

**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 SEPTEMBER, 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
~~Interim Police Chief Jose Rios~~
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 Lindsey made a motion to adopt the agenda and move items 13 and 14 to items 8 and 9.

SECONDED: Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

WILLCOX WINE COUNTRY FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE FOR RAILROAD AVE. BETWEEN STEWART ST. AND MALEY ST. FROM OCTOBER 16, 11:30 P.M. TO OCTOBER 18, 8:00 P.M.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Willcox Wine Country Festival request for street closure for Railroad Ave. between Stewart St. and Maley St. from October 16, 11:30 p.m. to October 18, 8:00 p.m. as presented.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

WILLCOX WINE COUNTRY FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR A GLASS CONTAINER WAIVER FOR RAILROAD PARK FOR OCTOBER 17TH AND 18TH

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Willcox Wine Country Festival request for a glass container waiver for Railroad Park for October 17th and 18th.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

WILLCOX HISTORIC THEATER PRESERVATION, INC. REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10TH

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Willcox Historic Theater Preservation, Inc. request for a Special Event License for an event to be held on November 10th.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

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RESOLUTION 2015-26 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLCOX [CITY] AND THE WILLCOX UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #13 [SCHOOL] FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING A SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-26.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Lindsey asked if evaluations have been performed on the SRO. City Manager Soltis explained the Interim Police Chief has had several conversations with the School Superintendent and accountability has been addressed.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2015-27 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PUBLIC SAFETY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH COCHISE COUNTY [“COUNTY”] FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE COORDINATION AND DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WITHIN COCHISE COUNTY

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-27.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked if this is the same agreement as in the past. City Manager Soltis explained this is a better agreement than what the City had in past because it is more flexible.

MOTION CARRIED

PROCLAMATION - REX ALLEN DAYS

Mayor Irvin read the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION - CONSTITUTION WEEK

Mayor Irvin read the proclamation and presented it to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION LINE LETTER

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the Southline Transmission Line Letter.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey had concerns regarding the letter as it pertains to an area outside of the City. Councilmember Bowlby explained this letter is in support of the wine industry which impacts the local economy. Councilmember Lindsey asked for clarification of the routes. Mr. Mark Jorve, with Zapara Vineyard, who has a winery and tasting room a few miles south of Willcox, provided a copy of the routes and answered questions.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- He announced Public Works Director Kevin Hagerich has resigned and has accepted a job closer to his family.
- He announced that the water-fill station will soon be up and running again. The original vendor had pulled out and a new one has been secured.
- He announced he attended the Northern Cochise Community Hospital fundraiser. The proceeds raised will help purchase equipment. He stated it went well and he enjoyed it.
- He announced he attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Food Bank Distribution Center. He noted we are very fortunate to have this in our community.
- He announced the Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, September 26th and the Chamber of Commerce is organizing it.
- He announced the change of the meeting time for the next Council meeting. It will be at 5:45 p.m. on October 1, 2015 due to a conflict with the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mayor Irvin attended the Community Food Bank ribbon-cutting and stated it was a great event.
- Councilmember Nigh stated there were a lot of empty buildings in downtown Willcox and wanted to know what was being done.
- Councilmember Bowlby mentioned the Flyer Bike race was a success, and he had a lot of fun assisting with the event.

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- Councilmember Laws stated there was a great turnout for the Food Bank ribbon-cutting, and it was a successful event.
- Vice Mayor Goolsby made a comment on Constitution Week. He taught the Constitution at Willcox Schools and it is an amazing piece of history.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 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 September 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of September 2015

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of October, 2015.

Robert A. Irvin
Mayor Robert A. Irvin

ATTEST:

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