

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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
Finance Director Crystal Hadfield
Police Chief Jose Rios

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Rob Jones spoke on how the City of Willcox is getting better. With the new councilmembers being elected, he noted the need to keep things moving forward.

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 AUGUST 18, 2016

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR JOE'S PUB LLC TO BE LOCATED AT 116 E. MALEY AVE

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a liquor license application for Joe's Pub LLC to be located at 116 E. Maley Ave.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked about the address on the application and the City Clerk clarified the address change was due to the entrance being changed to 116 E Maley Avenue as the other building is being closed down.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE FOR MCH LLC DBA RIX'S TAVERN FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT 176 S. HASKELL AVE. ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M. AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH FROM 12:00 A.M. TO 2:00 A.M.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a Special Event for MCH LLC dba Rix's Tavern for an event to be held at 176 S. Haskell Ave. on Saturday September 17th from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. and Sunday September 18th from 12:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked if businesses agreed with the street closure. Councilmember Bowlby clarified the location of the street closure.

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APPROVE A STREET CLOSURE REQUEST BY REX ALLEN DAYS INC. FOR THE REX ALLEN DAYS PARADE TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 1ST FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the street closure request by Rex Allen Days Inc. for the Rex Allen Days parade to be held on October 1st from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey and Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked if there needs to be a correction or a square marked on all Special Event applications located on item 5. The City Clerk said she would look into that item and ensure that the proper square was marked.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE FOR WILLCOX HISTORIC THEATER PRESERVATION, INC. FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15TH FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a Special Event license for Willcox Historic Theater Preservation, Inc. for an event to be held on October 15th from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked for clarification on what was taking place. City Manager provided details. Councilmember Lindsey also questioned item 5 on the Special Event application. The City Clerk will research.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE FOR WILLCOX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15TH FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 10:30 P.M. AT WINDMILL PARK

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a Special Event License for Willcox Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture for an event to be held on October 15th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Windmill Park.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked if the city police needed to be involved as the Arizona Rangers were present. Chief Rios indicated officers will be doing a walk through to ensure everyone one is safe and in compliance. Councilmember Lindsey also wanted to ensure the correct box was marked on item 5 of the application.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- The City Manager gave a presentation at the Arizona Department of Housing conference held in Tucson regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant funds to mitigate slum and blight. He noted that Willcox will be used as an example for other Arizona communities.
- He thanked Staff and Council who helped at the League of Cities booth and thanked the various donors. He added that this is always a great opportunity to showcase what we have to offer in our community.
- He provided an updated on Quail Park; they have started the foundation work.
- The City has removed a tree on Railroad Park and he thanked Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Company (SSVEC) and staff for helping to remove it. He invited Kathy Klump to talk about the tree that was removed at Railroad Park. Ms. Klump gave a brief history of the trees in the Park. She is in favor of replacing the tree with another Siberian Elm.
- He also provided an update on the Election results. Hopefully, final official results will be available on Tuesday. The canvass of the vote will be at the next meeting.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilmember Nigh stated he had a great time at the League conference and thanked the City.
- Councilmember Lindsey unofficially welcomed Mr. Johnson, Ms. Garza, and Ms. Rowden and noted he will miss Councilmember Goolsby. He mentioned the booth at the League conference was a great success and that Councilmembers Bowlby and Laws help was appreciated. He also noted the break out session were great.
- Councilmember Johnson commented on the school business, mentioned at a previous meeting, and by doing this we keep this local which helps the City receive sales tax money. It is important to support our local businesses.

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- Councilmember Laws had a great time at the conference. He thanked Chief Rios and the Fire department on the fire they had to put out and for saving the home. One of the sessions he attended at the League was about pension plan for officers and firefighters; they have smart people working on this. He shook Councilmember Goolsby's hand and said he is going to miss him.
- Councilmember Bowlby had a great experience at the conference and realized that the bigger cities have the same problems as small towns do. He mentioned the bike race is on Saturday. The special events are tying in to the Wine Fest. Seventy-five percent of the Chamber dinner proceeds will go to the Northern Cochise Community Hospital (NCCH). The Theater event will get 100% of their profit.
- Vice Mayor Goolsby stated he loved his time on Council. He will miss it and he has enjoyed the ride. He also noted that people should not be disappointed with the Council election results.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 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 18th day of August 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of September 2016

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

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

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

ATTEST:

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