

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 1ST DAY OF MARCH 2018**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Michael Laws called the meeting to order at 6:31 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

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 Garza made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 15, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the February 15, 2018 Council meeting minutes.

SECONDED: Councilmember Irvin seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2018-02: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DISPATCH SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SUNSITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

MOTION: Vice Mayor Rowden made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-02.

SECONDED: Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Josh Steinburg, Fire Chief for Sunsites-Pearce Fire District, thanked the Council, City Manager Soltis, and Public Safety Director Jose Rios for their support with dispatch services. Steinburg then answered questions from Council.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Manager Soltis said that potholes are cropping up due to rain and moisture. However, the material we use is the best we can purchase. The first week in May we will be paving Soto Street and Fremont Street.
- Soltis discussed the work going on in Keiller Park. The new trail base work is complete and the diseased/dying trees have been removed. We are working on another piece of new trail by the restrooms that will include handicap access. In the future, we will try to apply for grant funding to refurbish the bathrooms and replace the existing lights with LED lights.
- Soltis said the animal shelter is almost complete to include the venting. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will occur within the next few weeks.
- Soltis said that Planning & Zoning will meet at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. going forward. The last meeting was cancelled due to sickness. Soon we will start the public hearing process for Title 17. After that is complete, work on the Master Plan will begin.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Garza mentioned that she did a tour of Keiller Park with the City Manager earlier in the day. Garza said that it is looking good and the community should be proud of what is happening there. Garza mentioned that Council might want to conduct a town hall to inform community members of what is being done and what is involved in getting things done.

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Councilmember Bowlby reiterated what Councilmember Garza said on the work being done at Keiller Park. Bowlby said that it is awesome to see what is going on and he thanked the businesses that helped with funding. Bowlby mentioned that it takes the community working together to get things accomplished. Bowlby said that there are a lot of things coming that will benefit the community.

Vice Mayor Rowden said that they are doing a fantastic job at the park and she is anxious to use the trail and fitness equipment. Rowden is glad to see the hazardous trees gone that were rotting on the inside. We will have better trees and trail. Rowden is happy to see so much involvement from the businesses and the community to improve the park for everyone. Rowden mentioned the hospital's 50th Anniversary celebration and that it was nice to see the opening of the time capsule. Rowden said that she is not sure that a town hall meeting is necessary but maybe an open house to celebrate who we are. Rowden is looking forward to the animal shelter ribbon cutting. Rowden gave kudos to City employees and she is impressed by their attitude and work ethic. Rowden said that she is thankful to be a part of this Council and community.

Mayor Laws said that Councilmember Garza and Vice Mayor Rowden are on the right track as long as we get the news out there. Laws mentioned the Keiller Park tour with City Manager Soltis and he likes the way the guard rails were moved to make the restrooms part of the park instead of being in the parking lot. Laws mentioned the work that went into getting the Cochise County jail fees corrected. Laws mentioned that during his weekly drive-around with Soltis, that they are aware of the potholes that need repair. Laws said that the new humane shelter will be awesome. He thanked the chief, his employees, City staff, and donors that have helped with the shelter. Our donors, Sulphur Springs Electric, Valley Telecom, and Northern Cochise Community Hospital always come forward to help. Laws commented on the amount of burglaries that the Police Department have solved lately. Laws said that we will be moving some lighting to the skate park area of Keiller Park so that the skateboarders can skate in the evenings. Laws said that the grant will replace the trail and the business donations will pay for the new section of the trail, handicap access, and fitness equipment. Soltis said that the City will be matching business donations with labor and cost sharing.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 6:55 p.m.

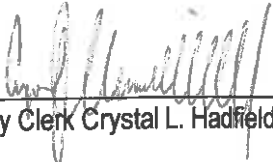
SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

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 1st day of March 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of March 2018



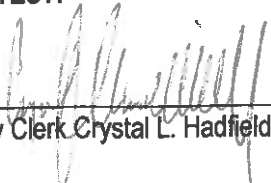
City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of April 2018.



Mayor Michael J. Laws

ATTEST:



City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield