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

**CITY OF SAFFORD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, August 12, 2013 @ 6:00 PM
Safford Library Program Room, 808 S. 7th Avenue, Safford, Arizona**

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

ABSENT: James D. Howes.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Carter, John Howard, John Figueroa, Michael Faunce, Claude Kupchanko, Tracey O’Donnal, David Schade, Chad Crockett, Steve McGaughey, Lee Rogers, Jon Johnson, Eastern Arizona Courier, Kelly Van Shaar, Van Shaar Productions, video recorded the meeting, and others who did not sign in.

- 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (6-1).
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 4. OPENING PRAYER:** Dustin Welker 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 11 as Consent Agenda Items.**

1. July 8, 2013 Council Minutes, July 24, 2013 Special Council Minutes and August 5, 2013 Special Council 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
11. Expense Report over \$5,000

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

7. **Discuss and consider approving the Purchasing Card Report ending May 20, 2013.** It was moved by Councilman Lopez, seconded by Councilman Ortega, and carried unanimously to approve the Purchasing Card Report ending May 20, 2013 as published. **MOTION ADOPTED**

8. **Recognize and thank Commissioner Chad Crocket and Commissioner Dalton Overstreet for serving on the City of Safford, Planning & Zoning Commission. Commissioner Overstreet served three (3) full terms (12 years) and Commissioner Crocket served 16 months.**

Mayor Gibbs and Dustin Welker, Planning and Community Development Director, recognized Dalton Overstreet and Chad Crockett by presenting them with a plaque for their years of service serving on the City of Safford, Planning & Zoning Commission. Dalton Overstreet served twelve (12) years and Chad Crockett served sixteen (16) months.

9. **Consider appointing John Q. Figueroa to the City of Safford Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the vacancy of Commissioner Dalton Overstreet. Mr. Figueroa's term would end June 30, 2017.**

10. **Consider appointing Tracey O'Donnal to the City of Safford Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the resigned position of Chad Crockett. Ms. O'Donnal's term would end March 30, 2017.**

Items 9 & 10 were combined: It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Ortega, and carried unanimously to appoint John Q. Figueroa and Tracey O'Donnal to the City of Safford Planning and Zoning Commission.
MOTION ADOPTED

11. **Fourth Quarter Financial Update to Council.** City Manager Kincaid presented an update of the City's 3rd Quarter Financials.

12. **Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 13-029, a resolution of the City of Safford making levy for taxes at 0.5063 for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the Assessed Valuation of Property subject to taxation within the City of Safford for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.** It was moved Councilman Ortega, seconded by Vice Mayor Bingham, and carried unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution Number 13-029, a resolution of the City of Safford making levy for taxes at 0.5063 for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the Assessed Valuation of Property subject to taxation within the City of Safford for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.
MOTION ADOPTED

13. **Discuss and consider awarding contract to CKC Construction & Material, L.L.C., in accordance with the conditions of award stipulated in their bid and contingent upon FAA and ADOT concurrence in the amount of \$1,850,695.60 for Apron Reconstruction and Runway Safety Area Improvement Project, FAA AIP Number 3-04-0031-22-2013, ADOT Number E3F3M, at the Safford Regional Airport.** City Manager Kincaid explained three bids were received for the Airport project with CKC Construction submitting the lowest bid (significantly under engineers estimate by about \$800,000). After evaluating the bid proposal and discussions with CKC, CKC is willing and able to go forward per the conditions of award stipulated in their bid. He noted that the Federal Government expected a delay in funding, but as of last Friday, the Federal Government is funding the project immediately. Therefore, it is recommended to award the project to CKC and authorize the City to enter into a grant agreement with the FAA.

There was a brief discussion regarding concerns of product quality issues and concerns of the bid proposal being significantly under the engineer's estimate.

It was moved by Councilman Lopez, seconded by Councilman Ortega, and carried unanimously to award contract to CKC Construction & Material, L.L.C., in accordance with the conditions of award stipulated in their bid and contingent upon FAA and ADOT concurrence in the amount of \$1,850,695.60 for Apron Reconstruction and Runway Safety Area Improvement Project, FAA AIP Number 3-04-0031-22-2013, ADOT Number E3F3M, at the Safford Regional Airport and to enter into grant agreement with the FAA.

MOTION ADOPTED

14. **Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 13-030, a resolution of the City of Safford authorizing the Mayor to enter Airport Hangar Lease Agreement known as “WP-1” between the City of Safford and RV Aviation, LLC.** City Manager Kincaid explained the lease is a twenty-year ground lease which allows the Tenant to fund and construct a new hangar at the Safford Regional Airport. A twenty-year term is necessary because tenants will not invest their funds on a short-term lease.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Lopez, and carried unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution Number 13-030, a resolution of the City of Safford authorizing the Mayor to enter Airport Hangar Lease Agreement known as “WP-1” between the City of Safford and RV Aviation, LLC. **MOTION ADOPTED**

15. **Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 13-031, a resolution of the City of Safford amending the Purchasing Policy for the City of Safford.** City Manager Kincaid said the Council reviewed the Purchasing Policy at a previous work session and now bringing it back to the Council for adoption.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Vice Mayor Bingham, and carried unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution Number 13-031, a resolution of the City of Safford amending the Purchasing Policy for the City of Safford. **MOTION ADOPTED**

16. **Discuss and consider waiving landfill fees for a community clean-up project.** City Manager Kincaid explained he received a call regarding the City waiving landfill fees for a community clean-up project tentatively scheduled for October 26th. He does not believe Safford residents should bear the total cost of waiving landfill fees for a community wide cleanup effort. He suggested teaming up with Valley entities and to treat cleanup efforts similar to the Community Pride Days (Free Dump). Those participating will pay landfill fees for their residents, and to require private property

owners to pay landfill fees if they are benefiting from the cleanup. Mr. Smith is representing this committee and is here this evening to make a request of the Council.

Danny Smith from the Graham County Board of Supervisors addressed the Council regarding "Graham County Make a Difference Day". Cleanup effort is a community effort and not a government effort. The intent is to request assistance from entities to pay landfill fees. He stated that he will attend other council meetings and will provide information regarding financial participation from other entities.

The Council supports the cleanup effort. They recommend all participating entities be financially responsible for landfill fees. Danny Smith will provide additional information regarding the cleanup program to the Council at the September 9th meeting.

17. **Discussion regarding participating in Eastern Arizona College's 125th Anniversary Celebration Parade, Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. The parade theme is "Happy 125th Birthday, EAC!"** It was the consensus of the Council to participate in the Parade of Eastern Arizona College's 125th Anniversary Celebration.

18. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Mayor Gibbs reminded those speaking that the Council may not act on the information during the meeting because their matters are not listed on the posted agenda.

Claude Kupchanko, 2856 West Sunny View Lane, Graham County - New Meter Program: Mr. Kupchanko addressed the Council regarding water meters being changed to digital. He asked the City to provide an impact statement on the customer's utility billing regarding the meter program.

David Schade, 2035 West Relation, Safford, Utility Meter Program: Mr. Schade addressed the Council regarding the meter renewal program. He asked the Council to look into the privacy issues and health issues associated with Smart Meters. He believes opting into the meter renewal program should be the citizen's choice and not the City's. He distributed information to the Clerk to provide to the Council.

Lee Rogers, 925 West Cactus Road, Safford, Sensus Meters, "Smart Meters": Mr. Rogers addressed the Council regarding health issues (RF signals and the impacts to the human body) associated with Smart Meters. He requested a polling of the public regarding Smart Meters before installation of the meters.

19. **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

NO Meeting - August 26, 2013 - Annual League Conference in Oro Valley, August 27-30
Monday, September 2, 2013 – Labor Day Holiday
September 9, 2013 – Regular Session
September 23, 2013 – Work Session

20. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

I-Pad Training will be held this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

21. ADJOURN: It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Ortega and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:11:03 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, August 12, 2013, and approved at a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2013. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held and that a quorum was present.

Dated: September 9, 2013

Georgia Luster, MMC
City Clerk