

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 2018**

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 Timothy A. Bowlby
Councilwoman Rachel D. Garza
Councilman Robert A. Irvin
Councilman Elwood "Woody" A. Johnson
Councilman Gerald "Sam" Lindsey

STAFF

City Manager Ted Soltis
City Attorney Ann Roberts
Finance Director/City Clerk Crystal Hadfield
Public Safety Director Jose Rios
Public Works Director Galovale Galovale

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Laws

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - Sally White gave a brief presentation regarding a new grant that Willcox Against Substance Abuse (W.A.S.A.) is administering. They received a \$25,000 Legacy grant and will receive another \$25,000 at the end of the year for a job shadowing/intern program. White answered several questions from Council. White also mentioned that W.A.S.A. is having their annual retreat this weekend and she invited Council to attend.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

SECONDED: Councilmember Irvin seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE THE JANUARY 4TH, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the January 4th, 2018 Council meeting minutes.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: SRI YAMANI

Sri Yamani from Wilson Engineers gave a presentation on the progress of the wastewater treatment plant. Yamani went over the project funding with costs of construction management, construction, and contingency. He discussed the funding sources, the timeline of the project with a final completion date of May 3, 2019, and issues faced thus far including higher ground water levels. Yamani also discussed the funding needed to complete the project and change orders. Yamani then answered questions from Council.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Soltis gave an update on the Keiller Park Trail Grant. Work will begin soon as we have been given the go ahead to start.
- He anticipates that the animal shelter will be complete within two weeks. The last major upgrade is venting for the water coolers. When the project is complete, we will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- We had the ribbon cutting ceremony for Gonzales Park which went very well. Unfortunately, there were people who would have liked to attend, but were unaware of the event. Soltis apologized that the event was not better publicized.
- The next Council meeting will be cancelled due to Soltis attending the ACMA conference.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Johnson – He discussed the recent comments regarding the Christmas lights. The lights were for the community and the community enjoyed the lights. Johnson mentioned that the Economic Development group would like to help businesses come to town. Lastly, Johnson commended the new lights for the PD/Council Chamber building parking lot.

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Councilmember Lindsey – Lindsey enjoyed the dedication at Gonzales Park and remarked that it was nicely done and is an asset to those who use it.

Councilmember Irvin – He said that he is glad to see the lights in the parking lot.

Councilmember Garza – She discussed the Gonzales Park dedication and how she was unable to attend. Garza mentioned that the Gonzales family had another celebration for the park renovations.

Laws – He is glad to see the lights in the parking lot and he thanked the City Manager for his work on the project. Laws said that Gonzales Park is now safer and there is new equipment for the kids. Laws hopes that we have a great 2018 and he wished everyone a prosperous New Year.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 7:14 p.m.

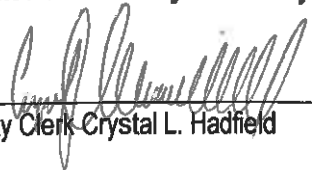
SECONDED: Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

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 18th day of January 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18th day of January 2018



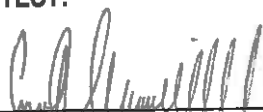
City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of February 2018.



Mayor Michael J. Laws

ATTEST:



City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield