

**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 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  
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** – Trevor Ward, representing Willcox Little League, presented a check to the City for half of the cost of the lighting repairs at Keiller Park ball fields. Ward thanked the City for their hard work on the ball field improvements. Ward also mentioned that the traveling teams throughout the District love to play on the City's fields as they are some of the best in the District.

**DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – Councilmember Garza will not vote on the Rex Allen Days liquor license applications as she is a Rex Allen Days board member.

**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 JULY 6, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVE AN "APPLICATION FOR AGENT CHANGE – ACQUISITION OF CONTROL" FOR JOE'S PUB LLC LOCATED AT 116 E. MALEY STREET**

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:** Mayor Laws opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:** Mayor Laws closed the Public Hearing at 6:37p.m. with no comments.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the Application for Agent Change – Acquisition of Control for Joe's Pub LLC.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR REX ALLEN DAYS, INC. FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT KEILLER PARK ON SATURDAY 10/07/17 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the special event liquor license for Rex Allen Days, Inc.

**SECONDED:** Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Lindsey expressed concern regarding alcohol being served at an event where many children are present. Public Safety Director Jose Rios explained that the area is marked, enforced by Arizona Liquor Laws, and supervised by the Arizona Rangers and the Willcox Police Department. Rios also mentioned that there have not been any prior issues with the event. Vice Mayor Rowden asked if there are restrictions on how much people can drink. Rios stated that state law has to be enforced and the people serving are familiar with the Arizona State Statutes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR REX ALLEN DAYS, INC. FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE QUAIL PARK ARENA ON SATURDAY 10/07/17 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY 10/08/17 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the special event liquor license for Rex Allen Days, Inc.

**SECONDED:** Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Lindsey expressed concern with this special event license regarding the serving of alcohol at the event. Rios stated that there have been no issues with this event in the past as it has been very well controlled.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NS328: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY SUBJECT TO TAXATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve Ordinance NS328 levying a primary and secondary property tax for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Lindsey asked about the secondary property tax. City Manager Soltis explained that we are paying off the secondary bond next year, ten years early, with reserves; therefore, there will not be a secondary tax next year.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- SEAGO has completed their transportation survey and will make a presentation on August 17th.
- Planning and Zoning will be reviewing Title 17 at their next meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- City Manager Soltis recently attended the Cochise County Tourism Steering Committee Meeting. At the next meeting, a new chairman will be elected. This will ensure that small communities, such as Willcox, are more equally represented.
- Soltis recently attended a Public Safety Retirement meeting. Representatives from the Legislature have set up an ad-hoc committee to travel around the state and collect information. The ad-hoc committee, upon completion of their collection of information, will propose solutions.
- Soltis stated that Saturday's Mud Bog was a success. He thanked all that made it happen and staff for prepping the site. He stressed that the grounds are a multi-use facility and can be used for a variety of events. There are a number of people who have ideas for use of the facility.
- The new playground equipment is in the process of being installed. There will be a ceremony on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at Keiller Park to celebrate the new equipment.

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

Vice Mayor Rowden thanked Trevor Ward and the Little League for their contribution. Rowden said that good things are happening in Willcox and things are falling into place to make the City successful.

Councilmember Lindsey stated that it was great to be able to facilitate the last meeting telephonically as he was travelling. Lindsey stated that he can see a lot of positive changes being made in Willcox.

Councilmember Irvin voiced concern over a proposed event to take place during Rex Allen Days in which people are put into a mock jail until they make a donation to be released. Irvin also said that we should keep Senator John McCain in our prayers.

Councilmember Bowlby thanked Carol Broader, from the Range News, for being at the meetings and posting events in the newspaper and online.

Mayor Laws thanked the Little League for paying for half of the lighting costs. Laws thanked the City for getting the ball field improvements completed. Laws mentioned that the swimming pool took a lot of work recently. Laws thanked those involved in the work at the mud bog. He stated that the new park equipment going into Keiller Park is awesome. Laws stated that there are a lot of things for the children to do in Willcox. He also mentioned that attendees of the mud bog went to local businesses to purchase fuel and food. The recent ball games, where attendance was great, also helped the local businesses. He said that so many positive things are going on in town. Laws thanked the Council for their efforts. He thanked City Manager Soltis for his work on the waste water treatment plant. Laws also thanked Carol Broeder for her work at the newspaper.

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**ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 6:59 p.m.

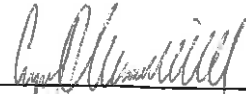
**SECONDED:** Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

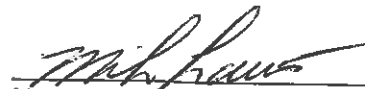
**CERTIFICATION**

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 20th day of July 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

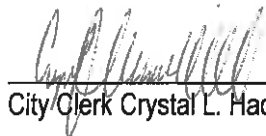
**Dated this 20th day of July 2017**

  
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City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 17th day of August 2017.

  
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Mayor Michael J. Laws

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield