

**THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Gerald W. Lindsey called the work session meeting to order on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed all here and apologized standing room only. Normally we do not have this large of a crowd and appreciates all being here. This meeting is a work session and no decisions will be made.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Gerald W. Lindsey
Vice Mayor Larry Schultz
Councilman Elwood A. Johnson-5:04 p.m.
Councilman Jimmy L. Norris
Councilwoman Monika Cronberg
Councilman Stephen Klump
Councilman Christopher Donahue

STAFF

City Manager Pat McCourt
City Attorney Hector Figueroa
City Clerk Cristina G. Whelan, CMC
Public Safety Director Jake Weaver
Library Director Tom Miner
Finance Director Ruth Graham
Public Services & Works Director Dave Bonner
Code Enforcement Jeff Stoddard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-Mayor Lindsey.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST-There was no response from the Mayor, Council members or staff.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Councilman Norris moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

SECONDED: Councilman Klump seconded the motion. **CARRIED.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING TRI-WESTERN MEAT PACKING COMPANY

Mayor Lindsey stated he has heard a lot of comments, received previous comments in past meetings and council members have heard additional comments over the weekend. There are a lot of strong feelings one way or the other and here tonight to hear comments on those things taking place with this discussion of the Tri-Western Meat Packing Company. The Mayor asked that everyone remain civil and respect each other's opinions and no outbursts on any issues that may come up. Comments only on this issue tonight; and there will be no discussion at the regular 7:00 p.m. Council meeting concerning this item. At the Call to the Public for the regular meeting individuals may express their opinions.

Discussion was held by the Mayor and Council, City staff, citizens of the City, citizens of the surrounding County community and neighbors both adjoining the property and up to several miles away. Also participating were Mr. Efrain Estrella and Mr. David Walker, Sr., representatives from Tri-Western, who responded and/or explained to the citizens to address most of their concerns and questions about the business and its processes.

City Attorney Figueroa read the language in Resolution 2010-01 pursuant to City Code, Title 5, Chapter 1, and Section 5-1-5 setting forth expressed conditions to establish and operate a meat packing business within the corporate City limits. #1 business shall be located on Parcel No. 202-71-023; #2 business *shall not conduct any "rendering" at the plant site; #3 sewage disposal shall meet or exceed requirements listed in City Code, Title 12, Chapter 13.09, Ordinance NS148 and as may be amended upon adoption of Title 9, Chapter 3, SEWER USE AND SERVICE (currently working on amending Title 9); #4 comply with strict waste disposal procedures to assure the containment of offensive odors and contaminants from being emitted into the environment and shall be properly stored, removed, and disposed of at least weekly (scheduled daily); and #5 requires that the business shall not dispose of or discharge blood into the sewer system (will be sent to Los Angeles). Those are strict requirements in this resolution and derived directly from amended City Code. City Manager McCourt added that on condition #3 cited code because it contains specific measurement standards before it can go into sewage system. Sewage has to be household standard quality. Any action to get it to that standard has to be paid by the company. (*City Attorney Figueroa requested staff during the adoption of minutes to correct from "hall" to "shall.")

Mr. Estrella also explained that the Zoning was not changed. It has been zoned Industrial at both sites for the City and Cochise County. Tri-Western requested the City to change and update the Municipal Code language to deal with this kind of operation.

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Participating in the work session discussion for and/or against were County residents (note: some names inaudible and not known to City Clerk and made best guess on first and/or last names) Gene Moreman, Steve and Robin Grimes, Jim Self, Lisa Glenn, Lana Estes, Patricia Cole, Laura Hill, Laura Bethel, and City residents Ms. Terry Rowden, Don Ulses, Steve Denney, Earl Moser, Bill Holloway, Phillip Asbury, Keith Klump, Vicky Kimsey, and Toña Watson. Out of Willcox residents were Gary Glauser of Bowie, AZ, Sonia Nash, Pearce, AZ, Arthur Teneo, and Jim Graham, Cochise, AZ.

Councilman Donahue and Vice Mayor Schultz drove to Phoenix this morning and visited Tri Western's closest competitor, Sunland. Sunland processes 2,000 head per day and store cattle on site in stockyard. The Councilmen drove through the adjacent neighborhoods with high-priced houses less than one quarter mile away and could not smell a thing.

In conclusion, Mayor Lindsey stated he appreciates all the comments received tonight. It is going to be a tough decision for the Council to make, and the Council will weigh the comments received. He invited those in attendance to stay for the regular meeting which will be starting after a short break. The Mayor thanked all for coming and participating.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Lindsey adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Willcox held on the 4th day of January, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 12th day of January 2010

/s/ Cristina G. Whelan, CMC
City Clerk Cristina G. Whelan, CMC

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of JANUARY, 2010.

/S/ GERALD W. LINDSEY
MAYOR GERALD W. LINDSEY
Signed: January 20, 2010

ATTEST:

/s/ Cristina G. Whelan, CMC
City Clerk Cristina G. Whelan, CMC