

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 "Woody" Johnson
Councilman Timothy A. Bowlby
Councilwoman Rachel D. Garza

STAFF

City Manager Ted Soltis
City Attorney Ann Roberts
Finance Director/City Clerk Crystal Hadfield

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Laws

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - Delcie Schultz discussed Rex Allen Jr. and upcoming Rex Allen Day's events.

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 SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the September 7, 2017 Council meeting minutes.

SECONDED: Councilmember Garza seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINT KATHY KLUMP TO THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to appoint Kathy Klump to the Historical Preservation Advisory Committee.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINT PETA-ANNE TENNEY TO THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to appoint Peta-Anne Tenney to the Historical Preservation Advisory Committee.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINT LINDA SHAVER TO THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOTION: Vice Mayor Rowden made a motion to appoint Linda Shaver to the Historical Preservation Advisory Committee.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE THE FAIR/FESTIVAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR A WINE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 21ST AND 22ND AT RAILROAD PARK

MOTION: Vice Mayor Rowden made a motion to approve the fair/festival license applications for a wine festival.

SECONDED: Councilmember Garza seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE A STREET CLOSURE FOR RAILROAD AVE. BETWEEN STEWART ST. AND MALEY ST. FROM OCTOBER 21ST, 12:00 A.M. TO OCTOBER 22ND, 6:00 P.M. FOR A WINE FESTIVAL

MOTION: Councilmember Garza made a motion to approve a street closure for a wine festival.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

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MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVE A GLASS CONTAINER WAIVER FOR A WINE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT RAILROAD PARK ON
OCTOBER 21ST AND 22ND**

MOTION: Vice Mayor Rowden made a motion to approve a glass container waiver for a wine festival.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVE THE WILLCOX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL
EVENT LICENSE FOR OCTOBER 21ST, 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the Willcox Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture application for a special event license.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE POLICE STATION/COUNCIL CHAMBERS PARKING LOT LIGHTING

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the police station/council chambers parking lot lighting.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Garza mentioned that she appreciates the safety precautions; however, she noted that we also need to look at lighting for some of the neighborhoods within the City. Councilmember Bowlby asked for clarification on the funding for the lights. City Manager Soltis explained that we had money left over from the secondary property tax and specified that the funds cannot be used for any other project other than the police station/council chambers facility. Councilmember Bowlby asked if we tried to use a local contractor for the lighting project. Soltis explained that we went with State bid. Vice Mayor Rowden asked if we have a timeline. Soltis replied that we do not; however, the project will be starting soon.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Manager Soltis said that the solar lights for the two "Welcome to Willcox" signs on Haskell Avenue have come in and will be installed soon.
- Soltis mentioned that Valley Telecommunications is discontinuing television services. As a result, the City will lose about \$11,000 annually in cable franchise fees.
- There will be no meeting on October 5th as Council will be attending the Cowboy Hall of Fame.
- There will be a dinner for Rex Allen Jr. on Friday, October 6th at the Elks Club.
- Soltis stated that every year we have various proclamations. The proclamations are created by the person or organization requesting the proclamation. The Rex Allen Days proclamation was requested by a member of the Rex Allen Days committee. Soltis agrees that it would have been a good idea to recommend modifications to the recently presented Rex Allen Days proclamation to include Rex Allen Jr. Soltis said that he had spoken with the Chamber and they will be doing something special to honor Rex Allen Jr. at the Cowboy Hall of Fame dinner.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Garza, a member of the Rex Allen Committee, agreed with Delcie that Rex Allen Jr. should have been mentioned in the proclamation and apologized for the omission. Garza added that she appreciates everything that Rex Allen Jr. has done for the community.

Councilmember Bowlby is excited about this time of year as there are a number of events like Rex Allen Days and the Wine Festival coming up shortly.

Vice Mayor Rowden thanked City staff for the installation and improvement of the City signs. Rowden is looking forward to the events coming up in October, in particular Rex Allen Days and the Wine Festival. Rowden recently spent several days at three local schools presenting about the Constitution and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The children asked good questions and she is optimistic about the children in the community. Rowden invited everyone to NAPA Saturday the 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Grand Opening.

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Councilmember Johnson didn't get to see Rex Allen Jr. perform until he became a Councilmember. Johnson stated that although we may have dropped the ball on proclamation, if Rex Allen Jr. comes back next year, we could do a tribute. He added that if we plan ahead, maybe Jimmy Fortune could come next year. Johnson said that he appreciates what Rex Allen Jr. does for Arizona and the community. Johnson had Rebecca Akes discuss the motorcycle bike rodeo that is coming. Akes said that the motorcycle rodeo is moving from Benson to the Catterest this year and the event is the same weekend as the Wine Festival.

Councilmember Lindsey stated that he had voiced his displeasure last meeting over the proclamation not including Rex Allen Jr. Lindsey said that he appreciates the things that are going on and it is a great time of year. Lindsey said that he and the City Manager attended an Economic Development meeting in Benson and they discussed things that could have an influence on Willcox. Lindsey thanked City staff for putting up the additional lighting at the Community Center.

Councilmember Irvin welcomed the three new members to the Historical Preservation Committee.

Mayor Laws thanked City staff for the recent cleanup. Laws said that the City looks good for Rex Allen Days. Laws is pleased with the new lighting at the Community Center. Laws is glad that NAPA is having their grand opening. They will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and have music. Laws is looking forward to the upcoming car show. Laws thanked the three new members for joining the Historical Committee. Laws stated that we dropped the ball on the Rex Allen Jr. proclamation but it will be fixed. Laws is looking forward to Rex Allen Jr. coming back to Willcox. Laws mentioned that he is glad to be on the City Council and we are getting a lot done. Laws recently visited Magic Circle RV Park where they are making improvements. They will be putting in a pool and a new restaurant. NAPA recently leased out part of their building for a new restaurant. Laws said that a lot is going on in Willcox.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 7:01 p.m.

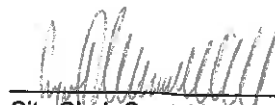
SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

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 21st day of September 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of September 2017



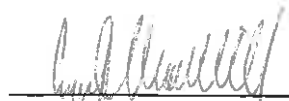
City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of October 2017.



Mayor Michael J. Laws

ATTEST:



City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield