

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER 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 Michael J. Laws
Councilman Elwood A. Johnson
Councilman Gerald W. Lindsey
Councilman Timothy A. Bowlby

STAFF

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

ABSENT

Councilman William "Bill" Nigh - Excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Irvin.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Rob Jones thanked Cenpatico for attending the Council meeting to present two grant checks, one for \$22,000 for the skate park and one for Willcox Against Substance Abuse (WASA) for \$4,500.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Laws seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE STREET CLOSURE FOR MALEY ST. FROM HASKELL AVE. TO ALLEY ON NOVEMBER 12TH FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. FOR THE MASONIC TEMPLE'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the street closure for Maley St. from Haskell Ave. to alley on November 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Masonic Temple's 125th anniversary celebration.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Mick Easthouse thanked the Council for allowing the street closure and gave a brief history of the Masonic Temple. He invited all to attend. They will have a time capsule on display and a luncheon at the Elks Club.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE STREET CLOSURE FOR THE VETERANS DAY PARADE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 12TH FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the street closure for the Veterans Day parade to be held on November 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Bowlby mentioned a correction on the time to reflect 12:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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RESOLUTION 2016-18 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLCOX AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, OFFICE OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (OMH), FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING OMH INSTALLATION STANDARDS

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-18.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Lindsey asked if Jeff Stoddard would be the one completing the documentation. Jeff said he was and stated he submits paperwork every six months.

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ARS 38-431.03.A.3 FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING ACTIVE LITIGATION INVOLVING THE CITY'S WATERLINE

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve going into Executive Session per ARS 38-431.03.A.3 for consultation with the City Attorney regarding active litigation involving the City's waterline.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6: 49 p.m.

RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:30 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- He gave an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). A request for bids has been advertised. Staff is aiming for the November 17th meeting to present for Council approval.
- He went to the Cochise County Fair opening; it was great. He noted that the area where the animals are presented now has a roof which it is a nice improvement.
- He provided an update on the water fill station; it is now open.
- He noted Rex Allen Days was a success, and he thanked the city crews for doing a great job.
- He noted the wine festival was a successful event and mentioned all the improvements that have been done in Railroad Park. He added that this year the electrical system was updated. Cracked sidewalks will be replaced, the sidewalk along Railroad Avenue will be finished by extending it to the north; and new sidewalks will be installed on the north and south part of the park running east to west. He thanked the Railroad for providing the funds for the various projects.
- He thanked Valley Telecom for the Wi-Fi they provided for the Wine Fest.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilmember Laws stated that the bleachers at the Rodeo Grounds look great. He mentioned the incident that happened with the shooting and was happy for the police training they had as they did a great job with the situation. He stated the wine festival was awesome.
- Councilmember Johnson elaborated on the Fair covering that the City Manager mentioned. It was done by Stephen Klump and it looks great. He mentioned next year will be Rex Allen, Jr.'s last year to perform in Willcox as he is retiring. The wine festival continues to grow.
- Councilmember Bowlby thanked God that the police officer who was shot was not badly hurt. He and his wife attended the dinner for the wine festival; all the proceeds will go to the Northern Cochise Community Hospital (NCCH). Rex Allen Days was great. The rodeo ground's bleachers look great. He thanked Cenpatico for the grant checks for the City of Willcox and WASA. He mentioned the carnival will be held on Saturday; the Trunk for Treats will be held on Monday; and the haunted house will be on Saturday and Monday.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 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 20th day of October, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

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Dated this 20th day of October 2016

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of November 2016.

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

ATTEST:

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