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

**CITY OF SAFFORD
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
Monday, August 11, 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, Richard Ortega and James D. Howes.

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; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director, LeAnne McElroy, Library Director, and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Dale Clark assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve McGaughey, Cade Bryce, Sam Napier, Dan Braatz, Michael Thompson, Harry Williams, Ed Ragland, Aimee Staten, James Bryce, Erik Swanson, Dennis Delaney, Jay Moyes, Wade Barnett, 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 6:00 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:** Bill Johnson, Desert Springs Church, offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
6. **PROCLAMATIONS:**
 1. **Proclamation proclaiming August, 2014 Child Support Awareness Month. MOTION ADOPTED**
 2. **Proclamation proclaiming week of September 22-26, 2014 as Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week. . MOTION ADOPTED**

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

1. July 14, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Police Report
3. Building Inspection Report
4. Public Works Report
5. Business License Report for July and License Renewal Delinquent List
6. Library Report
7. Utility Consumption/Water Production Reports
8. Summary of Projects Planning and Grants Administration
9. Prosecution Report
10. Airport Report for April (Report not available)
11. Expense Report over \$5,000
12. Purchasing Card Report ending May 20, 2014

Mr. Skeete stated some of the reports have been revised in an attempt to make the reports more user- friendly. He asked the Police Chief, Library Director, City Clerk, and Utility Director to explain modifications of their reports.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Vice Mayor Bingham, and carried unanimously to approve Items 1 through 12 as Consent Agenda Items as published. **MOTION ADOPTED**

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request for the City Council to adopt Resolution Number 14-035 authorizing the City Manager to execute Right-of-Way Easement to Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. to operate and maintain electrical utilities at the Safford Regional Airport.**
MOTION ADOPTED

2. **Request for the City Council to consider a request from the Boys and Girls Club of the Gila Valley for financial assistance for the month of September 2014.** Councilman Ortega stated that he wants to ensure the Club stays open. He made a motion to authorize the City Manager to contribute funds not to exceed \$12,000 pursuant to receiving a proposal from the Club indicating a match of funds from Graham County. Councilman Howes seconded the motion. Councilman Seale amended the motion, authorizing the City Manager to contribute \$5,000 in support of the Boys and Girls Club pending receipt of a proposal from the Boys and Girls Club indicating a match of funds from Graham County. Councilman Malloque seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **MOTION ADOPTED**

9. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BIDS:

1. Request for the City Council to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Pima and City of Safford to furnish qualified mechanics and provide services on the Town of Pima fire trucks. MOTION ADOPTED
2. Request for the City Council to approve a month-to-month Agreement for Hangar CH-1 at the Safford Regional Airport with Wade Barnett. MOTION ADOPTED
3. Presentation by Dennis Delaney and Jay Moyes regarding Southwest Public Power Agency (S.P.P.R.)

10. MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD OR TO BE HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:

Dustin Welker attended the Rural Policy Forum in Globe and was asked to be a presenter of the successes of Main Street.

11. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

Arnold Lopez:

- Requested update of AMI Metering Project. He will provide a list of questions to the City Manager.
- Expressed sympathy to the passing of Senator Chester Crandall.
- Acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the teachers and administrators of the Safford Unified School District and congratulate them on another year of outstanding performance.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

August 19-22, 2014 – League of Arizona Cities & Towns Annual Conference

August 25, 2014 – Consider cancelling Work Session (**Cancelled Meeting**)

August 26, 2014 – Primary Election

September 8, 2014 – Regular Council Meeting

September 22, 2014 – Council Work Session

13. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

14. ADJOURN: 8:43:58 p.m.