

**THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ  
HELD ON THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 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  
Finance Director/City Clerk Crystal Hadfield  
Interim Public Safety Director Dale Hadfield

**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:** Councilmember Garza seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Garza made a motion to approve the September 20, 2018 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE THE FAIR/FESTIVAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR A WINE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AND OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> AT RAILROAD PARK**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Rowden made a motion to approve the Fair/Festival License Applications for a wine festival.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Lindsey said there were a lot of discrepancies in the times on the applications. In one place it says that it will be from 11:00 to 5:00 and in another place it says it will be from 11:00 to 6:00. There are also cases where it says there will be two Arizona Rangers plus two off-duty policeman and in other places it says two plus seven. Vice Mayor Rowden says the handout has the correct times. Councilmember Garza said one is October 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 5:00 and on October 21<sup>st</sup> 11:00 to 6:00 with two Arizona Rangers and two off-duty officers. Interim Chief Hadfield said there are two off duty police officers per day and four Arizona Rangers. Hadfield said Mr. Beres, from Flying Leap, has some concerns with the map that was used and the perimeter showed it was up to the threshold of the door which is not the case. Chief Hadfield presented a map to Mr. Pigford, who is coordinating the wine festival. They came up with a reasonable solution that addresses Mr. Beres concerns. His concern was having a police officer stationed at his front door which if the wine festival is paying for the officers, they can put them wherever they want. The boundaries are as presented and the entrance will be on the roadway. Three Arizona Rangers will be checking IDs and will be handing out bracelets to alleviate the line at the wine tent and will alleviate the officers from being stationed in front of the Flying Leap. Hadfield said Mr. Pigford will not have an entrance off of Stewart; however, there will be emergency exits off of Stewart and one off of Railroad on the north end just in case something was to happen. As far as Hadfield is aware, the wine festival itself is 10:00 – 5:00 Saturday and 11:00 – 5:00 on Sunday. Vice Mayor Rowden said the concern is that they cannot take alcohol into Flying Leap Vineyards but they can take it into other businesses. Councilmember Johnson said Mr. Beres had issues in the past about the barricades and if there is an officer standing in front of his building they won't want to come in. City Manager Blaschke, after speaking with Alan Baker, said that some of the wineries want to have tasting options open later. The festival ends at four; however, some

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of the special guests want to operate a little longer. Garza asked how they are going to identify those special people. Alan Baker, from the Chamber, said they have to buy tickets for that. Mayor Laws asked that the time differences be addressed. Baker said if the winery puts five or six on the application, they have to end at that time listed. The later time on Sunday was for special tastings. Garza asked what the hours for the festival are. Baker said 11:00 – 6:00 both days. Councilmember Lindsey said all applications say five except for two. Lindsey asked why Keeling was blocked out on the map but is in the wine festival. Baker said the licensed premises of the tasting room cannot legally be a part of the festival but he will have a tasting at the festival. Several Councilmembers replied that was correct, his wine tasting room will also be open during the festival. Mayor Laws asked Hadfield if he is okay with the time changes. Hadfield replied if they want to be open to six, they can. They are being paid by the wine festival not the City. Bowlby said we are approving 11:00 – 6:00 both days; therefore an amendment is needed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE THE WILLCOX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE FOR OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AND OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT RAILROAD PARK**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the Special Event License for the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture for an event at Railroad Park.

**SECONDED:** Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Johnson asked do you want to include the change in the hours. Councilmember Bowlby said yes, 11:00 – 6:00 both days, that way it is all the same. Councilmember Garza said her only concern is that safety precautions are taken. Last year a gentleman fell and tripped over the curb where it is uneven. Alan Baker said those areas are being marked and Baker's wife will be there as an RN at the festival. Laws asked if she will have a radio. Baker replied that she will have a cell phone available.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE THE WILLCOX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE FOR OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE WILLCOX COMMUNITY CENTER**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Rowden made a motion to approve the Special Event License for the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture for an event at the Willcox Community Center.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Lindsey said he was told that any time it is held on public property we did have to have an off-duty officer there. Chief Hadfield said security will be provided by Arizona Rangers who act under the authority of the Chief of Police so technically they are serving as a sworn officer. Lindsey said he did not say technically, he was told that we have to have two off-duty officers at any event held on public property. Hadfield replied that there is no State law that requires two officers just like the events held at the Community Center, it all depends on the amount of people that will be there. The cutoff for having more than one officer is 150 people. The Arizona Rangers are sworn under the guidance of the Chief of Police. Lindsey said he was told that the Arizona Rangers could not perform that duty by themselves. Hadfield replied that the Rangers are certified under Arizona Post and they work under the chief law enforcement agencies so if they have an event in the County they serve under the Sheriff. Lindsey said he thinks we need to check into that. Vice Mayor Rowden said that Chief Hadfield is correct, it is up to the City on how they handle that. Lindsey said it was the City that had told him that. Rowden said it is not written as a requirement. City Manager Blaschke said we would be more than happy to look into it. Alan Baker said we use the Arizona Rangers for the events. Mayor Laws said I know they were used last year and if the City Manager could look into it we would appreciate it. Councilmember Bowlby said this is an event to raise funds for the hospital. 75% goes to the hospital and 25% goes to the Chamber.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE A STREET CLOSURE FOR RAILROAD AVE. BETWEEN STEWART ST. AND MALEY ST. FROM OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 12:00 A.M. TO OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 6:00 P.M. FOR A WINE FESTIVAL**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Garza made a motion to approve the street closure for a wine festival.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Bowlby said the time states 12:00 am on the 20<sup>th</sup> to 6:00 p.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup> but then 12:00 p.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> to 6:00 p.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Vice Mayor Rowden said 10:00 a.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and then asked if it is for cleanup and setup. Alan Baker replied yes we have to pay the company to set up and they won't come back to pick up the tents until Monday morning. Councilmember Garza was wondering about the closure of the street and if they are having the special ticket then they won't need the street closure after 6:00 p.m. to which Baker replied correct. Councilmember Lindsey wanted to remind everyone that this is asking for closure from the alley behind the Commercial to the railroad on Stewart Ave and it is not stated on the paperwork. Baker said it is that way because it's growing and we discussed maybe closing Maley St. in the future but that would be up to ADOT. Lindsey said he

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doesn't see a problem with it but and it should be included. Vice Mayor Rowden asked if the alley will be closed off, Baker replied no it won't, so they can go up and down the alley to access the tasting rooms. Bowlby made an amendment to the motion that the street closure for Railroad Ave. between Stewart St. and Maley St. and the alleyway between Stewart St. and Maley St. up from the alleyway to the railroad crossing from October 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. to October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE A GLASS CONTAINER WAIVER FOR A WINE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT RAILROAD PARK ON OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the glass container waiver for a wine festival.

**SECONDED:** Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Johnson said to include the hours of 10:00 - 6:00 both days. Councilmember Lindsey said it should that be restricted to Railroad Ave only and not be included in Stewart St. Vice Mayor Rowden said it says for Railroad Park. Lindsey said it should be contained to Railroad Park. Mayor Laws said that's why they have the barricades. Chief Hadfield replied that everything will be barricaded except the entrance by Railroad and Maley. They will not be able to take it off premises north on Railroad and/or east on Stewart. Johnson asked if they can take the glass and go into any business. Hadfield replied yes, except for the two tasting rooms.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Blaschke said he sent out an email regarding an invitation from Sheriff Dannels and the County to tour the SEACOM dispatch center built to serve all of the cities within the County. As a City Manager, you are always looking to operate the government in a more efficient and effective way. Blaschke offered days and times to go tour. Mayor Laws asked if Blaschke wants Council to give him times. Blaschke replied yes and we could always have two trips. Vice Mayor Rowden said there is an article in today's newspaper regarding the dispatch center.

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

Councilmember Johnson said it is a busy month in October. Rex Allen Days kicks off this weekend, and the wine festival and bike rally are coming. He encourages people to be safe and responsible and have fun.

Councilmember Garza wanted to let everyone know that there will be a Candidate Meet and Greet at Keiller Park on the 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is non-partisan so there will be candidates representing both sides. It is a good opportunity to meet candidates who might be there.

Councilmember Bowlby said on Facebook today there was a post regarding shutting down the Chamber of Commerce building and he replied that is not true. We do have a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to sit down and work with the Chamber and discuss our working relationship and goals. There was a letter to City Manager Blaschke, Councilmember Bowlby, and the Mayor to discuss the contract between us and the Chamber. The Council has not given them the authority to go and discuss that contract; it is a whole Council thing. Blaschke made it known that we will not have that meeting because it is not a full Council. That would be for Blaschke and Baker thing to initially talk about and then have the board and Council hash things out if there are differences or come to an agreement as to what our working relationship needs to be.

Vice Mayor Rowden said that she saw City workers in her area and throughout the City cleaning up. Rowden also said she saw the speed trailer up by the school zone. She thought that was great because they speed all over town.

Mayor Laws wants everyone to have a good time this weekend but be safe. He hopes that Blaschke will have a good time this weekend. Laws wishes everyone well.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 7:01 p.m.

**SECONDED:** Vice Mayor Rowden seconded the motion.

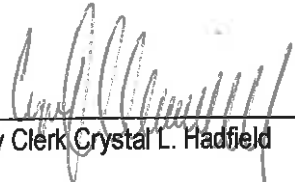
**MOTION CARRIED**

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Willcox held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2018

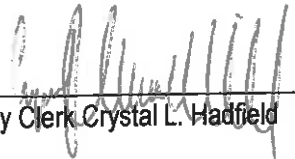
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City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.

  
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Mayor Michael J. Laws

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield