



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm  
MEETING LOCATION: SAFFORD LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM • 808 S. 7<sup>TH</sup> AVE SAFFORD, ARIZONA  
“The mission of the City of Safford is to make Safford a great place to live, work, and visit”

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kouts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jason Kouts, Mayor; Richard Ortega, Vice Mayor; Councilmembers’ Gene Seale, Arnold Lopez, Steve McGaughey, Chris Taylor and Michael Andazola.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Horatio Skeete, City Manager; Joe Brugman, Chief of Police; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/Assistant City Engineer; Susan Anderson, Planning and Community Development Director; Alma Valles, Finance Officer; Kabrina Romero, Finance Administrator; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Lesley Talley, Library Operations Supervisor; Tamara Webster, Deputy City Clerk; Sam Napier, I.T. Officer; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Gale Hedges, Water Division Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; and Morgan Seale, Wastewater Division Supervisor.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Paul R. David and others who did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Randy Petty offered the Opening Prayer
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
7. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**
  1. **PRELIMINARY BUDGET SUMMARIES:** Staff presented and discussed with Mayor and City Council the FY 2020 preliminary budget. This budget includes the General Fund departments, the Enterprise funds and Special Revenue Funds. Included in each fund are the capital projects expected to be undertaken during the fiscal year.
8. **REPORTS:** There was no discussion on the reports.
  1. P-Card Transaction Report
  2. Over \$5,000 Report
  3. Prosecution Report
9. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS:** The Mayor or any member of Council may at this time present a brief summary of current events and provide future agenda items. However, no

discussion shall take place on such items except for clarifying comments related to substance, time and location.

- Vice Mayor Ortega attended a SEAGO meeting
- Mayor Kouts attended the monthly Mayors Breakfast

**10. REPORT ON OPERATIONAL ITEMS:** The city manager, members of city staff or those individuals designated by the manager may present information pertinent to items under consideration or information related to the operation of the City. There shall however be no discussion at this time except for clarification inquiries. (If not listed below)

- Alma Valles updated the Mayor and Council on the status of the Caselle Software system implementation.
- City Manager Skeete updated the Mayor and Council on the progress of the Landfill Rate Study.

**11. ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Taylor and carried unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 7:24 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**