

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2016**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Robert 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
Library Director Tom Minor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC -

Ralph Score provided information about the 2016 Southern Arizona Independent Film Festival and presented City Council with VIP passes.

Matthew Hunt, Henry Newman, and Gene Harper spoke on use of the City shooting range by the gun club and concerns about its safety. Gene Harper gave Mayor Irvin two bullets that were recovered from his backyard. He indicating he was not sure where they came from, but he felt it was possible they came from the shooting range.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2016

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION: (6) Ayes: Mayor Irvin, Vice Mayor Goolsby, Councilmembers Lindsey, Nigh, Bowlby, and Laws
(1) Nay: Councilmember Johnson

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVE A SERIES 13 FARM WINERY LICENSE FOR COCHISE GROVES INVESTMENTS, LLC DBA
COCHISE WINE COMPANY TO BE LOCATED AT 650 S ARIZONA AVE**

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a Series 13 Farm Winery License for Cochise Groves Investments, LLC DBA Cochise Wine Company to be located at 650 S Arizona Ave.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVE A FAIR/FESTIVAL LICENSE APPLICATION FOR GOLDEN RULE VINEYARDS FOR AN EVENT TO
BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON MAY 21 FROM 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM**

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a Fair/Festival License Application for Golden Rule Vineyards for an event to be held at the Community Center on May 21 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

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APPROVE A FAIR/FESTIVAL LICENSE APPLICATION FOR PIERCE WINES ARIZONA FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON MAY 21 FROM 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a Fair/Festival License Application for Pierce Wines Arizona for an event to be held at the Community Center on May 21 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF PREMISES/PATIO PERMIT FOR BIG TEX BBQ LOCATED AT 130 E MALEY ST

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve an application for an Extension of Premises/Patio Permit for Big Tex BBQ located at 130 E Maley St.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Goolsby asked where it was going to be. Kendrick Willey stated it would be in front of the train where the grass area is about 6 ft. out.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE WILLCOX WINE COUNTRY FESTIVAL WINE VENDOR LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MAY 21 AND 22, 2016

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Willcox Wine Country Festival Wine Vendor Liquor License applications for May 21 and 22, 2016.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE WILLCOX WINE COUNTRY FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE FOR RAILROAD AVE BETWEEN STEWART ST AND MALEY ST FROM MAY 21, 12:00 AM TO MAY 22, 8:00 PM

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 May 21, 12:00 am to May 22, 8:00 pm.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Lindsey asked who will be responsible for ensuring glass is cleaned up. Chief Rios stated the Willcox Police Department will ensure the broken glass is cleared up after the event.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE WILLCOX WINE COUNTRY FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR A GLASS CONTAINER WAIVER FOR RAILROAD PARK

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Willcox Wine Country Festival request for Glass Container Waiver for Railroad Park.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION 2016-04 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING A PUBLIC RECORD THE "2012-2014 AMENDMENTS TO THE TAX CODE OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX"

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-04.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NS323 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING STATE MANDATED AMENDMENTS TO THE WILLCOX CITY TAX CODE

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance NS323.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Open: 6:52 pm

With no public commit, public hearing closed at 6:53 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

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RESOLUTION 2016-05 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY, MAKING KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR HOUSING, AND DESCRIBING ACTIONS IT SHALL UNDERTAKE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-05.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked why this has to be done every time. City Attorney stated it is a requirement of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

MOTION CARRIED

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Vice Mayor Goolsby read the proclamation and Mayor Irvin presented it to Library Director Tom Minor.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Vice Mayor Goolsby read the proclamation and Mayor Irvin presented it to John Cropper.

PROCLAMATION - ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK

Vice Mayor Goolsby read the proclamation and Mayor Irvin presented it to Humane Officer Eric Peterson.

PROCLAMATION - PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

Vice Mayor Goolsby read the proclamation and Mayor Irvin presented it to Patti Ackerson-Rodriguez.

PROCLAMATION - FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

Vice Mayor Goolsby read the proclamation and Mayor Irvin presented it to the Community Development Block Grant.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Manager Soltis gave an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project. He stated it has recently gone out to bid for asbestos abatement.
- He provided an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant loan paperwork. The loan was approved.
- He had a meeting with the Johnson Mine management along with Mayor Irvin and Vice Mayor Goolsby. It was an informative meeting. If everything goes well, it will open up opportunities for jobs in the area.
- He thanked the City crews for all the hard work they have been doing.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilmember Bowlby thanked the people who spoke during the Call to the Public about the gun range and would like to have work session on it. He also agreed with Councilmember Johnson's statements from a previous meeting about having a work session on the budget. He said he is on a committee which is seeking USDA grant money for study to bring in a nursing home and possibly a veterans' assistance program, and would like to get a letter of support for this grant from Council. He announced his wife is a finalist for Teacher of the Year, and he wanted to give her kudos for all the hard work she has done. He wanted the community to know the school district has been doing a great job.
- Councilmember Laws thanked the Humane Society for a job well done and thanked the dispatchers for all their hard work.
- Councilmember Johnson stated he felt he was cut short by Vice Mayor Goolsby at the last meeting; he still has questions on the gun range and wants them answered. He suggested the issue be revisited before moving forward.
- Vice Mayor Goolsby agreed that the decision about the gun range was hurried and may need to be revisited. He thanked the dispatchers for what they do as his daughter is a dispatcher in Pima County and they do a great job.
- Councilmember Lindsey agreed that the gun range subject needed further discussion.
- Councilmember Nigh wondered whether the shooting range may be located in the wrong place.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Irvin.

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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 7th day of April 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of April 2016

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

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

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

ATTEST:

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