

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 2nd DAY OF AUGUST 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 Elwood "Woody" A. Johnson
Councilman Gerald "Sam" Lindsey
~~Councilman Robert A. Irvin~~
Councilman Timothy A. Bowlby
Councilwoman Rachel D. Garza

STAFF

Interim City Manager Crystal Hadfield
Public Safety Director Jose Rios

ABSENT

Councilman Robert A. Irvin

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 Bowlby made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE THE JULY 19, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Councilmember Garza made a motion to approve the July 19, 2018 Council meeting minutes.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Vice Mayor Rowden pointed out a typo on the comments not for discussion under Vice Mayor Rowden's section it says "that are" twice.

MOTION CARRIED

POINT BLANK AWARD PRESENTATION – JOHNNY RINGO

Johnny Ringo from Point Blank presented Detective Sergeant David Reno an award because he was wearing their vest when he was shot. This is unfortunately the second time he has presented an award this year. The blessing is that Reno is fine and the products worked like they are supposed to. Ringo said thank you for the opportunity to serve. Detective Sergeant Reno said all he had to say is that he is blessed to have men and women that serve with him in blue. It could've been a lot worse if they hadn't been there that day. A special thank you goes out to Sergeant Hadfield, Chief Rios, Officer Williams, and everyone else who showed up out there. Reno then said everything happened the way it is supposed to happen because of the fine group of men and women he works with. Sergeant Hadfield thanked everyone for being there. Hadfield said it is also the eve of memorial for the officer who was shot and killed in Avondale. Thankfully to Point Blank, their product works. We have been shown that twice now. Hadfield said thank you for an awesome product. Once again, let's take a moment and remember the Trooper that was killed.

APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR WILLCOX QUARTERBACK CLUB FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE COUNTRY SPUR ON SATURDAY, 08/11/18 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO SUNDAY, 08/12/18 2:00 A.M.

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the Special Event Liquor License for the Quarterback Club.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER REPORT

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- Congratulations to Detective Reno on his award tonight. It's unfortunate that it wasn't under different circumstances, but congratulations nonetheless.
- We have been notified that we are a finalist for the water bottle fill station grant that we applied for. We should know the outcome by the end of this month or early next month.
- At the Library, Lucy is hosting two story-time sessions beginning on September 6th. Starting August 17th, Michelle will be doing grant workshops teaching children to code.
- Street crews have been painting the street crossings in preparation for school to start.
- The treatment plant has been progressing and the proposed date of completion is still November.
- The Humane Shelter is progressing. It is taking longer than expected due to illness.
- Utilities has not had any response from the equipment contractor on the water fill station programming repair so therefore, the we are in the planning stages for individual meters to be installed.
- On August 16th at 11:00 a.m. there will be a distracted driver event outside of City Hall to bring awareness to distracted driving. Everyone is invited to attend.
- On August 8th, there will be ALICE training for all of the Willcox Public School staff put on by our department.
- Lastly, I would like to thank the Council and staff for their continuing support during the transition period. We faced some challenges but got through them. Caleb will be here on Monday the 6th.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Johnson said thank you for your service to Interim City Manager Hadfield; you did a great job. Thank you for stepping up and accepting the position. Point Blank product is excellent in saving lives. Johnson asked if a private citizen could order one. Ringo replied that no sir, we only offer to law enforcement, military, and security.

Councilmember Garza thanked Hadfield for everything and for being patient with her. Garza said congrats to David Reno for his support and dedication to the City. Congrats to the City for getting the cross walks painted. They are noticeable so thank you very much for that.

Councilmember Bowlby said Reno; it is good to see you and all the officers that have been in these incidents before. Bowlby said thank you for your product to Johnny Ringo. Bowlby thanked Hadfield for all the work that she has put in during the last few months. The process isn't over, she is still going to be right there and help Blaschke until he is settled. School is coming up so be aware of the kids in the streets and kids going to classes.

Vice Mayor Rowden echoed what the other Councilmembers have said, thank you to Johnny Ringo for a great product. Rowden then thanked the officers and said they have a dangerous career and she commends all of them for what they do for our community. She said, David we are really glad you survived because of the equipment. Rowden thanked Hadfield for putting up with all of the different personalities on this Council. She knows that Hadfield and the Mayor worked closely on the budget and kept this City on track. Rowden said job well done. Rowden found out that there is a new winery coming in on Kansas Settlement so the wine industry is growing. On the Economic Development Committee, Rowden has had a chance to talk to realtors and the commercial sales in this area have been greater this year than in the last ten years. This City is making progress and we are not dying. We are growing and will continue to progress.

Mayor Laws said David, I'm glad to see you. The Mayor thanked Ringo for a great product. Laws said he would stack the Willcox Police Department against any police department anywhere. We are the best and a lot of that comes from small town living and small town pride. Laws then said to Hadfield that we've had our moments. They were worried in the beginning and we've got this and made it through it and got the budget approved unanimously. We've told everyone the last few years that this Council is the Council of "yes". This Council wants and welcomes growth. We are meeting all the time and seeing things to get done. It is safer in Willcox now and people want to come here. We are very fortunate that Willcox is that way because small town America is really struggling. We are getting daily reports now on the treatment plant and we are going over those and it is looking good. We have a lot to get Caleb up to speed when he gets here. He appreciates the Council having the confidence and giving us this try. Thank you to Hadfield for stepping up to the plate, that's a good job.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 6:48 p.m.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

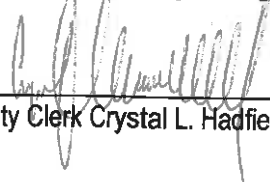
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CERTIFICATION

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 2nd day of August 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2018



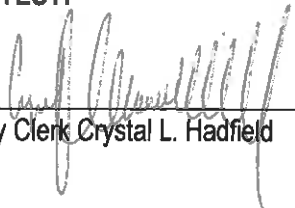
City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of August 2018.



Mayor Michael J. Laws

ATTEST:



City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

