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

**CITY OF SAFFORD
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
Monday, July 14 , 2014 @ 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 James D. Howes.

ABSENT: Councilman, Richard Ortega.

STAFF PRESENT: Horatio Skeete, City Manager; Sandy Findley, Executive Assistant; Joe Brugman, Chief of Police; Jenny Howard, Public Works Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer, Dustin Welker, Planning and Community Development Director; Kim Larkey, Business Services Administrator; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Sam Napier assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Howard; Danny Smith, Graham County Board of Supervisor’s; Michael Smith, Steve McGaughey, Larry Fite; Ida C. Hardy; Gary Hardy; 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. He welcomed Danny Smith, Chairman of the Graham County Board of Supervisor’s, and welcomed the City’s new Police Chief, Joe Brugman to the City.
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:** Brother Paul Richardson offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
6. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**
 1. **Gila Watershed Partnership will give a brief update and present a PowerPoint Presentation.** Michael Smith, Interim Director of the Gila Watershed Partnership, provided a PowerPoint Presentation showcasing the Gila Watershed partnership and

spotlighting some of their many accomplishments. Mr. Smith explained the Partnership is an organization that seeks grant monies for watershed projects. The organization seeks community support, ideas and projects to make the organization work. One of the current projects (biggest challenge) is the eradication of the Salt Cedar (Tamarisk) in about thirty areas. The Leaf Beetle is eating up the salt cedar and is on its way from Texas and Utah. Once the infestation starts, the dead salt cedars will create a fire hazard. The organization will replant native plants/trees back into the River habitat. The Gila Watershed Partnership has brought over \$9,000,000 in grant dollars into Graham and Greenlee County's.

Danny Smith commented that the support of municipalities and counties provide operating monies for the Gila Watershed organization to function. Local support is critical to the grant process. The intent of the presentation is to keep municipalities and counties up to date. He thanked the Council for their support.

7. **CONSENT ITEMS: The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through Items 1 through 12 as Consent Agenda Items.** MOTION ADOPTED

1. June 9, June 23, and June 30, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Police Report
3. Building Inspection Report
4. Public Works Report
5. Business License Report (No new businesses for June)
6. Library Report
7. Utilities Consumption Report
8. Summary of Projects Planning and Grants Administration
9. Prosecution Report
10. Airport Report for April
11. Expense Report over \$5,000
12. Purchasing Card Report ending April 20, 2014

8. **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Request for the City Council to approve Resolution Number 14-032 making levy for taxes at 0.4984 for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the Assessed Valuation of Property subject to Taxation within the City of Safford for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015.** MOTION ADOPTED
2. **Request for the City Council to approve Resolution Number 14-033 authorizing the Mayor to extend and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Safford and the Safford Unified School District for approximately 13.5 acres of City owned land to be used for educational and farming opportunities for FFA Students.**
MOTION ADOPTED

3. Request for the City Council to approve Resolution Number 14-034 approving an Airport Development Reimbursable Grant Agreement from ADOT for State Funds for the purpose of aiding in financing a project of design of signage and pavement marking at the Airport in the amount of \$45,000. This project will also require a City match of \$4,500. MOTION ADOPTED

9. ORDINANCES:

1. Request for the City Council to adopt Ordinance Number 14-009 amending Section 2.36.020 of the City of Safford Municipal Code concerning the appointment of officers.
MOTION ADOPTED

10. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BIDS:

1. Request for the City Council to approve professional services agreement with Interim Public Management, LLC to provide interim professional staffing in accounting services to the Finance Department. MOTION ADOPTED
2. Request for the City Council to approve a request from Ponderosa Aviation to assign land lease agreement for Parcel C-2 Hangar Site to Mr. Charles Ferrin.

MOTION ADOPTED
3. Request for the City Council to grant a release to Ponderosa Aviation for lease on Hangar CH-1 and to discuss and review options for Hangar CH-1.
MOTION ADOPTED
4. Request for the City Council to review the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Safford and Graham County to furnish irrigation water to the County for use at the Graham County Regional Park Facility and provide guidance.
MOTION ADOPTED

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