

**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 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  
City Attorney Ann Roberts  
Finance Director/City Clerk Crystal Hadfield  
Public Safety Director Jose Rios  
Library Director Tom Miner

**ABSENT**

Vice Mayor Terry Rowden - Excused

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** - Led by Mayor Laws

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC** - Alan Baker gave an update on the Chamber's Economic Committee. He commended City staff on the great job on assisting with events and the clean-up of the City.

**DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - None

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE THE JUNE 1, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Garza made a motion to approve the June 1, 2017 Council meeting minutes.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Garza pointed out a typo to be fixed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE RENEWAL - ED BANTEL**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the workers' compensation coverage renewal.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion

**DISCUSSION:** Ed Bantel gave an update on the workers' compensation for the City. He mentioned that the experience modification factor (EMOD) has dropped 40% in two years and we are currently 60% less than where we were years before and we will continue to drop next year as old claims are dropped off. He commended management and employees for their efforts towards the drop in claims. Councilmember Lindsey asked for clarification on the three year operating history. Bantel explained that we operate on three years not to include the current year. Councilmember Garza asked if the loss summary report is based on a percentage. Bantel explained that the report shows losses and how the drop in claims has affected the EMOD.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET**

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:** Mayor Laws opened the Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:** Mayor Laws closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. with no comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPERTY TAXES**

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**RESOLUTION 2017-09 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-09 to adopt the final budget of the City of Willcox for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Bowlby stated that it is a good budget and that it is higher due to construction of the waste water treatment plant, preparation for major purchases, and lowering expenses in other areas.

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

**RESOLUTION 2017-10 – A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SOUTHWEST DISPOSAL**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-10 renewing solid waste services contract with Southwest Disposal.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Irvin seconded the motion

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Garza asked for clarification on bulky items. It was explained by David Gomez from Southwest Disposal that a bulky item pickup has to be requested by the customer. Garza also asked about the insurance requirements and if the workers' compensation falls under Southwest Disposal. Gomez stated that workers' compensation falls under their company and insurance certificates are submitted to the city. Councilmember Lindsey asked for clarification on the contract regarding Exhibit A not being referred to in the contract and the pricing. City Manager Soltis explained that the rates are remaining the same as in prior years and that the contract is the same since 2011 and can be modified when there is a new contract.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**WILLCOX AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE "WASA" ANNUAL REPORT – SALLY WHITE**

Sally White gave a presentation regarding the current and upcoming events for WASA. A video was shown and brochures and an overview of events were given to the Councilmembers. She thanked the City for their ongoing support of the program.

**RESOLUTION 2017-11 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES "SERVICE CONTRACT" BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLCOX "CITY" AND WILLCOX AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE "WASA"**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-11 a service contract between the City of Willcox and Willcox Against Substance Abuse.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Garza commended Sally White and her staff on the great job she has done for WASA. Garza stated that it is good to see how happy the kids are with the programs.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2017-12 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT "IGA" BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLCOX "CITY" AND THE WILLCOX UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #13 "SCHOOL" FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING A SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-12 between the City of Willcox and Willcox Unified School District #13 for an IGA implementing a school safety program.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Lindsey asked about the cost of the program. City Manager Soltis explained that the program is 100% grant funded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- Soltis stated that the swimming pool heater went out and the gas line and valve was fixed as it had corroded over time.
- Soltis discussed that on the next CDBG round the City will look at working on the pool and community center air conditioners.
- Soltis stated that the Welcome to Willcox sign, just north of Aridus, is now up. It still needs to be painted and the solar lights have been ordered.
- Soltis stated that the skate board park grant that was written is currently in review.
- Soltis mentioned that the new Chevron sign and station looks fantastic and he is grateful that the process is coming along.

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- Soltis stated that the ALCO building sold and that the new owners will be doing significant renovations. He doesn't know at this time who is moving into the property.
- Soltis stated that the new playground equipment shipped today.
- Councilmember Lindsey asked to about a sign at the 336 exit. Soltis stated that he will mention it to the Chamber of Commerce.

**COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilmember Johnson said that the groundbreaking ceremony for the waste water treatment plant was long overdue and it was a nice ceremony. He thanked the partners at the ceremony and former and current councilmembers who made the project possible.

Councilmember Garza attended a meet and greet for the new University of Arizona President. It was a very nice ceremony and she was able to speak with Martha McSally. Garza said that she is happy to hear that the Keiller Park playground equipment shipped. She stated that there was some confusion on the order and she submitted a letter to the editor in this week's paper to clarify. Garza reminded everyone that the theater's event will be this weekend and to get the word out there.

Councilmember Bowlby said that the City and school have welcomed the fire fighters and it is nice to see the community come together to help out.

Mayor Laws thanked the employees for their work on the waste water treatment plant efforts. Laws stated that he is very happy with the budget and he thanked the Councilmembers who voted for it. Laws stated that the waste water treatment plant ceremony went very well. He said that things are happening in Willcox. Small town America is struggling everywhere; however, this Council and staff are coming together to make things work. Laws mentioned that the Palace and the Willcox Commercial sold and the newly renovated hotel is looking fantastic as well as the Chevron station. Laws stated that he and Councilmember Bowlby went to a fire fighter meeting in Cochise last Saturday where they offered water to fight fires. Laws mentioned that he is excited that the new playground equipment is coming. He stated that people are building houses in the City limits moving into the City from the county. Laws then thanked the school for their assistance to the fire fighters.

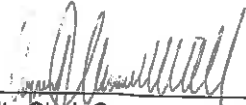
**ADJOURN**

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 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 15th day of June 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

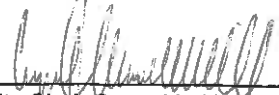
**Dated this 15th day of June 2017**

  
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City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of July 2017.

  
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Mayor Michael J. Laws

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

