

**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 JUNE 2017**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Michael Laws called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - City Clerk Crystal Hadfield 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
Finance Director/City Clerk Crystal Hadfield
Public Safety Director Jose Rios

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 Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE THE MAY 4, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the May 4, 2017 Council meeting minutes.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE THE MAY 18, 2017 COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Vice Mayor Rowden made a motion to approve the May 18, 2017 Council Work Session meeting minutes.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion

MOTION CARRIED

MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE RENEWAL – AL THUNBERG

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the medical insurance coverage renewal.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Al Thunberg from Employer Solutions Group (ESG) gave a presentation on the city's health insurance benefits. Thunberg then answered questions from Council.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINT MARK BRINTON TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to appoint Mark Brinton to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017-08 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET; AND SETTING THE DATES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY BEFORE ADOPTION

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-08 to adopt the tentative budget of the City of Willcox for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Bowlby asked for clarification on the increases to the general fund and water fund. City Manager Soltis explained that we are purchasing a new pumper truck, if a grant is not received, out of the general fund as our current trucks are from the 1980s and the increase in the water fund is to pay off a water bond.

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Councilmember Lindsey asked for clarification on the humane reimbursement from the County. Soltis explained how the reimbursement works and explained that the amount is in the revenue section of the budget.

MOTION CARRIED (6 Aye's: Laws, Rowden, Lindsey, Irvin, Bowlby, Garza, and 1 Nay: Johnson)

**APPROVE WILLCOX HISTORIC THEATER'S REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE FOR RAILROAD AVE
BETWEEN STEWART ST AND MALEY ST FOR JUNE 17 FROM 3:00 PM TO 11:59 PM**

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the Willcox Historic Theater's request for street closure.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: Gayle Berry described the summer festival event and answered questions from Council regarding the activities taking place at the festival.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Manager Soltis thanked Al Thunberg and John Stewart from ESG for the donation for fireworks.
- John Ringo from Point Blank (the manufacturer of the vests worn by our officers) presented a plaque to Officer Williams, who was shot while wearing a Point Blank vest.
- The wine festival was a great success. Soltis thanked everyone who was involved.
- Soltis stated that the Welcome to Willcox sign is still being worked on. He thanked Rowden for her assistance on the sign. The solar lighting for the sign is also being worked on.
- Soltis gave a grant update. The Keiller Park trail grant was approved. The skate park grant status is still unknown at this time.
- The playground equipment progress is unknown at this time.
- Public Works is in the process of rebuilding the dugouts at the park.
- Soltis gave an update on the streets. Fremont and Soto rebuilds are scheduled for next year.
- The waste water treatment plant ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for June 9th at 10:00 a.m.
- The League of Arizona Cities and Towns conference has been scheduled and booked for the councilmembers who are attending. We will have a display table at the conference to hand out products.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Johnson thanked Sherry Van Allen and ESG for their work on the city's benefits. He thanked Soltis and staff for a good budget. Johnson said that a lot of growth in the city is occurring and businesses are opening up in Willcox. Johnson said that he hopes the Planning and Zoning Commission will work on Title 17.

Councilmember Lindsey thanked Sherry Van Allen for assisting with the SEAGO evaluations.

Councilmember Bowlby recently spoke with a constituent who is very appreciative of the hospital and emergency room in Willcox.

Councilmember Garza said good job with the city's benefits. Garza said the budget looks really good and she is glad to be involved in the process. Garza said that the wine festival was outstanding. There were a lot of vendors and it has grown. Garza said that Rex Allen Days is coming along and it is the last year the Rex Allen Jr. will perform. Garza said she is happy to see so much happening in town.

Vice Mayor Rowden said that she is glad to see that Officer Williams is doing well. The Point Blank presentation was great and we have a wonderful police department. Rowden said that things are happening in Willcox and more good things are coming. Rowden said good job on the budget and the budget work session we had was great. She commended Soltis and staff for their work on the budget and benefits.

Mayor Laws thanked Sherry and Al for putting together the insurance and Soltis and staff for putting together the budget. Laws then thanked the police and city employees for their help on the wine festival. Laws stated that a lot of positive things are happening and coming to Willcox and the wineries are a big part of that. Laws thanked Soltis for the ball field work. Laws then thanked the council for their work.

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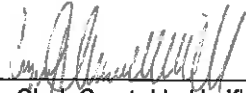
With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. by Mayor Laws.

CERTIFICATION

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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 1st day of June 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of June 2017



City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of June 2017.



Mayor Michael J. Laws

ATTEST:



City Clerk Crystal Hadfield

