



CITY OF SAFFORD • COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION • FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.
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: Mayor Kouts called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (5-2)

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmembers’ Steve McGaughey and Chris Taylor.

STAFF PRESENT: Horatio Skeete, City Manager; Joe Brugman, Chief of Police; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/Assistant City Engineer; Alma Valles, Finance Officer; Kabrina Romero, Finance Administrator; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Georgia Luster, City Clerk; Sam Napier, I.T. Officer; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Gale Hedges, Water Division Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; Nathan Estes; and Morgan Seale, Wastewater Division Supervisor.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randa O McKinney; Brett Boatright; Robb Hatch; Vance Bryce, Interim Chamber of Commerce Director; Kip Kempton; Kyle Kempton; Cindy Layton; Reed Richins; Tate McLain; Terry Johnson; Marshall McBride; Kyle Hull; Danan Palma; John Johnson; Gila Herald; and others who did not sign in.
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Andazola led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 4. OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Andazola offered the opening prayer.
- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Mayor Kouts asked those present to speak during the discussion of Item #7. Kyle Kempton, Kip Kempton, and Reed Richins were present to comment on a single item purchase of greater than \$5,000.
- 6. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**
- 7. BUDGET UPDATE AND FINAL REVIEW: Review changes to Preliminary FY 2020 budget to date with Mayor and City Council.** Mayor Kouts recommended discussing the sales tax options being proposed in respect to the sales tax on single item purchase of greater than \$5,000. He asked the council to discuss and to give their opinion of the proposed options and then allow those who have presented a Request to Comment on the agenda item.
- 8. ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola and carried unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 9:05 a.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**