

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 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 (Telephonically)
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 Bowlby made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE THE JUNE 15, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the June 15, 2017 Council meeting minutes.

SECONDED: Councilmember Irvin seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: Mayor Laws opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Mayor Laws closed the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m. with no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPERTY TAXES

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: Mayor Laws opened the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Mayor Laws closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson asked for clarification on the secondary property tax. Questions regarding the tax were answered by Finance Director/City Clerk Crystal Hadfield and City Manager Ted Soltis.

RESOLUTION 2017-13 – 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 2017-13 to adopt the final budget of the City of Willcox for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson asked if the gas welder position was budgeted. City Manager Soltis explained that the welder position is budgeted as an employee on an as needed basis.

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

RESOLUTION 2017-14 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COCHISE COUNTY TOURISM STEERING COMMITTEE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-14 approving the Cochise County Tourism Steering Committee Intergovernmental Agreement.

SECONDED: Councilmember Irvin seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: City Manager Soltis explained that the main difference is the fiduciary responsibility lies with Sierra Vista whereas in the past, it was with Cochise County. Councilmember Johnson voiced concern over whether or not

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Willcox, as a small community, would be well represented. Soltis recommended that the resolution be approved and the City can determine if the intergovernmental agreement should continue next year.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017-15 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE WRITE-OFF OF TERMINATED UTILITY ACCOUNTS THAT HAVE BECOME NON-COLLECTABLE

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-15 approving the write-off of terminated utility accounts that have become non-collectable.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Vice Mayor Rowden asked if the amount was relatively small. Finance Director/City Clerk Hadfield explained the debt-setoff process that is in place and commented on the success of the program. Councilmember Johnson asked for clarification on how the process works. Hadfield then explained the process.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017-16 – A RESOLUTION EXTENDING A CONTRACT WITH ZG ENTERPRISES DBA FREEWAY TEXACO FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR PURCHASES OF UNLEADED GAS AND DIESEL

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-16 extending a contract with ZG Enterprises for an additional year for purchases of unleaded gas and diesel.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson mentioned that when the new Chevron is up and running that they may want to bid on the contract next year. City Manager Soltis explained the contract process and that next year the City will go out to bid for a new contract.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017-17 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH BARNETT'S TOWING L.L.C., FOR VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §28-3511

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-17 approving an agreement with Barnett's Towing, L.L.C., for vehicle towing and storage charges.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: City Manager Soltis explained that Barnett's was the only bidder.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Manager Soltis said that a number of councilmembers attended the recent Mayor/Managers meeting. Soltis stated that the Mayor did a great job talking about Willcox.
- Soltis said that the first mud bog event will be held July 15th at Quail Park. The City crews have done a great job preparing for this event.
- Soltis said that the playground equipment has arrived and a community celebration and employee picnic is scheduled for August 11, 2017.
- SEACAP has moved out of the Depot building and moved into the council chamber building as of today.
- Soltis thanked the fire department and the volunteers for their efforts for the 4th of July. The City has almost received half of the matching funds for the fireworks display.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Lindsey, though unable to attend, heard the fireworks were a great success.

Councilmember Garza mentioned two upcoming school related events.

Councilmember Bowlby said that he hopes everyone had a good 4th of July.

Vice Mayor Rowden stated that it is good to be back in Willcox after traveling. Rowden stated that in her travels she saw nice towns but we shouldn't sell Willcox short. There are a lot of good things happening and future things coming.

Mayor Laws stated that he would like to see more positive comments as we have positive things happening such as a balanced budget, the new waste water treatment plant, and new businesses coming. Mayor Laws then described an incident that occurred last Sunday morning. Highway Patrol called him and said that there was a bus broken down on the interstate with many people needing transport to the Dairy Queen at the Thing. Mayor Laws immediately called Patti Ackerson in dispatch who told him to contact Tom Currin with the school. Within twenty five minutes Currin had loaded thirty plus passengers and had them transported. Mayor Laws said that this is small town America at work. Mayor Laws closed with saying that the playground equipment at Keiller Park will be installed as soon as possible.

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ADJOURN

MOTION: Vice Mayor Rowden made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 7:03 p.m.

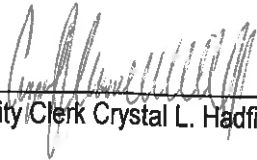
SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

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 6th day of July 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of July 2017



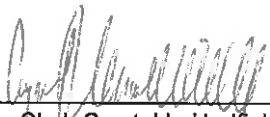
City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of July 2017.



Mayor Michael J. Laws

ATTEST:



City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield