

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 3RD DAY OF MARCH, 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
Councilman Michael J. Laws

STAFF

City Manager Ted Soltis
City Clerk Virginia Mefford
City Attorney Ann P. Roberts
Finance Director Crystal Hadfield

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Rob Jones thanked Councilmember Bowlby for his help with the nursing home. He suggested Council "toot their own horn" once in a while, so people know you are helping out the community in various capacities. He added that he appreciates everything Council does.

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 JANUARY 21, 2016

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

FISCAL YEAR 2015 AUDIT REPORT PRESENTATION - STEVE PALMER

Steve Palmer gave the Fiscal Year 2015 audit report presentation. He explained the new Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB 68) requirement which is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. All municipalities are required to do this. Councilmembers asked several questions and Mr. Palmer answered them. City Manager Soltis thanked Mr. Palmer for his explanation on the GASB 68 changes.

2nd QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT - CRYSTAL HADFIELD

Crystal Hadfield gave the 2nd Quarter Financial report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Manager Soltis attended the Arizona City Manager Association (ACMA) conference in Sedona.
- He attended the Southeastern Arizona Government Organization (SEAGO) meeting. He was recently voted Vice Chairman and looks forward to this new role.
- He attended an Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) public input plan update meeting
- He gave an update on the skate park. The new pad has been installed. The Skate Park committee hopes to get a grant to fund new equipment to put on it.
- He thanked the Historical Preservation Advisory Committee, Jeff Stoddard, and the Railroad for assisting with getting the Mascot Car awning installed.
- He thanked John Cropper for volunteering to paint the Mascot Car. The paint will match the existing color.
- The asbestos results should arrive soon for all the demolition properties. Once the results are in, the abatement will be advertised.
- He thanked the City crews, Nalo Galovale, and Jeff Stoddard for the clean-up work they are doing on the buildings being demolished as well as clean-up around the City.

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- He noted the weed-eating has been delayed due to employees being sick; they will pick it up again next week.
- The residential gas and water meter replacement program is on schedule. With the street bond refinancing, the City saved \$90,000 on interest payments. He thanked the placement agent and bond attorney for their help.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilmember Bowlby apologized for not making the meeting in January. He thanked the Council for being a great group to work with.
- Councilmember Laws stated he has received a lot of positive feedback about the clean-up around the City.
- Vice Mayor Goolsby gave kudos to the City Manager and the Finance Director. He stated “keep doing what you have been doing.”
- Councilmember Johnson gave kudos to Crystal Hadfield for doing a great job as Finance Director. He noted he would like to have a couple of work sessions on the budget. He also would like to have a plan once the buildings are demolished for what will happen to the properties.
- Councilman Lindsey stated everything looks good with the financial report.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 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 3rd day of March 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2016

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March 2016.

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

ATTEST:

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