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a great place to live, work, and visit”**

**CITY OF SAFFORD – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, March 11, 2013 @ 6:00 PM
Safford Library Program Room, 808 S. 7th Avenue, Safford, Arizona**

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

ABSENT: Mary Bingham, Vice Mayor, and Councilman Seale were excused.

STAFF PRESENT: David Kincaid, City Manager; Sandra Findley, Executive Secretary; Christine Fisher, Personnel Director; John Griffin, Police Chief; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; Leanne McElroy, Library Director; Jenny Howard, Public Works Director; Dustin Welker, Planner/Downtown Manager; Tisha Clark, Accounting Specialist; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Dale Clark, IT Assistant, assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Carter, Kathy Grimes, Chad Crockett, Bill Wren, Glen Orr, Robin Dutt, Freeda Christensen, Kelly Van Shaar, Van Shaar Productions, video recorded the meeting.

- 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:01: 08 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (5-2).
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 4. OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Lopez offered the opening prayer.
- 5. PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Gibbs opened the Public Hearing at 6:02:53 p.m. to hear public comments and to give consideration to Ordinance Number 13-001, a proposal to amend Title 16, Subdivisions and Ordinance Number 13-004, a proposal to amend Title 17, Zoning of the *City of Safford Municipal Code*, dated 1999 by making comprehensive changes.

City Manager Kincaid provided a brief background about the process: Joint meetings were held between the Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss Title 16, Subdivisions, and Title 17, Zoning. Subsequently, the Planning and Zoning Commission held two public hearings. Tonight, the Council is holding a public hearing giving the public another opportunity to comment on the amendments.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman, Gene Fowler stated that the Commission feels very good about the language within the Code and believes it will serve the City well.

Dustin Welker distributed to the council a list of major revisions that were previously discussed in joint work sessions and incorporated into the proposed draft. City Manager Kincaid asked the Council if they had any questions or concerns.

Councilman Howes inquired about LED street lighting compared to low-pressure sodium lighting because LED lighting is more expensive

City Manager Kincaid stated that LED lighting (light must be shielded) will not provide enough lighting to be in compliance with the dark sky ordinance. Not having the proper lighting is a public safety issue in relation to pedestrians. Because of these concerns, he said staff has chosen to require low-pressure sodium lighting at this time. However, other lighting options may be considered in the future.

Dustin Welker referred to page 14 of Chapter 16 indicating a stricter standard that requires street lamps to be 90 watt low-pressured sodium. Comments at that time was that LED lighting is being improved; therefore, language was added to reflect "or other as approved by the Safford Utility Department".

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AND CONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Gibbs adjourned the public hearing and convened the regular council meeting at 6:11:19 p.m.

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- 6. RECOGNITION: Recognize Danny Bodine for serving twenty-five years with the Safford Police Department.** Chief Griffin asked Mayor Gibbs and the Council to recognize Danny Bodine for his years of police service. Chief Griffin and Mayor Gibbs presented Danny Bodine a plaque for his years of services from September 5, 1989 – February 28, 2013 with the Safford Police Department. The Mayor and Council thanked Officer Bodine for his years of service (applause from the audience).

7. CONSENT ITEMS: The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 11 as Consent Agenda Items.

1. February 11, Council Minutes, February 25 Council Work Session, and February 25, 2013 Special Council Meeting 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. Airport Report for February
11. Expense Report over \$5,000

City Manager Kincaid stated staff is in the process of adding the CAFR to the City's website which will include the expense report over \$5,000 providing additional transparency.

It was moved by Councilman Howes, seconded by Councilman Ortega and carried unanimously to approve Items 1 through 11 as Consent Agenda Items as published.

MOTION ADOPTED

8. PURCHASING CARD REPORT: Consider approving the Purchasing Card Report ending December 20, 2012. It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Lopez and carried unanimously to approve the Purchasing Card Report ending December 20, 2012 as published.

MOTION ADOPTED

9. PRESENTATION: Kathy Grimes will provide information to the Council on the Rx Pilot Project and 8th Annual Substance Abuse Awareness Conference scheduled for April 24th.

Kathy Grimes, Program Coordinator for the Graham/Greenlee County Substance Abuse Coalition provided a presentation regarding prescription drugs. She pointed out prescription drugs are now known as a silent epidemic? In November 2011, the CDC noted that deaths from prescription drugs/pain relievers have reached epidemic proportions. There are more deaths caused from prescription drugs than Heroin and Cocaine, combined and the deaths have surpassed motor vehicle deaths. She reviewed a graph that indicated percentage of pills by drug type used in Arizona:

- 524 million Class II-IV pills were prescribed in Arizona in 2011 – Over 4 million in Graham County, making it the 4th highest county in the state per population size.
- Pain Relievers had the highest percentage of scripts, pills and average number of pills per day. Accounting for 58.2% of all pills prescribed. Pain Relievers accounted for 73% of all pills prescribed in Graham County.
- Hydrocodone and Oxycodone accounted for 82.1% of all pain relievers prescribed in Arizona.
- Why it matters = probability and access!

She explained the Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction grant must be approved through a governmental entity-through the Safford Police Department. Those funds will help financially with printing expenses and mileage. She encouraged everyone to attend the 8th Annual Graham and Greenlee Substance Abuse Awareness Conference 2013 at Eastern Arizona College Activities Center on April 24, 2013.

- 10. RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-015: Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 13-015, a Resolution of the City of Safford accepting a grant on behalf of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission for Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Initiative FY 2013 Award for the amount of \$6500, RX-13-003; and authorizing the City Manager to execute. It was moved by Councilman Howes, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution Number 13-015, a Resolution of the City of Safford accepting a grant on behalf of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission for Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Initiative FY 2013 Award for the amount of \$6500, RX-13-003; and authorizing the City Manager to execute.**
MOTION ADOPTED

- 11. RECOMMENDATION AND AWARD OF BID: The City has bid the Wastewater Treatment Plant Sand Filter Shade Structure as per A.R.S. Formal Bidding Procedures. Consider awarding Bid to Bunger Steel for the amount of \$20,032.14 for a shade structure for the WWTP sand filter. It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously to award a bid to Bunger Steel for the amount of ~~\$20,032.14~~ \$21,995.29 to construct a shade structure for the WWTP sand filter.**
MOTION ADOPTED

- 12. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: The current terms of E.C. “Buff” Cunningham and Chad Crockett will expire on March 30, 2013 as Commissioners on the City of Safford Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Crockett and Mr. Cunningham have expressed interest in continuing their service on the Commission. Consider**

reappointing E.C. "Buff" Cunningham and Chad Crockett to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 4-year term to expire March 30, 2017. It was moved by Councilman Howes, seconded by Councilman Lopez and carried unanimously to reappoint E.C. "Buff" Cunningham and Chad Crockett to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 4-year term to expire March 30, 2017. **MOTION ADOPTED**

13. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-016:** Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 13-016, a Resolution of the City of Safford authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to ADOT, through SEAGO, for Highway Safety Improvement Program for funding and upgrading traffic signs throughout the City of Safford. It was moved by Councilman Malloque seconded by Councilman Howes and carried unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution Number 13-016, a Resolution of the City of Safford authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to ADOT, through SEAGO, for Highway Safety Improvement Program for funding and upgrading traffic signs throughout the City of Safford. **MOTION ADOPTED**

14. **LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS:** The proposed Library Advisory Board Bylaws were previously reviewed by the Council in a council work session. The library advisory board and staff request the consideration and approval of the Library Advisory Board Bylaws. It was moved by Councilman Ortega seconded by Councilman Howes and carried unanimously to approve the Library Advisory Board Bylaws. **MOTION ADOPTED**

15. **LIBRARY POLICY:** The proposed library policy was previously reviewed by the Council in a council work session. The library advisory board and staff request the consideration and approval of the Library MNG-9 Meeting Rooms Use Policy. It was moved by Councilman Howes, seconded by Councilman Lopez and carried unanimously to approval of the Library MNG-9 Meeting Rooms Use Policy. **MOTION ADOPTED**

16. **MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:**
Mayor Gibbs:

Wednesday, March 6, 2013: Meeting regarding water restrictions; local entities and local farmers attended. Planning follow-up meetings with local organizations like Farm Bureau, Irrigation District, Graham County, Eastern Arizona College, etc.

Councilman Ortega: Attended SEAGO Meeting last week.

City Manager Kincaid: Mayor Gibbs, Eric Buckley & Mr. Kincaid met with ADWR last week seeking their assistance with local state agencies to assist with the reduction of water use locally.

17. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

18. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

19. ADJOURN: It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Howes, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:41:58 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**

APPROVED:

Wyn "Chris" Gibbs, Mayor
City of Safford

ATTEST:

Georgia Luster, MMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss
County of Graham)

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Council Meeting of the Safford City Council, Graham County, Arizona held Monday, March 11, 2013, and approved at a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, April 8, 2013. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held and that a quorum was present.

Dated: April 8, 2013

Georgia Luster, MMC, City Clerk