bird habitat.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2014-22 - APPROVING THE AWARD AGREEMENT FOR THE FY 2015 VICTIMS' RIGHTS PROGRAM

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-22.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Bowlby asked if someone would explain for the audience, what the Victims' Rights program consists of. Ms. Zozaya explained that the grant pays for part of her salary and for office supplies. She added that the grant provides the police department with supplies to send out information to the victims of their rights after an incident has occurred.

MOTION CARRIED

ANNUAL NATURAL GAS LIAISON PRESENTATION - FRANK (PONCH) BRACAMONTE

Frank (Ponch) Bracamonte gave a presentation for the annual natural gas liaison meeting. He discussed procedures and capabilities concerning natural gas emergencies.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Johnson asked several questions regarding the natural gas system. Mr. Bracamonte answered the questions.

1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT - CRYSTAL HADFIELD

Crystal Hadfield gave a report on the 1st quarter financials.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Johnson and Lindsey asked several clarifying questions. Ms. Hatfield provided answers.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- He turned it over to Dale Hadfield who introduced the newest employees to the police department, dispatcher Robles, Officer Cooke, and Officer Williams. He gave a brief background on each employee.
- He notified Council that the Fire Department will be conducting training at the old dumpsite on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.
- The Christmas lighted parade is this Saturday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m.
- The Willcox Western Festival is Friday, December 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- He attended the Border Mayors' Coalition meeting held in Mexico. It was a nice meeting to attend. It is conducted on a quarterly basis.
- He gave an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmen Bowlby extended a warm welcome to the new police officers.

Councilman Laws welcomed the new members of the police department and has always supported the police department and how well they do their jobs.

Vice Mayor Goolsby welcomed the new officers. He congratulated the Mayor and is looking forward to the new year.

Councilman Nigh thanked the hospital for all they did for his wife's care.

Councilmember Johnson expressed disappointment with the City for not providing a recognition award for outgoing Councilmember Cronberg. He requested that the seating of the newly elected Council be addressed.

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Councilmember Lindsey welcomed the new officers. He gave a brief update on SEAGO and announced they are in need of an additional person to serve on the Aging committee. Mayor Irvin welcomed the new police officers and expressed his gratitude for having them on board. He thanked the council for their support in re-electing him as Mayor and hopes to have a unified council. He announced his retirement from Rock and Sand after 25 years.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 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 4th day of December, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of December 2014

Virginia A. Mefford
City Clerk Virginia Mefford

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 2014.

Robert A. Irvin
Mayor Robert A. Irvin

ATTEST:

Virginia A. Mefford
City Clerk Virginia Mefford