

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2017**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Laws called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL - City Manager Soltis called the roll.

PRESENT

Mayor Michael J. Laws
Vice Mayor Terry Rowden
Councilman Gerald "Sam" Lindsey
Councilman Robert A. Irvin
Councilman Elwood A. Johnson
Councilman Timothy A. Bowlby
Councilwoman Rachel D. Garza

STAFF

City Manager Ted Soltis
City Attorney Ann P. Roberts
Public Safety Director Jose Rios
Community Development Jeff Stoddard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Laws

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - None

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: The City Manager report was moved to follow the agenda approval. The NAMI appreciation award was removed from the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE THE JANUARY 19, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Police Chief Rios announced that Officer Hammons was being promoted to corporal. He noted that Officer Hammons had been with the department since 1997 and that he was reliable and hard working. Council took a short break to congratulate Officer Hammons.
- The City Manager announced that he, the Mayor and Councilmember Irvin attended the Mayor/Manager meeting in Tombstone.
- He and Councilmember Lindsey attended the SEAGO (SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization) planning retreat.
- He announced the Rate Review Advisory Board (RRAB) is working on updating the solid waste management IGA.
- The baseball bleachers have arrived and staffs is assembling them.
- The Air Force academy will be training at the airfield March 21st - April 2nd.
- The \$3 million shortfall funding has been secured with 50% in additional grant funds and 50% in additional loan funds. Once the loan paperwork is complete, he will be able to provide an updated construction schedule.

FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR-IN-REVIEW – JOHN CROPPER

Mr. Cropper presented the fire department year-in-review.

NAMI SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARD – PAT ROGERS

APPROVE SUN VALLEY RIDES (CARNIVAL) REQUEST TO USE KEILLER PARK FROM FEBRUARY 23 THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 2017

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the Sun Valley Rides (Carnival) request to use Keiller Park.

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SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Laws recommended rerouting traffic through the park to increase safety.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE KEILLER PARK TRAIL PROJECT

MOTION: Vice Mayor Rowden made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-02.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Jeff Stoddard and City Manager Soltis provided additional details on the project.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NS327 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE “WILLCOX MUNICIPAL CODE”, TITLE 1 “ADMINISTRATION”, CHAPTER 1.04 “GENERAL PENALTY; CONTINUING VIOLATIONS”, SECTION 1.04.010 “GENERAL PENALTY; CONTINUING VIOLATIONS”

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance NS327.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: City Attorney Roberts explained that the change would reduce ambiguity. City Magistrate Ward added that the old language was not clear and that new parameters were needed.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Lindsey congratulated Mr. Hammons on his promotion to corporal.

Councilmember Bowlby also congratulated Mr. Hammons.

Vice Mayor Rowden mentioned a number of issues ranging from her participation on various school-related committees to a film crew that documented the unique nature of Willcox. She also announced that the 3rd Annual West Fest would be May 5th through May 7th.

Councilwoman Garza also congratulated Mr. Hammons. She discussed the unfortunate results of the school override failure. She expressed a concern related to speeders within the school zone. She announced that she is heading an ad-hoc committee that will recommend a replacement for the Keiller Park slide. She also noted that she and the Mayor visited the dairy farm.

Mayor Laws congratulated Mr. Hammons on his promotion. He also thanked the City Manager and staff for work on moving the wastewater treatment plant forward.

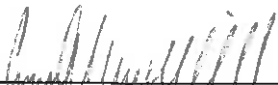
ADJOURN

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Laws.

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 16th day of February 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of February 2017



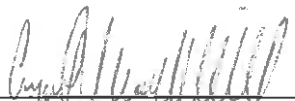
City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of March 2017.



Mayor Michael J. Laws

ATTEST:



City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield