

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ  
HELD ON THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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**

City Manager Caleb Blaschke  
City Attorney Ann Roberts  
Finance Director/City Clerk Crystal Hadfield  
Public Safety Director Jose Rios  
Interim Public Safety Director Dale Hadfield  
Director of Public Works Galo Galovale  
Director of Administrative Services Jeff Stoddard

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** - Led by Mayor Laws.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – None

**DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – Councilmember Johnson recused himself from voting on item 8, the discussion and approval for the purchase of one police package patrol Tahoe, as he is a local car salesman.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Rowden made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Garza made a motion to approve the September 11, 2018 Special Council meeting minutes.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE POLICE PACKAGE PATROL TAHOE**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Garza made a motion to approve the purchase of a police package patrol Tahoe.

**SECONDED:** Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Chief Jose Rios gave a brief presentation to show the different prices of different vehicles and what is available for purchase. The 2019 Dodge Charger is the least expensive vehicles of five quotes at \$35,127.66. The equipment that goes in is about the same for each vehicle. The 2019 Ford Interceptor Sedan is \$36,322.76. The next vehicle, the 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe is \$38,320.52. Keep in mind the difference between the Tahoe and any of the two Ford SUVs is the Tahoe has a frame and a body on top of it. All of the Ford vehicles are uni-body. The Tahoe is the roomiest vehicle of all of them. The next is the Ford Explorer which comes in at \$41,349.47. The Ford Expedition comes in at \$42,125.63. Chief Rios showed Council the durability and feature page of his presentation and reiterated that the Tahoe is the only on-frame vehicle. Vice Mayor Rowden commented that it is safer. Rios said that the Tahoe is less expensive to repair than the Ford SUVs. Mayor Laws asked about the GPS system how you can find it if something goes wrong. Rios replied that the Tahoe has OnStar but he is unsure about Ford. Rios discussed the comfort of the Tahoe and the ease of getting in and out of the vehicle and how it is built for officer comfort. He then discussed the safety of the Tahoe. Fuel mileage is better on the Tahoe over the Fords. The Tahoe's also come with a warranty and it will save us in cost of ownership over the Fords. Councilmember Lindsey said the quote says 2018 while the rest are 2019. Interim Police Chief Hadfield said they are all 2019 vehicles. Lindsey asked if it is the 5.3 V8 in it to which Rios replied yes. Lindsey asked if they are four wheel drive or two wheel drive. Rios said that they are two wheel drives as a four wheel drive is not worth the extra money. Mayor Laws asked if we need a four wheel drive. Rios said that we haven't needed it as of yet as most of our calls are within the City limits. Rios said that several of the vehicles presented are not in production currently. All prices are State-bid prices. Vice Mayor Rowden asked if the Crown Victoria's and Impalas would be phased out. Rios said correct and then mentioned that we would be saving in

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maintenance by having all Tahoe's. Oil changes and preventative maintenance would be the same. Rios said based on the prices shown, the lesser vehicles are sedans so he recommends purchasing the Tahoe. Lindsey asked about all of the vehicles being under State contract and he found it strange that they were going out to individual dealers to get State-bid. Rios replied that not one individual dealer sells the different vehicles. Lindsey said the quote on the Tahoe said it was State-bid while the others did not. Rios replied that they are all State-bid vehicles. Mayor asked if we compared the vehicle prices to a local dealer. Rios said the quoted prices are the lowest price on the vehicles. Mayor said he likes the Tahoe's better because it is a full frame, it's safer, and it has OnStar. Lindsey asked if we currently subscribe to OnStar on our other vehicles. Rios replied that it is automatic whether you are subscribed or not. Lindsey said on his, he was not subscribed so it is no longer active. Rios said that he can look into it further and advise Council. Councilmember Garza asked that with this Tahoe and extra equipment how the overages going to be covered because it will be a little bit over. Rios replied that overages will be covered by the 30-day impound monies. Finance Director/City Clerk Hadfield reiterated that there are extra funds available in the 30 day impound account to cover overages. Councilmember Bowlby mentioned that we are still going out for a grant for the other vehicle. Rios said that the grant is currently under review for a fully equipped Tahoe. If received, we will only have to buy one Tahoe. Rowden inquired as to when we will know the outcome of the grant. Rios said we should know within two weeks. Lindsey said let's make it clear that we are purchasing two vehicles. Bowlby said the approval is for one police package vehicle tonight. Lindsey said, no it is for the purchase of two to which Bowlby replied to please read the agenda, it says one. Lindsey asked why we are not authorizing two. Vice Mayor Rowden said the Council Action form says we will order two pending the grant. Laws said we can go back if we don't get the grant. Bowlby said on the table is one so let the motion die or make an amendment to the agenda. City Attorney Roberts said you can amend the motion. She then said if you get the grant there will be separate approval process anyway. Garza said there are funds available. Rios said you can't purchase ahead of time. Jeff Stoddard said that OnStar is free for five years on a 2018 or older vehicle. Bowlby asked what the current cycle of vehicles is. Rios, this is the last year we get two, and then it goes to one per year. Garza said to make sure that it is detailed on emergency equipment. Rios said we have a detailed list, however; it is a little confusing to understand.

**MOTION CARRIED (5 ayes – Laws, Rowden, Irvin, Bowlby, and Garza, 1 nay - Lindsey)**

**PUBLIC SAFETY YEAR IN REVIEW – DALE HADFIELD**

Interim Police Chief Dale Hadfield gave a PowerPoint presentation to include statistics for 2018. He also showed that we are up on our volume of calls for communications. He discussed the patrol department and said the only change recently was that Officer Clay Cooke came back full time from reserve status. He gave statistics on Patrol and discussed how most of our violent crimes went down and property crimes and drug cases have gone up. Burglaries went up from last year but the addition of Officer Callahan helped solve 23 of the burglaries. Traffic stops have gone astronomically up as well as citations. They have written a lot of seat belt tickets because they do save lives. Accident reports hasn't changed much. Marijuana cases stayed the same but they are seeing a decline in methamphetamine because heroine is abundant. Vice Mayor Rowden asked how it falls in there because she doesn't see heroine on the list. Hadfield replied he may have left that off of the presentation. DUI alcohol is pretty high this year. Once he gets people through training, we will see an increase in DUI/drug arrests. Hadfield then discussed the Investigations division. Search warrants were up from the previous year. Child crime investigations have gone up due to an influx of reported sexual assaults and molestations. Officer Valle is diligently working on these sex crime cases. Investigations also have assisted other agencies in cases. Hadfield then discussed the School Resource Officer (SRO) division. Officer Majewski retired and Officer Williams, after being shot at twice in fifteen months, is now our SRO officer. He is doing well and is now working through CTED. Councilmember Garza asked if someone speaks to the SRO officer can they give the Sheriff's office a head's up if they live out of the City. Hadfield replied yes, we have a duty to report it. Garza asked if the incident doesn't necessarily happen at the school is procedure the same to which Hadfield replied yes. Hadfield discussed the statistics of the SRO. Williams has had about 23 arrests. Hadfield then discussed the Humane Division and presented statistics. Rowden asked about non-kill shelters and euthanization of animals. Hadfield said that it is normally extreme cases when euthanization occurs. We try to reach out to as many rescues and adoptions as possible. Hadfield then discussed Chief Rios' retirement and read a statement regarding Rios' history with the department. Rios' party will be held at noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Council chambers.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Blaschke gave thanks to Galo and his team for the pipe that burst. They did a great job. It was fixed and then it started to rain so they were out there until 9:30 last night. In mid-October we will be discussing the bed tax and the animal shelter. We will be giving a briefing on the shelter. Last time it was decided to move it to the old station and

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now we think there may be better solutions and we will have a work session to further discuss to have the best possible solution for the community.

**COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilmember Johnson said good luck to Chief Rios and best wishes to him and his family.

Councilmember Garza thanked Public Works for the work that they did and the condition they did it in. The City is very fortunate that we have such dedicated employees. A member of the community approached her about a City-wide cleanup day. Rex Allen Days would like to know if any Council or their spouses would like to judge the parade. Chief Rios, we will see you for another week and enjoy your time.

Vice Mayor Rowden said thank you to Galo and his crew for working under adverse conditions. Rowden thanked the Public Safety department for the comprehensive report on the vehicle purchase as it was very helpful. Rowden received a call about weeds on City property on the triangle in front of her house by Arizona. With the rain, the weeds are getting ahead of us.

Mayor Laws said congratulations to Chief Rios and we will miss you. The water leak was the first thing on Facebook and he mentioned that our employees were out there in the rain. It was another job well done and he commends them for doing that.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 7:19 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

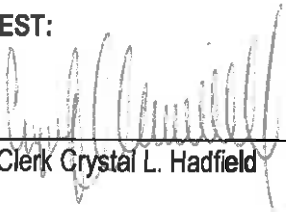
Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018

  
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City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2018.

  
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Mayor Michael J. Laws

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield