

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 19th DAY OF MAY 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

ABSENT

Councilmember Elwood A. Johnson

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 Lindsey made a motion to adopt the agenda.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2016

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2016-06 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COURT CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLCOX "CITY" AND COCHISE COUNTY "COUNTY"

MOTION: Councilmember Laws made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-06.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: City Manager Soltis stated it is for three years. Councilmember Lindsey asked if this was an increase. City Manager stated it is a balance due and explained this is for court costs agreement only. He is working with the County on the jail cost agreement which will be presented at a later date.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2016-07 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLCOX AND THE STATE FORESTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF ITS FORESTS, WILD AND AGRICULTURAL LANDS, AND RURAL STRUCTURES

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-07.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Laws asked for clarification. Chief Rios explained when the City is assisting in wild land fires, the initial responder is usually the incident commander. If it is unsafe or unlawful, however, the City does not have to obey a command; firefighters will not be put at risk. There is no cost to the City as the City gets reimbursed from the State Forestry Department for any time put in to assist with wild fires.

MOTION CARRIED

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APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE FOR THE WILLCOX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR AN EVENT AT WINDMILL PARK LOCATED AT 150 N RAILROAD AVE TO BE HELD ON MAY 21ST FROM 6:00 PM TO 10:30 PM

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve an Application for Special Event License for the Willcox Chamber of Commerce for an event at Windmill Park located at 150 N. Railroad Ave. to be held on May 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Chamber of Commerce Director Alan Baker explained that this new event is being incorporated with the Wine Festival and that the profits will go to the hospital.

MOTION CARRIED

3RD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT - CRYSTAL HADFIELD

Finance Director Crystal Hatfield gave the 3rd Quarter Financial summary report.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Laws asked about the subscriptions and memberships under Mayor and Council. Ms. Hatfield explained it is for the League membership for Councilmembers.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Manager Soltis gave an update on the asbestos abatement project. Once finished, demolition can begin.
- Bid paperwork is in the process for hiring a waste water treatment plant construction company. When a construction firm is hired, USDA will release the \$2 million, and the City will get the rest of the financing.
- He provided an update on the health insurance rate. It initially came in at 17%. With negotiations, however, it has come down to an 8.9% increase. He also factored in the recent Department of Labor exempt salary increases from \$23,660 to \$47,476.
- The shooting range is on hold until further review is completed by the County.
- He attended the Administration Board SEAGO meeting and was appointed from Vice Chairman to Chairman. So, the City is well-represented at SEAGO as Councilman Lindsey is Chairman of the Executive Board.
- He reported he was happy to be back as he was out of state to attend his daughter's graduation and he was also happy to report she graduated with highest honors. He took his family on a great tour of Washington, DC. It was a great educational trip for all.
- Chief Rios introduced the City's new police officer, Brian Cutlipp, and gave a bit of history on how he became our newest officer; he did very well at the academy.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilmember Lindsey asked Council about sponsoring a booth at the League Conference. He noted that it is great PR for the City. City Manager Soltis explained the booth process and noted this is a great way to showcase the City. City Manager explained how SEAGO administrative and executive councils work. Councilmember Lindsey mentioned the Wine Festival this weekend. Although he will not be there, he hoped some of the Council will be able to attend.
- Mayor Irvin stated if you haven't been to an event in Willcox to please go out and enjoy one. The parks have been looking wonderful, and if you see a worker, please let them know what a great job they are doing. He noted that tonight's Channel 9 News did a great job showcasing the Wine Festival.
- Vice Mayor Goolsby reiterated what the Mayor said, and the improvements around the City have been great. He invited everyone to the art show. One negative he noted is the Department of Labor exempt salary increase and the impact this may have on the City.
- Councilmember Laws reiterated what was said by the other councilmembers and spoke about the how the City looks great. He said the chuck wagon event was a great success. He congratulated and welcomed Mr. Cutlipp to the Willcox Police Department.
- Councilmember Bowlby stated a lot has been going on around here and it is good to see. He also congratulated Mr. Cutlipp.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. by Mayor Irvin.

CERTIFICATION

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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 19th day of May 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of May 2016

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June 2016.

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

ATTEST:

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