

**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 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
Police Chief Jose Rios
Finance Director Crystal Hadfield

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - Rob Jones spoke about the activities available in Willcox and asked for all to work together as a team to get the word out of what there is available to do in the City. He would like to see a five-year plan.

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 MARCH 3, 2016

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2016-02 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH WILLCOX FIREARMS TRAINING CENTER AND RANGE TO USE THE CITY'S SHOOTING RANGE

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-02.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmembers had several questions regarding the shooting range and Ted Haas, president of the local firearms club, answered them. Mr. Haas explained that the board of the local firearms club had met with Fish and Game representatives, as well as local and state law enforcement agencies trying to find a location for a shooting range. Sheriff Daniels was present during the presentation and stated he has not heard of any complaints out at the shooting range. The complaints he has had in the past was when training was conducted at night. Chief Rios indicated that the police department now begins night-shooting training as soon as it turns dark, so it doesn't run too late into the night. Gene Jones, a former Chief of Police of Willcox, gave a little history on the shooting range. Mr. Haas stated if this is approved it would be run as a "top-notch operation." He added, "We will make this a positive operation for Willcox." Patina Thompson, a volunteer with the Game and Fish Department, as an education and safety training instructor, offers a course on safety. She indicated it is a great program and the students always leave with an understanding of how to handle a fire arms safely. Ms. Thompson indicated she would be more than happy to make contact with the homeowners out by the shooting range, as she lives about ½-mile from the shooting range. John Hart introduced himself and stated he has donated his personal shooting range to the 4-H club and stated they are a respectful bunch. He added there is a need for an additional shooting range in the area. Mr. Haas explained the draft document that was handed out to Council. Chief Rios stated the Police Department would monitor the shooting range and it would have set hours of operation. Mr. Haas stated they would work closely with the Willcox Police Department and it would always be safety first.

MOTION CARRIED

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**RESOLUTION 2016-03 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA)
BETWEEN COCHISE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WILLCOX FOR SHARING THE WIRELESS EMERGENCY
NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-03.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Manager Soltis gave an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. The testing for asbestos came back positive. The next step is to advertise bids for abatement.
- The City is waiting on the USDA to complete paperwork for finalization of the loan for the WWTP.
- He thanked Vice Mayor Goolsby for his assistance with trimming trees, and for his suggestions for Quail Park.
- He also thanked Mr. Chase, the Range Conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for his suggestions at Quail Park and for providing grass and wildflower seed.
- He, the Mayor, and Councilmembers Bowlby and Laws attended the Firefighters' and Public Safety awards ceremony at the Elks club. He thanked all who put their life on the line for us.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilmember Bowlby also attended the award ceremony. He mentioned that Mr. Faulkner received Firefighter of the Year and Mr. Williams Police Officer of the Year.
- Councilmember Laws congratulated the City for all their clean-up work around the City. He has received many positive comments of how it is looking. He thanked the Elks Club for cooking for the awards ceremony and for honoring the firefighters and public safety officers.
- Vice Mayor Goolsby thanked the shooting club for their presentation and commented that the shooting range will be a good thing.
- Councilmember Johnson stated the shooting range will be a great thing; it is something that is needed.
- Councilmember Lindsey mentioned he was happy to see everyone. He added that the shooting range is a great project and seeing this move forward is great.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 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 March 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of March 2016

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April 2016.

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

ATTEST:

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