

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

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Michael Laws called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL - City Clerk Crystal Hadfield called the roll.

PRESENT

Mayor Michael J. Laws
Vice Mayor Terry Rowden - Telephonically
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
Interim Public Safety Director Dale Hadfield

ABSENT

Councilman Gerald "Sam" Lindsey
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 Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE THE OCTOBER 3, 2018 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to approve the October 3, 2018 Special Council meeting minutes as presented.

SECONDED: Councilmember Garza seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Garza asked if it had been clarified as to whether or not the Arizona Rangers were actually certified police officers. Interim Public Safety Director Hadfield replied that Arizona Rangers are certified while working under his authority so they are certified Arizona officers. They have certain standards that they have to maintain.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: APPLICATION SERIES 19 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ARIDUS WINE COMPANY, LLC.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT: 7:40 p.m.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Johnson asked what the difference is between a Series 6 and a Series 19 license. He said a Series 6 is beer and wine, correct? Jeff Willey commented that a Series 6 is a bar and a Series 7 is beer and wine only and a 12 is a restaurant. Finance Director/City Clerk Hadfield replied that a Series 19 is for a tasting room. Aridus currently has a Series 13 which is a Farm Winery and they are transferring to a Series 19 for a tasting room on Railview Ave.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT: 7:41 p.m.

APPROVAL FOR AN APPLICATION SERIES 19 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ARIDUS WINE COMPANY, LLC.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the Series 19 Liquor License Application for Aridus Wine Company, LLC.

SECONDED: Councilmember Bowlby seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Garza asked where Railview Ave. is. Councilmember Bowlby replied that it is right across the railroad tracks.

MOTION CARRIED

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Blaschke apologized for the technical difficulties during the work sessions. We will be working with Councilmember Bowlby to make sure everything is set up properly in the future. Blaschke also mentioned our Facebook page. At our next meeting we will be having a work session on our Title 5, City Code.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Johnson said it was nice to see so many people show up for the work session. Hopefully we can come to a stage to get the community together to move Willcox forward. It was a good meeting tonight.

Councilmember Garza wanted to address where people said there is nothing to do here. There is so much that goes on not just locally but in the area. There is a Renaissance Festival in Bowie tomorrow and Helldorado Days is Sunday in Tombstone. Garza is taking the Rex Allen Days girls to Tombstone to promote Willcox. Every time Garza goes to a conference she promotes Willcox such as Apple Annies, the Wine Festival, and those types of things. Garza mentioned that she has been to conferences concerning our youth and promoting work force development. Give them some mentors and get them interested in some of the jobs and opportunities here in Willcox. WASA is currently working on a job shadowing program which is right along those lines. There is always something to do here; we just need to promote it.

Councilmember Bowlby echoed what was said it was a good turn out and conversation. We've had these conversations before from the Economic Development Community with the Chamber. One of the things that came up a lot in those meetings is what can the City help us with. What Caleb is working on now, the City is getting in the position to do so with those economic drivers. Some of the things he has talked about have been brought up before and some of the new ideas were good. Blaschke is playing catch up and doing a good job at it and getting the City moved forward and marketing our town. The day and age that we are in now is very technologically driven. A lot of people still prefer maps but we need to make sure we have websites such as Yelp and Facebook. That is how people are getting their information now. We have to think about the newer market that is out there and the younger generation. You still have the older generation that prefers maps and doesn't go online. You have to think about that market as well.

Vice Mayor Rowden said she was encouraged with all of the comments and participation. She wants to encourage us all to go forward with this and do what we are challenged to do and work together to make this happen to promote Willcox. Thank you all for your participation and for being good Councilmembers. Thank you to Blaschke for initiating this.

Mayor Laws commented on Rex Allen Days this past weekend. Laws said it was impressive. The parade and rodeo was a fun time. Mayor Laws met a couple from Tucson from the ambulance service who came to watch over the rodeo and he is appreciative of that. The wine tasting is this weekend and it will be awesome as always. It won't be long for Big Tex to be open. Laws had a SSVEC meeting and Big Tex cooked. It was awesome and thank you. There are things coming up with the Sheriff that will be on future agendas. There are also things coming up with Roland Knox where the hospital will venture with us on a project. Thanks to Council for being who they are and for promoting Willcox like they do.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilmember Bowlby made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 7:52 p.m.


SECONDED: Councilmember Garza 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 18th day of October 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18th day of October 2018



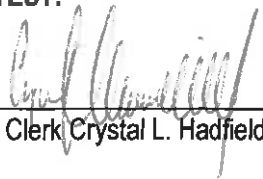
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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2018.


Mayor Michael J. Laws

ATTEST:


City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield

