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a great place to live, work, and visit”

**CITY OF SAFFORD – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
MONDAY, December 10, 2012 @ 6:00 PM
PHELPS DODGE ROOM - LIBRARY**

PRESENT: Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor; Mary Bingham, Vice Mayor; Council Member’s Ken Malloque, Gene Seale, Arnold A. Lopez, James D. Howes, and Richard Ortega.

STAFF PRESENT: David Kincaid, City Manager; Christine Fisher, Personnel Director; John Griffin, Police Chief; Don Knight, Director Management & Budget; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; Jan Elliott, Library Director; Leanne McElroy, Library Director Jenny Howard, Projects Management Specialist; Dustin Welker, Planner/Downtown Manager; Kim Larkey, Information Processing Supervisor; Tisha Clark, Accounting Specialist; Marion Gauna, Accounting Specialist; Glen Orr, Police; Linda Burrell, Magistrate; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Sam Napier, IT Specialist assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Valerie Buckley, John Howard; Deacon, Dr. Carlos R. Vessels; Kevin Hansen; Kenny McKinney; Jon Johnson, Eastern Arizona Courier; and Kelly Van Shaar, Van Shaar Productions, video recorded the meeting.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Deacon Dr. Carl Vessels offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
6. **CONSENT ITEMS:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 10 as Consent Agenda Items.
 1. November 13, 2012 Council Minutes and November 26, 2012 Joint Council and Planning and Zoning Commission/Work Session Minutes.
 2. Police Report
 3. Building Inspection Report
 4. Public Works Report
 5. Business License Report
 6. Library Report
 7. Utilities Consumption Report

8. Summary of Projects Planning and Grants Administration
9. Prosecution Report
10. Expense Report over \$5,000

MOTION ADOPTED

7. **PURCHASING CARD REPORT:** It is recommended that the City Council approve the Purchasing Card Report ending August 2012. **MOTION ADOPTED**

8. **LIBRARY:** Introduce grant-funded employee, Kevin Hansen, who has served as the Job Help Hub Instructor since June of this year. Mr. Hansen will update the Council on the work he has done, classes taught and future plans for work under this grant which runs until June 30, 2013.

LeeAnn McElroy, Library Director, introduced Kevin Hansen, who is serving as the Job Help Hub Instructor for the Library.

Mr. Hansen updated the Council on the work he has done, classes taught and future plans for work under a grant that runs until June 30, 2012.

9. **LANDFILL RATES:** The Mayor and Council may discuss and take action on a potential new rate structure for the City of Safford Regional Landfill. The Mayor and Council may consider approving Resolution 12-030, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona modifying City of Safford, Graham County Regional Landfill user fees.

It was moved by Councilman Howes, seconded by Councilman Ortega and carried unanimously to adopt and approve Resolution 12-030, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona modifying City of Safford, Graham County Regional Landfill user fees in accordance with Exhibit A as presented **MOTION ADOPTED**

Further direction was given to staff to readdress landfill closure rates in May of 2013 to review the first quarter of the landfill operations with the new fee in place to determine if the 5% closure fee needs to be adjusted in July of 2013.

10. **RESIDENCY POLICY:** The Mayor and Council may consider modifying the residency policy, Section 0600 of the City of Safford Personnel Manual dealing with residency requirements. Three Options have been drafted and provided. The Mayor and Council may consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 12-031, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council amending Section 0600 of the City of Safford personnel Manual approving Option #1, Option #2, or Option #3, a revision dealing with residency requirements.

It was moved by Councilman Seale to adopt Option #2, striking the language, 'prior to the implementation date of this enacting resolution' and to include language requiring current and future employees residing without the city limits of Safford, to have five or more years of full-time employment with the City of Safford before becoming eligible for a department head position. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lopez. The Motion carried 4-3. Councilman Ortega, Councilman Malloque and Vice Mayor Bingham opposed.

MOTION ADOPTED

It was moved by Councilman Seale, seconded by Councilman Lopez, to approve and adopt Resolution Number 12-031, amending Section 0600 of the City of Safford Personnel Manual approving Option #2 as modified, a revision dealing with residency requirements. The motion carried 4-3. Councilman Ortega, Councilman Malloque and Vice Mayor Bingham opposed.

MOTION ADOPTED

11. **UTILITY PROJECT UPDATE:** Project Management Specialist will provide the Mayor and Council with a status update on active Capital Projects. (PowerPoint Presentation attached)

Jenny Howard provided a status update on the following active Capital Projects.

Utility Projects Budgeted & Currently Active:

- Manhole Rehabilitation FY 12-13
- 14th Avenue Sewer Realignment Project
- Bonita (Solomon/Colonias) Phase II
- Meter Replacement Program (MRP)
- Three Electric Junction Poles (replacement)
- Territorial Settlement Agreement – Graham County Electric Cooperative (GCEC); completed 69kV Switch Station and 69kV Transmission line

Pending/Scheduled

- Initial transfer facilities (Wal-Mart/Airport)
Agreement: December 31, 2012; Scheduled: January 2nd at 6:00 a.m.; Wal-Mart – Becomes City of Safford Customer
Airport – Becomes GCEC Customers
- Phase III Distribution and Final Transfer Facilities
Engineering to begin January 2013; Construction to be completed 2014-2015; November 2014 – Agreement on “Final Transfer Facilities”; Energize into service December 31, 2015; Purchase from GCEC the Final Transfer Facilities December 31, 2015
- Funded (Grants) Public Works Projects
Hwy 191 Sidewalks
Main Street Improvements
Main Street Traffic Signals
Phase VI Shared Use Path

12. **GRIC REPORT:** Review and approve Annual Report for compliance with the Water rights settlement Agreement with the Gila River Indian Community.

It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously to approve the Annual Report for compliance with the Water Rights Settlement Agreement with the Gila River Indian Community. **MOTION ADOPTED**

13. MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:

Mayor Gibbs: Attended State of the State on economic development issues.
Attended Arizona Town Hall on Civic Leadership
Annual Firemen's Oyster Feed will be held tomorrow evening.

Councilman Lopez: Announced that the Boys and Girls Club have received their Non-Profit 501c3 status retroactive to August 2011.

City Manager Kincaid: Announced all-employee meeting will be held Tuesday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m. in the Library Program Room.

No Council Meeting will be held on Monday, December 24th.

14. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

15. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

16. ADJOURN: It was moved by Councilman Howes, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00:24 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**