

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 15th 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
Councilman Michael J. Laws
Councilman Elwood A. Johnson
Councilman Gerald W. Lindsey
Councilman William "Bill" Nigh
Councilman Timothy A. Bowlby

STAFF

City Manager Ted Soltis
City Clerk Virginia A. Mefford
City Attorney Ann P. Roberts
Finance Director Crystal Hadfield

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Earl Goolsby - Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Rob Jones spoke regarding supporting Willcox and mentioned the article that was in the Tucson Daily Star regarding the Wine Fest.

Guy Nolan, the owner of GNS a heating and cooling company, wrote a letter to the City regarding concerns about not using local companies to provide services for the City. He would like to see the City try to use more local businesses.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Johnson and Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2016-17 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING AND ADOPTING THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON AUGUST 30, 2016

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-17.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE THE FAIR/FESTIVAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR A WINE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15TH AND 16TH AT RAILROAD PARK

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the Fair/Festival License applications for a Wine Festival to be held on October 15th and 16th at Railroad Park.

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE A STREET CLOSURE FOR RAILROAD AVE. BETWEEN STEWART ST. AND MALEY ST. FROM OCTOBER 15, 12:00 A.M. TO OCTOBER 16, 6:00 P.M. FOR A WINE FESTIVAL

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the street closure for Railroad Ave. between Stewart St. and Maley St. from October 15, 12:00 a.m. to October 16, 6:00 p.m. for a Wine Festival.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

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**APPROVE A GLASS CONTAINER WAIVER FOR A WINE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT RAILROAD PARK ON
OCTOBER 15TH AND 16TH**

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a glass container waiver for a Wine Festival to be held at Railroad Park on October 15th and 16th.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson mentioned this wine festival is one of the best in the country.

MOTION CARRIED

PROCLAMATION - REX ALLEN DAYS

Mayor Irvin read and presented the proclamation to Rachel Garza.

PROCLAMATION - CONSTITUTION WEEK

Mayor Irvin read and presented the proclamation to Terry Rowden.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- He noted the bike race was a success and he thanked everyone who made it possible.
- He stated that the tree planting ceremony went very well. He thanked the Councilmembers who attended, Kathy Klump for doing a great job with the history of the tree and the park, and staff for their assistance.
- He attended the Northern Cochise Community Hospital (NCCH) fund raiser. He mentioned that we have a very generous community. He thanked Councilmembers Bowlby and Goolsby who assisted.
- He provided an update on the bleachers at Quail Park. The roof is complete; the bleachers will be installed after Rex Allen Days.
- He provided notification that the electrical circuits will be updated at Railroad Park.
- He noted that City crews got behind on cutting weeds and grass. They are implementing a new system to be quicker and more efficient. Clean-up will be completed in time for Rex Allen Days.
- He mentioned that the owners of the properties cleaned up using CDBG money were notified to keep their property clean, as this was part of the agreement, and they have begun to comply.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilmember Johnson thanked everyone for their support on the election. He encouraged the City to lead by example by using local businesses. He also noted that everyone should support our local events.
- Councilmember Laws congratulated the newly elected and re-elected members to Council. He missed the tree ceremony as it was rescheduled due to the weather. He is looking forward to Rex Allen Days. He added, as always, to please support the local police.
- Councilmember Bowlby provided an update on the bike race. It was well attended with over 400 riders and this year there were more local volunteers. He also participated in the local golf tournament and noted that more promotion needs to be done next year. He noted the tree planting ceremony was nice. Northern Cochise County Hospital (NCCH) received over \$16,000 from the auction. He also congratulated the newly and re-elected Councilmembers. He mentioned that community clean-up is coming up soon. He mentioned Ted's wife helps to keep the area she walks around clean.
- Mayor Irvin thanked the Public Works Director for doing a great job of fixing the potholes around the City.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 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 15th day of September 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of September 2016

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

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of October 2016.

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

ATTEST:

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