

**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 DECEMBER, 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
Public Works Director Galo Galovale
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.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2015

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2015-30 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING WILSON ENGINEERS, LLC ("ENGINEER") FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE 0.6 MGD WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-30

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Stephen Todd, a representative of Wilson Engineers, gave an overview of the construction management services for Waste Water Treatment Plant project. Council asked when the estimated completion of the Waste Water Treatment Plant would be. Mr. Todd estimated completion in the second quarter of 2017. Councilman Johnson asked if he foresees any problems. Mr. Todd stated that he did not foresee any problems. Mayor Irvin asked if they would be hiring locally. Mr. Todd explained that the general contractor might in order to keep their costs down.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE - ALAN BAKER

DISCUSSION: Chamber of Commerce Director Alan Baker gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce and gave Council handouts of his overview. Council asked several questions and Mr. Baker answered them. Mr. Baker invited Council to come out and join the Chamber when international visitors come in to help roll out the red carpet. Councilmembers suggested doing more local advertisement. Mr. Baker stated the Chamber would work more on local advertisement and appreciated all the feedback and suggestions.

ANNUAL NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PRESENTATION - FRANK (PONCH) BRACAMONTE

DISCUSSION: Utility Supervisor Bracamonte gave the annual Natural Gas Pipeline presentation.

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APPOINT DAN DOUGLAS TO THE WILLCOX MUNICIPAL PROPERTY CORPORATION

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to appoint Dan Douglas to the Willcox Municipal Property Corporation.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- He thanked Connie Dunham and others for organizing the Veterans Parade.
- He thanked the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring and organizing the Christmas parade and the activities in Railroad Park.
- He thanked those who donated funds for the lights in Railroad Park, and to those, including Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Company, who put up the lights.
- The City recently auctioned surplus property netting \$2,400.
- He announced the School Resource Officer, Rose Lacy, retired and he thanked her for her service. The City will continue providing services to the school by doing a rotation of the officers. The program will be re-evaluated at the end of the fiscal year.
- The loan paperwork for the Waste Water Treatment Plant is at the USDA office.
- He is working on refinancing the bonds for the streets' project.
- He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilman Bowlby stated he has been on Council one year and feels excited about the work that has been done and is looking forward to the coming year.
- Councilman Laws has also enjoyed his time on Council.
- Vice Mayor Goolsby hopes everyone has a safe and happy new year. With the presidential election coming up, he is excited about next year.
- Councilman Johnson wished everyone a happy holiday. He thanked the City Manager for the wonderful letter he wrote to staff for all the hard work they have done. He also thanked the volunteers.
- Councilmember Lindsey wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 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 December 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of December 2015

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of January 2016.

/s/ Robert A. Irvin
Mayor Robert A. Irvin

ATTEST:

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