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

**CITY OF SAFFORD – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, August 5, 2013  
Safford Library Program Room, 808 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Safford, Arizona**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Kincaid, City Manager; Sandra Findley, Executive Secretary; Don Knight, Director Management & Budget; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Dustin Welker, Planning and Community Development Director; Kim Larkey, Information Processing Supervisor; Tisha Clark, Accounting Specialist; Glen Orr, Police Detective; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Dale Clark, IT Assistant assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jon Johnson, Eastern Arizona Courier.

- 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 5:56 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (7).
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 4. OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Seale offered the opening prayer.
- 5. PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AND TAX LEVY:** Mayor Gibbs opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing taxpayers on the Budget and Tax Levy for fiscal Year 2013-2014.

**Public comments favoring or opposing Final Budget and Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.** There were no comments from the public regarding the Final Budget and Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

6. **Adjourn Public Hearing and Convene Special Council Meeting to adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.** Mayor Gibbs adjourned the Public Hearing and opened the Special Council meeting to adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 at 5:58:22 p.m.

City Manager Kincaid stated there have been no changes made to the budget after the adoption of the Tentative Budget. He explained the small increase (about \$3,000) in the property tax levy limits is in excess of the sum of the maximum allowable tax levy, which is reflected in the 2014 budget year. Taxation is still significantly below the maximum allowable.

7. **Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 13-028, a Resolution of the City of Safford adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014.**

City Manager Kincaid explained employees will receive a 3% one-time bonus was approved in the Budget. The payout will be made in a special separate check to employees in August.

Mayor Gibbs called for comments from the Council.

Councilman Ortega commented that he preferred to see a 3% salary increase implemented instead of the one-time bonus.

Councilman Howes verified that a 4% base salary increase was discussed during budget discussions. Additionally, he verified that the assumption of implementing a 4% base salary increase was sustainable.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Vice Mayor Bingham, and carried unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution Number 13-028, a resolution of the City of Safford adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Roll Call Vote:

Chris "Wyn" Gibbs, Mayor	AYES
Mary Bingham, Vice Mayor	AYES
Gene Seale, Councilman	AYES
Kenneth Malloque, Councilman	AYES
Arnold Lopez, Councilman	AYES
Richard Ortega, Councilman	AYES
Jim Howes, Councilman	AYES

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

City Manager Kincaid thanked the Council for attending the Presentations on the new metering program.

He explained I Pads will be given to the Council at the August 12 Council Meeting: The Budget Books will be placed on the I Pad. He asked the Council to schedule their training because Council packets will be downloaded on the I Pad.

8. **Adjourn:** It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Vice Mayor Bingham and carried unanimously to adjourn the special meeting at 6:06:45 p.m.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

APPROVED:

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Wyn "Chris" Gibbs, Mayor  
City of Safford

ATTEST:

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Georgia Luster, MMC  
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

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County of Graham    )

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Special Council Meeting of the Safford City Council, Graham County, Arizona held Monday, August 5, 2013, and approved at a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, August 12, 2013. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held and that a quorum was present.

Dated: August 12, 2013

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Georgia Luster, MMC, City Clerk