

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ  
HELD ON THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015**

**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  
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  
Police Chief Glenn Childers  
Finance Director Crystal Hadfield  
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** - None

**DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - None

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**SECONDED:** Vice Mayor Goolsby seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2015.**

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

**SECONDED:** Vice Mayor Goolsby seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE - ALAN BAKER**

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Baker gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce's 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report for 2014 on tourism and economic development. Councilmembers asked questions regarding economic development, chamber membership, and what further could be done at the Visitor Center to attract more people. Mr. Baker answered the questions and indicated the membership is slightly up this year. He thought adding a mural to the side of the building would help.

**REAPPOINT CONNIE DUNHAM TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson made a motion to reappoint Connie Dunham to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REAPPOINT BO DOWNEY TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson made a motion to reappoint Bo Downey to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NS320 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "WILLCOX MUNICIPAL CODE", TITLE 1  
"ADMINISTRATION", CHAPTER 1.10 "ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS", SECTION 1.10.050  
"EFFECTIVE DATE", AND SECTION 1.10.040 "CONTENTS OF ORDINANCE"**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance NS320.

**SECONDED:** Vice Mayor Goolsby seconded the motion.

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**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Johnson asked a few questions on the emergency clause. City Attorney Roberts explained that the terminology was changed to match state statute so there is no confusion or conflicting language.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NS321 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "WILLCOX MUNICIPAL CODE", "ADMINISTRATION",  
CHAPTER 1.08 "MAGISTRATE'S COURT", SECTION 1.08.020 "PRESIDING OFFICER: MAGISTRATE DUTIES",  
AMENDING THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF THE MAGISTRATE TO FOUR YEARS**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance NS321.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Johnson explained why it was currently every two years. It is due to Council changing every two years. With the Magistrate being elected into office for four years, the change makes more sense.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2015-10 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TREVOR J. WARD TO THE  
POSITION OF CITY MAGISTRATE AND JUVENILE HEARING OFFICER**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-10.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Johnson asked if the contract was acceptable to Judge Ward. He stated it was. Judge Ward explained the prescient jurisdiction for the Magistrate. Councilmember Johnson stated Judge Ward has done a fantastic job.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Chief Childers briefed the Council on the Fire Department hose testing that will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February and the 21<sup>st</sup> February on Austin Blvd.
- A Wastewater Treatment Plant facility tour for Council will be scheduled in the near future.
- He attended the Wings Over Willcox (WOW) banquet and it was very interesting. He also viewed the displays for WOW at the Community Center; they were great.
- He attended the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) planning retreat with Councilmember Lindsey.
- City Manager announced he was diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy treatments. He thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers and stated things are going well.

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

Councilmember Johnson attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Stotz and it was a great a success. He is looking forward to the next groundbreaking ceremony which will be for the Food Bank Distribution Center. Councilmember Laws asked if he could have Judge Ward answer a question he had regarding his duties as Magistrate Judge and City Attorney stated this time is for Council comments only. Councilmember Laws congratulated Judge Ward.

Councilmember Goolsby announced he had a stint put in and appreciates being back and thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Irvin stated he hopes everyone who has been battling illness will be on the mend.

**ADJOURN**

With 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

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**Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015**

Virginia A. Mefford  
City Clerk Virginia Mefford

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

Robert A. Irvin  
Mayor Robert A. Irvin

ATTEST:

Virginia A. Mefford  
City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford