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

**CITY OF SAFFORD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 8, 2014 @ 6:00 PM
Safford Library Program Room, 808 S. 7th Avenue, Safford, Arizona**

PRESENT: Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor; Council Member’s, Arnold A. Lopez, Kenneth Malloque, Richard Ortega, and James D. Howes.

ABSENT: Mary Bingham, Vice Mayor and Gene Seale, Councilman.

STAFF PRESENT: Horatio Skeete, City Manager; Sandy Findley, Executive Assistant; Joe Brugman, Chief of Police; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Dustin Welker, Planning and Community Development Director; Jenny Howard, Public Works Director; Terry Quest, Finance Director; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; LeAnne McElroy, Library Director; Clark Bingham, Fire Chief; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Cade Bryce assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Van Shaar, video recorded the meeting. Ken Showers represented Eastern Arizona Courier. Shane Jones

- 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:00:34 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present, (5-2).
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 4. OPENING PRAYER:** Arnold Lopez offered the Opening Prayer.
- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Shane Jones addressed the Council during the discussion of the Liquor License Application.
- 6. PUBLIC HEARING:** Pursuant to *Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.01*, Mayor Gibbs will open a Public Hearing for the purpose of taking public comment relating to a Liquor License and recommendation to the state liquor board regarding a Person Transfer/Location Transfer, Series #6 liquor license application submitted by Shane Noel Jones on behalf of Shane’s Place located at 609 6th Avenue, Safford, Arizona. When the hearing is concluded, the Mayor and Council shall take action to make recommendation to the state liquor board regarding the application.

Mayor Gibbs opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 to hear any public comments. There were no public comments regarding a liquor license application submitted by Shane Noel Jones. Mayor Gibbs closed the Public Hearing.

7. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Gibbs closed the Public Hearing at 6:03:19 p.m.

8. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Recommendation to the State Liquor board regarding an application for a Person Transfer/Location Transfer, Series #6 liquor license submitted by Shane Noel Jones on behalf of Shane's Place located at 609 6th Avenue, Safford, Arizona.**

Shane Jones addressed the Council at this time. He stated he has been in the community since 1989 and explained his plans for opening Shane's Place.

It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Howes, and carried unanimously to approve a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, of a Person Transfer/Location Transfer, Series #6 liquor license submitted by Shane Noel Jones on behalf of Shane's Place located at 609 6th Avenue, Safford, Arizona.

MOTION ADOPTED

2. **Recommend the Mayor and City Council reappoint Gene Fowler and James Moser to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a four year term to expire June 30, 2018 (Pursuant to City of Safford Municipal Code, Section 17.84.110(3)).**

Dustin Welker stated that Chairman Fowler and Commissioner Moser have been on the Commission since 2001-2003 respectively and have done a very responsible job. It is his recommendation to reappoint both.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Howes, and carried unanimously to reappoint Gene Fowler and James Moser to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a four year term to expire June 30, 2018. **MOTION ADOPTED**

3. **Recommend the Mayor and City Council approve and reappoint Clark Bingham as Fire Chief of the Safford Fire Department. (Pursuant to City of Safford Municipal Code, Section 2.12.010(a)).**

City Manager Skeete explained that Fire Chief Bingham was reappointed as Fire Chief for another year.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Lopez, and carried unanimously to approve the reappointment of Clark Bingham as Fire Chief of the Safford Fire Department. **MOTION ADOPTED**

4. **Consider accepting an offer of \$110,000 for the Golf Course House Property.** City Manager Skeete provided a brief background of the process of placing the Golf Course House Property out to bid. The City previously advertised this property twice and received

no qualifying proposals. Upon the advice of the City Attorney, the City can now proceed to a negotiated sale with this individual.

It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously to approve accepting an offer of \$110,000 for the Golf Course House Property. **MOTION ADOPTED**

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

1. November 10 and November 24, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Police Report
3. Building Inspection Report
4. Public Works Report
5. Business License Report
6. Library Report
7. Utility Consumption/Water Production Reports
8. Summary of Projects Planning and Grants Administration
9. Prosecution Report
10. Airport Report
11. Expense Report over \$5,000
12. Purchasing Card Report

Councilman Lopez inquired about the RFQ regarding utility projects for underground electrical conduit, and unfunded but needed projects – replacing air packs. He expressed concern of the air packs not being safe. Thirdly, he inquired about receiving an update regarding the Census Meter Training.

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

10. **MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD OR TO BE HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:** Mayor Gibbs reported that he attended a very informative Borders Mayors' meeting in Aqua Prieta, and also attended a meeting with Bowen regarding helicopter test team.

11. **COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE

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

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Mayor and Council will enter executive session pursuant to *Arizona Revised Statutes. §38-431.03(A)(2), EXEMPT RECORDS*, to review the November 10 and November 24, 2014 executive session minutes. The Council shall take action in open

session. The Council had previously reviewed the executive session minutes; therefore, executive session was precluded.

14. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Ortega, and carried unanimously to approve the November 10 and November 24, 2014 executive session minutes. **MOTION ADOPTED**

15. FUTURE MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Monday, December 15, 2014, Quarterly Employee Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Safford Library Program Meeting Room.
- Tuesday, December 16, 2014, Safford Library Annual Holiday Open House (all day)
- Monday, December 22, 2014 Special Council Meeting
- Wednesday, December 24, 2014, Close at noon for Christmas Holiday
- Thursday, December 25, 2014, Christmas Day Holiday
- Thursday, January 1, 2015, New Year's Day Holiday
- Monday, January 12, 2015, Regular Council Meeting
- Monday, January 19, 2015 Martin Luther King Holiday
- Monday, January 26, 2015, Council Work Session

16. ADJOURN: It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Lopez, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:32:10 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**

APPROVED:

Wyn "Chris" Gibbs, Mayor
City of Safford

ATTEST:

Georgia Luster, MMC
City Clerk

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss
County of Graham)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Special Council Meeting Minutes of the Safford City Council, Graham County, Arizona held Monday, December 8, 2014, and approved at a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2015. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held and that a quorum was present.

January 12, 2015
Date: _____

Georgia Luster, MMC, City Clerk