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

**CITY OF SAFFORD  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY  
Monday, December 16 , 2013 @ 6:00 PM  
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, Arnold A. Lopez, Kenneth Malloque, James D. Howes, and Richard Ortega (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Eric Buckley, Interim City Manager; Sandra Findley, Executive Assistant; Don Knight, Director FlexNet Meter Renewal Project; Leanne McElroy, Library Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Dustin Welker, Planning & Community Development Director; Christine Fisher, Human Resources Director; Kim Larkey; Georgia Luster, City Clerk; and Dale Clark, who assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting. Marshall Humphries, Attorney (participated by telephone conference) in Executive Session only.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Wilson, ADOT; Paul R. David, ADOT; Joe Carter, NatureSweet; Roland Knox; Darcy Gott; Jeff Gott; Valerie Buckley; Jon Johnson, Eastern Arizona Courier and others who did not sign in. Kelly Van Shaar, video taped the meeting.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:03:04 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 Lopez offered the Opening Prayer.
5. **Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will provide a presentation on US Highway 191 Parking.** The Interim City Manager introduced Paul David and Steve Wilson, of ADOT to explain ADOT’s plan for restriping project - Highway 191 and US Highway 70 capacity improving project.
6. **CONSENT ITEMS: The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 11 as Consent Agenda Items.**
  1. November 12, Regular Council Minutes, and November 25, 2013 Special Council Meeting Minutes and Work Session Council Meeting Minutes.
  2. Police Report
  3. Building Inspection Report
  4. Public Works Report

5. Business License Report/Delinquent Business License
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

There were no questions regarding any of the reports. It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Seale, and carried unanimously to approve Items 1 through 11 as Consent Agenda Items as presented.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

7. The Council may wish to review Section 5.04, Business License Generally, of the City of Safford Municipal Code and give direction to the City Clerk regarding pursuing revocation of business license of delinquent applicants.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Howes, and carried unanimously to direct the City Clerk to pursue revocation of delinquent business licenses pursuant to Section 5.04 of the City of Safford Municipal Code.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

8. Discuss and consider approving the Purchasing Card Report ending September 20, 2013. There were no questions or comments regarding the Purchasing Card Report.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

9. The Council may wish to approve and adopt Resolution Number 13-034 approving Amendment Number One to an Intergovernmental Agreement (ADOT File No. IGA/JPA 11-039I) between the State of Arizona Department of Transportation and City of Safford for the design and construction of downtown intersection improvements.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

10. The Mayor and City Council may wish to approve and adopt Resolution Number 13-035, a resolution of the City of Safford amending Construction Standards for Subdivisions and Right of Way.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

11. The Mayor and City Council may wish to approve and adopt Resolution Number 13-036, a resolution of the City of Safford adopting a Notice of Intention, Declaring Written Assumptions as Public Records and Setting Public Hearing for new Capacity Fees for Water and Wastewater Utility Services.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

12. The Mayor and City Council may wish to approve and adopt Resolution Number 13-037, a resolution of the City of Safford adopting a Notice of Intention, Declaring

**Written Report as a Public Record and Setting Public Hearing for new Opt-Out Policy and Fees.** MOTION ADOPTED

13. **The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider submitting a formal letter of support to secure USDA approval for the importation of tomato seedlings from Mexico for use in the NatureSweet greenhouses located in Willcox and Snowflake.** MOTION ADOPTED

14. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE

15. **MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:** Councilman Ortega reported on a SEAGO meeting that he attended in November. He stated he will look into asking a SEAGO representative to do a presentation to the Council regarding SEAGO programs. He believes SEAGO may have some programs to assist with diversifying Safford's economy.

Mayor Gibbs attended the Economic Forecast Luncheon in Tucson.

16. **COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:**

Councilman Ortega: Requested update regarding abandoned properties within the city limits.

17. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETING(S):**

- Thursday, December 19, 2013 Library Open House
- Tuesday, December 24, 2013 Close at Noon for Christmas Holiday
- Wednesday, December 25, 2013 Christmas Day Holiday
- Wednesday, January 1, 2014 Closed for New Year's Day Holiday

Leanne McElroy invited everyone to attend the Library's Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Entertainment includes: Holiday Movie Marathon & free popcorn, Special Holiday Preschool Storytime, Friends Holiday Treat Sale, Door Prizes, Boys and Girls Club Voices Group, Guest Storytellers and Community Sing-a-Long.

18. **The Council may elect to enter executive session pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4), to discuss and consult for legal advice with the Interim City Attorney regarding litigation negotiation or settlement discussion of the Gary Gardner claim. The Council may adjourn executive session and may take action in open session.** It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Howes and carried unanimously to enter executive session at 7:15:12 p.m. to seek legal counsel regarding the Gardner Claim.  
MOTION ADOPTED

The Council adjourned executive session and reconvened open session at 7:36:40 p.m.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Vice-Mayor Bingham and carried unanimously to approve a settlement of the Gary Gardner Claim. **MOTION**

**ADOPTED**

ADJOURNED at 7:38 p.m.