

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER 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" 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
Development Services Director Jeff Stoddard

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Terry Rowden - Excused
Councilman Timothy A. Bowlby - Excused

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 Lindsey made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.
SECONDED: Councilmember Garza seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the September 21, 2017 Council meeting minutes.
SECONDED: Councilmember Garza seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVE AN "ACQUISITION OF CONTROL" FOR WESTERN REFINING RETAIL LLC, GIANT STORE #900 LOCATED AT 211 N. HASKELL AVENUE

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

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Mayor Laws closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. with no comments.

MOTION: Councilmember Garza made a motion to approve an Acquisition of Control for Western Refining Retail, LLC, Giant Store #900.
SECONDED: Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE STREET CLOSURE FOR THE VETERANS DAY PARADE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 11TH FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve a street closure for the Veterans Day Parade.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Connie Dunham handed out a flyer as a special invitation for Council to participate in the parade. Dunham discussed the events taking place for the parade.

MOTION CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES YEAR-IN-REVIEW PRESENTATION: JEFF STODDARD

Jeff Stoddard gave a presentation going over the prior year's accomplishments for his department and the City. Stoddard answered questions from Council during the presentation.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

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- City Manager Soltis discussed the success of the Rex Allen Days events and thanked everyone who helped make it a success.
- Soltis stated that the new basketball pad is installed at Gonzales Park. We are currently waiting on the pole, hoop, and picnic tables to arrive to finish the project.
- Soltis discussed the new project at the animal shelter in conjunction with the County and Public Works. The shelter will go through a deep cleaning as we do periodically.
- Recently Soltis and the Mayor went to Douglas to discuss the port project. It was a good meeting and upgrading the port will benefit the County and the State.
- Soltis reminded everyone that the wine festival is this weekend.
- Soltis will be heading to the International City Management Association (ICMA) meeting in San Antonio next week. He is looking forward to learning from his colleagues and networking with them.
- Councilmember Lindsey asked for an update on the wastewater treatment plant. Soltis stated that the ground work is complete and we are back on schedule after ground water related delays.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Johnson stated that Rex Allen Days was a success and the Cowboy Hall of Fame was enjoyable. Rex's retirement party, the parade, and Allen's performance were also good events. Johnson mentioned that the motorcycle events at the Cattle Rest, along with the Wine Festival, are coming this weekend.

Councilmember Lindsey had a good time with Rex Allen Days and is looking forward to future developments.

Councilmember Garza echoed the other Councilmembers on the Rex Allen Days events. The Cowboy for Causes Rodeo was a success and a local student will receive benefits from it. Garza thanked City Manager Soltis and the Mayor for their perseverance in getting a key to the City to Rex Allen Jr. Garza mentioned a few recent successes at the school and encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming school override election. Garza also mentioned that since Valley Telecommunications is no longer filming the Council meetings, we need to look into other avenues to getting communication out to people.

Mayor Laws said that Rex Allen Days was a great event. He enjoyed the parade, the food at the carnival, the car show, and the rodeo. He said the City looked awesome and he received many compliments on how well it looked. The wine festival is this weekend and a lot of people will be coming to town to attend.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 7:04 p.m.

SECONDED: Councilmember Garza 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 19th day of October 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of October 2017




City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of November 2017.



Mayor Michael J. Laws

ATTEST:



City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield