

**THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
HELD ON THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 2010**

CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Gerald W. Lindsey called the work session to order on Monday, July 6, 2010 at 6:04 p.m. Glad to have all present and welcomes comments.

ROLL CALL-City Clerk Cristina G. Whelan, CMC, called the roll:

PRESENT

Mayor Gerald W. Lindsey
Vice Mayor Monika Cronberg
Councilman Elwood A. Johnson
Councilman Stephen Klump
Councilman William Holloway
Councilman Robert Irvin

STAFF

City Manager Pat McCourt
City Clerk Cristina G. Whelan, CMC
Library Director Tom Miner
Finance Director Ruth Graham
Public Services & Works Director Dave Bonner
Development Services Jeff Stoddard

ABSENT

Councilman Christopher Donahue

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-Mayor Lindsey

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Cronberg seconded the motion. **CARRIED.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPTIONS

City Manager Pat McCourt began by explaining the Cities and Towns with the WWTP options. Following the teleconference held last Friday a site visit was made this morning with a couple of Council members in Benson who has the oxidation ditch. Mr. McCourt reported he has personal contract with company Severn Trend that manages waste water treatment plants. They have many years experience and asked them if willing to come out to give us free consultation. Mr. Dave Gentry is here and available to discuss questions pros and cons based on his experience.

Mayor Lindsey stated visited Benson oxidation ditch this morning. Very good visit with their operator and toured the whole plant. The Mayor handed out photos of the operation which was built to handle 1.2M gallons/year. Also built to be expanded or doubled as expansion was needed. It looks like a nice clean operation and present intake is \$360,000 gallons/day. Capital cost initially was \$7 Million. They had good advice in changes they would have made in the plant if they had known at the time they started construction. Willcox can benefit from regardless of what system we use and benefit from the operators experience. They have purposely overbuilt their system; they could handle with half of system operating and felt expansion is there if needed. They have the option to shut down one side if needed or operate both sides as needed. They have some flexibility in their operation. It is primarily computer controlled. The operator has some things to do that are on a manual basis. Sand filters are being used at the end of their operation and also setup for UV Treatment. It was found it is not working properly although they are still getting quality of water that they need without the UV system. It was quite a nice operation and Councilman Klump and Vice Mayor Cronberg attended the tour and asked for comments from either one of them.

Discussion was held and Mr. Gentry also contributed information. In conclusion the Vice Mayor stated that based on teleconference on Friday and follow up today seems the operators all advice pre-planning and hands on with Engineering on the plans so that we are on top of it. Both in Bisbee with sequence batch and Apache Junction single basin they had some problems and after done they could not change it. Oxidation Ditch they have been able to do some changes to make it a better fit. Mr. Gentry also left booklets for Mayor, Council members and staff with reminder they do not do engineering work they have engineers to review designs they operate waste water treatment plants.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Lindsey adjourned the meeting at 6:57 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 6th day of July 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 9th day of March 2011

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of MARCH 2011.

/S/ GERALD W. LINDSEY
MAYOR GERALD W. LINDSEY
Signed: 03-24-2011

ATTEST:

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