

**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 JULY 2016**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Robert Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Recording Secretary Sherry Van Allen 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
Recording Secretary Sherry Lynn Van Allen
City Attorney Ann P. Roberts
Finance Director Crystal Hadfield
Library Director Tom Miner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - Rob Jones stated that he was pleased to read the positive articles in this week's edition of the Arizona Range News. He commended Council for approving the WASA contract. He also thanked staff for all they do.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Vice Mayor Goolsby made a motion to adopt the agenda.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2016

MOTION: Vice Mayor Goolsby made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Corrections will be made to the last paragraph replacing Mayor Lindsey with Councilmember Laws and to add bracket to the abbreviated (WWTP).

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF JUNE 23, 2016

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction to the second paragraph to read City Manager in place of City Attorney.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2016

MOTION: Vice Mayor Goolsby made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE RENEWAL - ED BANTEL

Mr. Bantel gave an update on the Workers' Compensation coverage renewal. He, as last year, complemented the City for all of the positive improvements made in relation to the Workers' Compensation program.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Goolsby made a motion to approve the Workers' Compensation coverage renewal.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked why the losses were so high prior to the last few years. City Manager Soltis responded stating that W/C claims drove the rates, and the City has since implemented new procedures to minimize fraudulent claims from occurring. Mr. Bantel explained how the claims stay on the City's experience rate for three years, and the City will see the e-mod rate continue to decline as the high-claim years are removed.

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MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: Mayor Irvin opened the Public Hearing at 6:47p.m.

DISCUSSION: Rachel Garza asked several questions regarding the budget. City Manager Soltis and Finance Director Hadfield responded to her questions.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Mayor Irvin closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPERTY TAXES

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: Mayor Irvin opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Mayor Irvin closed the Public Hearing at 6:51 p.m. with no comments.

RESOLUTION 2016-13 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-13 as presented.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Goolsby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None heard

MOTION CARRIED: (6 - Aye's: Irvin, Goolsby, Lindsey, Nigh, Bowlby, and Laws; 1 - Nay: Johnson)

RESOLUTION 2016-14 - A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SOUTHWEST DISPOSAL

MOTION: Vice Mayor Goolsby made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-14.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked questions pertaining to the contract renewal. Finance Director Hadfield responded clarifying that the new contract is the same as had previously been approved.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- He provided an update on the Quail Park Rodeo grounds grandstands that were damaged last week during a micro-burst. The insurance representatives have been out, and they are moving as quickly as possible to replace them. Councilmember Laws asked how much the deductible was. Soltis responded \$10,000.
- He provided an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) project. He said it is on track, but there have been some personnel changes in some of the other agencies. Councilmember Lindsey asked about the WWTP having provisions for septic collection. Soltis responded that the provisions are still in place.
- He announced that he will be attending the ACMA conference July 20th - July 22nd.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilmember Bowlby commented that the 4th of July was very well presented. He expressed his appreciation for the work of the Fire Department. He then commented on the articles in the newspaper.
- Councilmember Laws stated that he enjoyed the fireworks. He also stated he knows the City is working diligently to repair the grandstands at Quail Park. He also reiterated he is proud to be on the City Council and gave a thumbs up to City Manager and staff.
- Vice Mayor Goolsby also stated he enjoyed the 4th of July celebration. He is proud to be a member of the Council that represents the Willcox community.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 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 7th day of July 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

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Dated this 7th day of July 2016

/s/ Sherry L. Van Allen
Recording Secretary Sherry L. Van Allen

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of August 2016.

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

ATTEST:

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