



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm
MEETING LOCATION: SAFFORD LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM • 808 S. 7TH 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:** Vice Mayor Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Jason Kouts, Mayor

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; 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; Morgan Seale, Wastewater Division Supervisor; and Clak Bingham, Fire Chief.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lavan Taylor; Steve Curtis; Preston Owens; Ben and Nancy Fajardo; Nancy Shauman; Patrick Anderson; Luke Arbizo; Paul R. David and others who did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Mayor Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Andazola offered the Opening Prayer
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
7. **CITY COUNCIL CONVENED AS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**
8. **VICE MAYOR ORTEGA OPENED A PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. SAFFORD BUILDERS SUPPLY VARIANCE REQUEST: Request for the Safford Zoning Board of Adjustment to review a variance request from Safford Builders Supply regarding a parcel located at 609 7th Street. Variance Approved

Vice Mayor Ortega – Yes

Councilman Lopez – Yes

Councilman Taylor – Yes

Councilman Seale – Yes

Councilman McGaughey – Yes

Councilman Andazola – Yes

2. STEALTH AUTO VARIANCE REQUEST: Request for the Safford Zoning Board of Adjustment to review a variance request from Steve Curtis of Stealth Auto regarding a parcel located at 150 W. Discovery Park Boulevard. Variance Approved

Vice Mayor Ortega – Yes

Councilman Seale – Yes

Councilman Lopez – Yes

Councilman McGaughey – Yes

Councilman Taylor – Yes

Councilman Andazola – Yes

Citizen comments were made by Ben Jurado.

9. CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

10. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED TO REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

11. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

1. MINUTES: Request for the Mayor and City Council to review and approve the minutes for the March 11, 2019 City Council Meeting. MOTION ADOPTED

12. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS:

1. SMARTNET LEASE AGREEMENT: Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve a lease agreement between the City of Safford and SmartNet for the erection of a GPS antenna. MOTION ADOPTED

13. BUDGET REVIEW: Continued reviewing the FY 2020 preliminary budget with Mayor and Council, focusing on individual department budgets.

14. 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 SEAGO

15. 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)

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Update Mayor and City Council on purchase of real property.

The City Council may enter executive session, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-431.03(A)(7). The City Council may reconvene regular session to take action.

17. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Councilman Seale, seconded by Councilman Taylor and carried unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 7:32 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**