

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 2nd DAY OF JUNE 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 arrived at 6:36 pm
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

Councilman Michael J. Laws - Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - None

Kathy Klump spoke on the Public Library Advisory Committee (PLAC). She and some of the Friends of the Library members feel the library committee should not be dissolved.

Cindy Traylor gave an update on the Young Birders' Club. She also added that she would not like to see the abolishment of the two committees. She would like to have the current policies revised to allow more non-residents to be on a committee. She knows a lot of county residents who are trying to make it a better community; however, because they live in the county, they are not able to participate.

Steven Lee, representing the Elks Lodge, asked for waiver of fees for the annual swim meet for the 4th of July activities.

Rob Jones congratulated the City on the recent clean up. He gave kudos to staff and City Council and feels the City is moving in the right direction.

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 MAY 19, 2016

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

REAPPOINT JIM FUSCO TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to reappoint Jim Fusco to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson stated that Mr. Fusco has been doing a great job on the Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

REAPPOINT DON ULSES TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to reappoint Don Ulses to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson stated he has been doing a great job.

MOTION CARRIED

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REAPPOINT STEPHEN KLUMP TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to reappoint of Stephen Klump to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson stated he has been doing a great job.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NS324 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WILLCOX MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2, BOARDS, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEES BY REMOVING CHAPTER 2.04 PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance NS324.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Bowlby opposes this ordinance and believes this committee can still serve a purpose. Councilmember Irvin stated the Council received a letter from the Library committee which had voted to dissolve it. Councilmember Johnson stated maybe in the future these committees could be brought back if there was more interest.

MOTION CARRIED AYES: Mayor Irvin, Councilmembers: Goolsby, Lindsey, Johnson, and Nigh **NAYS:** Councilmember Bowlby

ORDINANCE NS325 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WILLCOX MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 2, BOARDS, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEES BY REMOVING CHAPTER 2.02 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance NS325.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Bowlby stated he opposes this action.

MOTION CARRIED AYES: Mayor Irvin, Councilmembers: Goolsby, Lindsey, Johnson, and Nigh **NAYS:** Councilmember Bowlby

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Manager Soltis read a passage by Thomas Jefferson from when he visited Washington DC.
- City Clerk gave an election update. She received four council packets by the June 1st deadline and announced that write-in candidates needed to turn in their packets by July 21st.
- City Manager Soltis gave an update on the demolition project; work will soon be completed within budget.
- He also provided an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The anticipated date to start is November 1, 2016, and completion should take about a year with November 30, 2017, being the estimated date of completion.
- He has a Budget Work Session scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.
- He provided an update on the shooting range. Cochise County Planning Director and Game and Fish had a meeting out there to look at the berms and to address safety concerns. The berms are 12-feet, and there may be a possibility of raising them further.
- The Wine Festival was a huge success and so was the car show and; he thanked everyone who made them possible.
- He announced that Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., the Relay for Life will be held at the High School Football/Track area.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilmember Lindsey stated he has received numerous compliments on the buildings that are coming down. He informed the Council that SEAGO received a \$600,000 legacy grant.
- Vice Mayor Goolsby asked about the waste water treatment lagoon decommissioning. City Manager stated it is all regulated by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), and it will be supervised by them.
- Councilmember Johnson stated that the restaurants and the community has benefited from the success of the Wine Festival. Stumbleweeds closed their doors this past weekend. He asked if the swimming pool waiver would be a problem as it has been a staple of the community for the past 26 years, and it is open to the whole community. City Manager stated it would not be a problem. Councilmember Johnson polled the audience to see if anyone knew there was an election for council seats. He felt there was a lack of communication and would have liked to seen a Call of Election. He indicated he didn't know what the deadline was until May 30;

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however, he did get his packet in by the deadline. He would like to see Title 17 completed since the City properties have been cleaned up.

- Councilmember Bowlby mentioned he would like to see future committees and would like to ensure appointment of an ex-officio from the Council to be on them and on any AD HOC committees; he would like Council to receive updates on these committees from the ex-officio.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 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 2nd day of June 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of June 2016

/s/ Virginia Mefford
City Clerk Virginia Mefford, CMC

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of June 2016.

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

ATTEST:

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