



**“The mission of the City of Safford is to make Safford
a great place to live, work, and visit”**

**CITY OF SAFFORD
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
Monday, September 14, 2015 @ 6:00 PM
Safford Library Program Room, 808 S. 7th Avenue, Safford, Arizona**

PRESENT: Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor; Mary Bingham, Vice Mayor; Councilmembers, Kenneth Malloque, Gene Seale, Arnold A. Lopez, James D. Howes and Richard Ortega.

STAFF PRESENT: Horatio Skeete, City Manager; Leslie Norton, Executive Secretary; Joe Brugman, Police Chief; Randy Petty, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Lance Henrie, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer; Dustin Welker, Planning and Community Development Director; Jenny Howard, Utilities Director; Alma Flores, Interim Finance Director; Leanne McElroy, Library Director; Cliff Davis, Human Resources Officer; Sam Napier, I.T. Administrator; Tamara Webster, Clerks Office Administrative Assistant, and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Dale Clark assisted with the audio recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kurt Palmer, Chamber of Commerce Director; Randa McKinney; Donna McGaughey; Pastor Larry Semore; Dr. Cathy Romero; and, Ken Showers, representing Eastern Arizona Courier. Ralph Score, Valley TeleCom Group, video recorded the meeting.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order.
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:** Pastor Larry Semore offered the Opening Prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**
6. **NEW AND OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. Review of and approval of August 10, Council Meeting Minutes. **MOTION ADOPTED**
 2. Consider approving August 10, 2015 executive session minutes. The Council may convene to executive session to discuss any revisions pursuant to *Arizona Revised Statutes §38.431.03(A)(2).* **MOTION ADOPTED**
 3. Consider approving a location and city staff participation for locating a Skate Park on the City of Safford property. **MOTION ADOPTED**

4. Review and make a recommendation to the Arizona State Liquor Board for a Special Event Liquor License for the Graham County Chamber of Commerce. **MOTION ADOPTED**

7. RESOLUTIONS:

1. Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number 15-029 declaring October 16 and 17, 2015 Safford High School's All Bulldog Reunion. **MOTION ADOPTED**
2. Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number 15-030 accepting the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, dated May 2015. The City Clerk read the Number and Title of Resolution Number 15-030. **MOTION ADOPTED**

8. ORDINANCE(S):

1. First Reading, by Title only, of Ordinance Number 15-004, a proposed annexation of property to the east of Highway 191. The proposed annexation includes 3.5 acres currently under the jurisdiction of Graham County. **FIRST READING**

9. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BIDS:

1. Request for the Mayor and City Council to consider awarding the 8th Avenue Substation Upgrade – (1) Tubular Steel Pole Northwest 70 Rebuild – (8) Tubular Steel Poles Project to Valmont Newmark of Mansfield, TX in the amount of \$47,036.00 as recommended by TOR Engineering and the Utility Director. **MOTION ADOPTED**
2. Request for the Mayor and City Council to consider awarding the Bonita Water Line Replacement, Phase III Material contract to Ferguson Water Works in the amount of \$162,908.43. **MOTION ADOPTED**

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

- September 23 at 6:30 p.m. - Joint Meeting with Graham County, Town of Pima, and Town of Thatcher, at the General Services Building
- September 26-30, 2015 – City Manager attending ICMA Conference
- September 28, 2015 – Council Meeting
- October 9 - Graham County Fair Parade
- October 12 – Council Meeting
- October 17 - Harvest Festival
- October 24 - CORE Event
- October 26 – Council Work Session

11. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

12. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** No action taken in regular session