

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2016**

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~~ - Excused
Councilman Michael J. Laws

STAFF

City Manager Ted Soltis
City Clerk Virginia Mefford
City Attorney Ann P. Roberts
Police Chief Jose Rios
Finance Director Crystal Hadfield
Library Director Tom Minor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - Gayle Berry gave an update regarding the Willcox Historical Theater. She invited everyone to come enjoy the theater and all it has to offer.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2015

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (SSVEC) CAPITAL CREDITS CHECK

PRESENTATION - WAYNE CRANE

DISCUSSION: Mr. Crane introduced Ms. Kathy Thatcher who is the representative for our area. She presented the Capital Credits check to Mayor Irvin.

PROCLAMATION - WILLCOX HISTORIC THEATER

DISCUSSION: Mayor Irvin presented the Willcox Historic Theater proclamation to Gayle Berry.

Ms. Berry announced it was the 79th anniversary and invited everyone to come out and see the performance. Vice Mayor Goolsby added that he went to an IMAX theater in Texas to watch Star Wars for the third time and it had nothing on our theater.

APPOINT LARRY SNYDER TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PLAC)

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the appointment of Larry Snyder to the Public Library Advisory Committee (PLAC).

SECONDED: Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINT CAROL BRINTON TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PLAC)

MOTION: Vice Mayor Goolsby made a motion to approve the appointment of Carol Brinton to the Public Library Advisory Committee (PLAC).

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

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ARIZONA MUNICIPAL RISK RETENTION POOL (AMRRP) RENEWAL - ED BANTEL

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bantel gave a presentation on the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (AMRRP). He appreciates working with the City and indicated the premium has gone down this year due to loss prevention measures taken by the City.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (AMRRP) renewal.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws and Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2016-01 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A REFINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFINANCING THE CITY'S OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO THE WILLCOX MUNICIPAL PROPERTY CORPORATION EXCISE TAX REVENUE (STREET) BONDS, SERIES 2006; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AND MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-01.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked if there was a way to do this ourselves instead of hiring someone. Finance Director Hadfield stated we do need the bond counsel to review it to ensure it is done correctly.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR-IN-REVIEW PRESENTATION - JOHN CROPPER

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cropper gave a year-in-review presentation on the Fire Department.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Manager Soltis announced Interim Chief Rios passed his six- month review and he was happy to promote him to Police Chief. Chief Rios chose his wife to pin on his new Police Chief badge. Chief Rios appreciated everyone being there and said he would not be here if it wasn't for the support of the City Manager, his department, and his family.
- Police Chief Rios presented the newest graduate of the police academy, Mr. Jose Villa.
- Police Chief Rios gave a short update on the New Year's Eve DUI task force results. He thanked the Police Department for their hard work.
- City Manager Soltis stated the next steps in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) will be the asbestos testing. City crews have been working on cleaning up the properties. He thanked Development Services Director Jeff Stoddard and Public Works Director Galo Galovale. The goal is to get the City cleaned up. The Public Works Department is also cleaning up and improving alley ways and will soon begin the annual road work.
- He issued a reminder from the Clerk that Financial Disclosure Statements are due by the end of January.
- He attended the Urban Land Institute Annual Real Estate Trends Day Conference in Phoenix. He made great connections and was updated on what is happening around Arizona.
- He attended the Wings Over Willcox event. He thanked staff and all who helped make WOW a success.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mayor Irvin announced he attended the Mayor Manager meeting. He thanked all the volunteers of the City of Willcox.
- Councilmember Laws congratulated the new Chief and thanked all of the officers who came out. He also said how great the clean-up around Willcox is going, and how beautiful it will be when completed.
- Vice Mayor Goolsby stated he that he agreed with what Councilmember Laws stated about the clean-up. He also congratulated Chief Rios on his promotion.
- Councilmember Lindsey thanked and appreciated Carol Broeder regarding some of the posting on social media.

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ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 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 21st day of January 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of January 2016

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of March 2016.

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

ATTEST:

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