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

**CITY OF SAFFORD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, September 9 , 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, James D. Howes, and Richard Ortega.

STAFF PRESENT: David Kincaid, City Manager; John Griffin, Police Chief; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Leanne McElroy, Library Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Jenny Howard, Public Works Director; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Sam Napier, IT Administrator, and Cade Bryce, Senior Support Specialist, assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Howard. Kelly Van Shaar, Van Shaar Productions, video recorded the meeting.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:02 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:** John Griffin 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. August 12, 2013 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

City Manager Kincaid stated the landfill report is not included because some of the information could not be retrieved because of storm damages to the equipment. He pointed out that the water report indicate a huge reduction in water usage from July 2012 through July 2013 because of the water restrictions; landfill rates are helping to level out revenues; and strangely gas consumption increased.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

7. Discuss and consider approving the Purchasing Card Report ending June 17, 2013.

There was a brief discussion about various charges on the Purchasing Card Report.

It was moved by Councilman Seale, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously to approve the Purchasing Card Report ending June 17, 2013 as published.

MOTION ADOPTED

8. Proclamation proclaiming September 28, 2013 as National Public Lands Day.

Mayor Gibbs read Proclamation proclaiming September 28th National Public Lands Day. He stated the Proclamation supports volunteer assistance for cleanup, preparation of and utilizing public lands. There was discussion regarding the Proclamation not allowing local government to maintain public lands.

It was moved by Councilman Howes, seconded by Mayor Gibbs to proclaim September 28, 2013 as National Public Lands Day. The motion failed 4-3. Councilman Lopez, Councilman Malloque, Councilman Ortega and Vice Mayor Bingham opposed.

MOTION FAILED

9. **The Library Advisory Board and staff request consideration of and approval for renewing the terms of four members of the Advisory Board whose terms have expired. All four members have expressed their willingness to have their terms renewed. If approved, their new terms would expire June 30, 2016. The four members include Anita Griesenauer, AnnJi Craig-Wooten, Debbie Heaton and Carlton Penn.**

It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Lopez, and carried unanimously to renew the terms of Anita Griesenauer, AnnJi Craig-Wooten, Debbie Heaton and Carlton Penn.

MOTION ADOPTED

10. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** City Manager Kincaid read a letter addressed to the Mayor and Council from Ed Ragland, Director of the Safford Jr. Basketball League. Mr. Ragland referred to a previous agreement between the City and Safford Unified School District that was not renewed. He asked the Council to evaluate and consider approval of the Junior Basketball League Program and Mr. Andrew's youth wrestling program under the past guidelines. Otherwise he is concerned the youth programs will not continue.

Mr. Kincaid stated the situation can be handled at a staff level. He will contact Mr. Ragland.

11. **MEETINGS/ ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:**

- Councilman Ortega stated that he attended the SEAGO Meeting, August 16th in Clifton. Greenlee County and City of Sierra Vista are working closing with SEAGO's economic development. He encourages local entities to continue working with SEAGO.
- Councilman Lopez encourages the City to participate in the Arizona Cities at Work Program. The information was provided at the League's Conference. City Manager Kincaid stated staff is currently developing materials and programs to participate.

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

- Councilman Ortega requested an update on current litigation(s).

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

- Saturday, September 14, 2013 @ 11:00 a.m.: Happy 125th Birthday, EAC! Eastern Arizona College's 125th Anniversary Celebration Parade. Mayor and City Council will participate in the parade.
- Monday, September 23, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.: Council Work Session

14. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:33:26 p.m.
MOTION ADOPTED

APPROVED:

Mary Bingham, Vice 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, September 9, 2013, and approved at a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, October 14, 2013. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held and that a quorum was present.

Dated: October 14, 2013

Georgia Luster, MMC
City Clerk