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

**CITY OF SAFFORD  
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY  
Monday, March 10, 2014  
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.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Eric Buckley, Interim City Manager; Sandra Findley, Executive Assistant; Ann Waite, Chief Financial Officer; Christine Fisher, Human Resources Director; John Griffin, Police Chief; Leanne McElroy, Library Director; Jenny Howard, Public Works Director; Dustin Welker, Planning & Community Development Director; Don Knight, Director FlexNet Meter Renewal Project; Randy Petty, City Engineer; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk and Dale Clark, who assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dennis Whisman; Aimee Staten; James Bryce; Marie Freestone; Matt Busby; Jon Johnson, Eastern Arizona Courier and others who did not sign in. Kelly Van Shaar video recorded the meeting.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 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:** Chief Griffin offered the opening prayer.
5. **CONSENT ITEMS:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 11 as Consent Agenda Items. **MOTION ADOPTED**

- Session
1. February 10, Council Minutes and February 24 Council Work
  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

6. Consider approving Purchasing Card Report ending December 2013.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

7. Recognize Amber Hogle for earning and receiving her Certified Municipal Clerk Certification. Georgia Luster, City Clerk commended Amber Hogle for earning and receiving her certification as Certified Municipal Clerk. She received a Plaque from International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

8. Consider approving a request by the Boys and Girls Club of the Gila Valley to place a concession stand trailer at Firth Park during swimming pool hours this summer. It is recommended that the trailer be removed from the park each evening and only be operated during swimming pool hours.

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. The City of Safford received the “Gold” Award of Excellence for 2012/2013 from the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool in recognition of outstanding achievement and continued excellence in Risk Management and control of losses. Interim City Manager Buckley stated the City received the Gold Award of Excellence for 2012/2013 from the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool in recognition of outstanding achievement and continued excellence in Risk Management and control of losses. He provided the plaque to Mayor Gibbs.

**INFORMATION**

10. Approval of recommended restricted parking spaces (13) within the new parking lot at Firth Park. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to bring back a resolution for consideration.

11. Review and consider approval of the Annual Special Events for 2014: Motion adopted to approve all events for 2014 limiting the Main Street Family Festival to two events instead of four events for 2014.

12. Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 14-014, a Resolution of the City of Safford pertaining to the submission of Police Traffic Services Project for consideration in Arizona’s 2015 AzGOHS Highway Safety Plan.

**MOTION**

**ADOPTED**

13. Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 14-015, a Resolution of the City of Safford establishing New Opt-Out Policy and fees for Electric, Gas and Water Meter Billing and Services to be effective May 1, 2014, and declaring document to be a public record.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

14. MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:  
Councilman Ortega attended SEAGO Meeting
15. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: NONE
16. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE
17. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETING(S):
- Monday, March 24, 2014 - Council Work Session
  - Monday, April 14, 2014 - Regular Council Meeting
  - Monday, April 28, 2014 - Council Work Session
  - Friday, March 14 & Saturday, March 15 - Conduct interviews for the position of the City Manager
18. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Mayor and Council entered executive session regarding the following:
1. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431(A) (1) (5) to discuss the Chief of Police position.
  2. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(3) and §38-431.03(A)(4), for to provide an update regarding Golf Course Operations.
  3. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431(A)(1)(5) to discuss and review interview questions for the position of city manager.
19. The Mayor and Council may adjourn executive session, return to open session, and may take action in open session. No action was taken in open session
20. ADJOURN: The council adjourned the meeting at 8:56:24 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**