

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 4th DAY OF AUGUST 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 A. Mefford
City Attorney Ann P. Roberts
Police Chief Jose Rios

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC –

Dennis Williams presented a report on Rex Allen Days. He addressed council regarding recent rumors stating Rex Allen Days would not be cancelled he reassured them the event would go on. He also stated the event brings in more revenue to the community than some believe. He has been in communication with the Public Works staff regarding grandstands repairs and they have been doing a great job getting them replaced. Rob Jones spoke on building Willcox. The City has done a great job cleaning up on Airport Road it looks fantastic.

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 JULY 21, 2016

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2016 reflecting the correct date.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Goolsby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

WILLCOX HISTORIC THEATER UPDATE - GAYLE BERRY

Ms. Berry gave an update on the on the Willcox Historic Theater. She gave a short history and what has transpired since opening in 2012 and gave a short video of the events. This year the theater will have season to all 13 events for \$100 for adults and \$70 for students. She mentioned they are working on Studio 128 and showed a virtual video on how this will look. Vice Mayor Goosby asked what kind of feedback you have received from the various artists. Ms. Berry stated they have been comfortable with interacting with the audience they are not use to this kind of interaction, but they enjoy it. Councilman Johnson thanked Ms. Berry for bring the theater back and for everything she dose and wish you could touch more areas of Willcox. Ms. Berry stated the entire community has come together to help make this happen.

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPROVAL FOR WILLCOX LIQUORS LLC DBA MILO’S LIQUOR LOCATED AT 144 S. HASKELL AVE.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the liquor license transfer approval for Willcox liquors LLC dba Milo’s Liquor located At 144 S. Haskell Ave as presented.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

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ORDINANCE NS326 - AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY SUBJECT TO TAXATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

MOTION: Vice Mayor Goolsby made a motion to approve Ordinance NS326.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson asked for an explanation on how this is determined. City Manager Soils explained that it varies year to year and is determined by the population.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2016-14 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE WRITE-OFF OF TERMINATED UTILITY ACCOUNTS THAT HAVE BECOME NON-COLLECTIBLE

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-14.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: City Manager explained the City Council made a good decision when they passed this resolution. It has helped on the collection of the write- offs.

MOTION CARRIED:

RESOLUTION 2016-15 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLCOX AND ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-15.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Johnson explained we used RDS and to collect our taxes and to help unify our efforts the Department of Revenue worked diligently to start collecting them for the Cities. City Manager Soltis stated this is true and they are doing a better job of collecting.

MOTION CARRIED

PROCLAMATION - CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Irvin read and presented the Proclamation for the Child Support Awareness Month.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Attorney gave an update on the Water line law suit. She is still working on this and mentioned a jury trial is scheduled for three days before Thanksgiving.
- He gave an update at Quail Park grandstands they will be replaced and we hope they will be in place by Rex Allen Days. He thanked the crew at the City for making this happen.
- He updated on the Waste Water Treatment Plan. Waiting on the bid documents so we are able to go out for bid.
- He gave an update on his City Managers Annual Conference.
- He attended a Community Development Summit held here in Willcox with the Mayor Irvin and Vice Mayor Goolsby it went well. They took a tour of the dairy which has over 55,000 cows. It was amazing.
- He is attending the Department Of Housing Conference as a presenter. He is presenting on the CDBG Slum and Blight project.
- He reminded that the Arizona League of Cities and Towns is on August 24-26 and if you have any questions please contact the City Clerk.
- Chief Rios made an announcement to the Council that two of his officers were being promoted. They have passed all the tests necessary for promotion. He called up detective David Reno he is being promoted to Detective Sargent. He then he called up officer Jericho Valle he was promoted to Detective Corporal. He was very proud of them and all the hard work they have done.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilman Lindsey reflected on the police department and thanked them for all they do.
- Councilman Johnson asked to see how much was spent by the city to gear up for Rex Allen Days to do a comparison to what is raised by Rex Allen Days. He has been thinking of "what if's" in the future in regards to the Fire Department and the Police Department would like to see fundraisers to get the equipment needed for these departments. He would like to see Title 17 done.

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- Councilmember Nigh have kudos to City Manager for using our staff to do the demolition for the grand stands
- Councilmember Laws congratulated the officers on their promotion and thanked the City for getting the demolition done for the grandstands to get them ready to be put in. He tooted Councilman Johnson's horn for his work at the Kempton dealership as he recommended the school district to purchase a vehicle and he was great.
- Councilmember Bowlby congratulated the officer on their promotion. Thanked Ms. Berry for everything she has done with the theater.
- Vice Mayor Goolsby echoed Councilman Johnson's sentiments and appreciated the Police Department for all they do.
- Mayor Irvin congratulated the officers who were promoted and the fine job the Police Department does.

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 4th day of August 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of August 2016

City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford, CMC

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of August 2016.

Mayor Robert A. Irvin

ATTEST:

City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford, CMC