



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • MONDAY, MAY 13, 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”

- 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 (7).
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; Lydia Newkirk, Human Resource Officer; 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; Clark Bingham, Fire Chief; and Patrick Anderson, Assistant Fire Chief.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Vancy Bryce, Bri Morris, Rick Britt, David Sowders, Erik Swanson, Paul David; and, others who did not sign in.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Mayor Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Taylor offered the opening prayer
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
7. **PRESENTATION:**
1. **GRAHAM COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** The Interim Executive Director, Vance Bryce, of the Graham County Chamber of Commerce introduce himself and expressed that the Chamber has a new fresh philosophy and renaissance coming to the Chamber. The chamber is starting new collaborations with the different organizations in town. They plan to focus on tourism and community engagement. Part of the community engagement will be events and Mr. Bryce continued with a short presentation in regards to the 3rd Annual Wine, Art & History Festival.
8. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**
1. **MINUTES:** Request for the Mayor and Council to review and approve April 22, 2019 City Council Minutes. MOTION ADOPTED
 2. **SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve a new special event application for a “Safford Summer Block Party”, from the

Graham County Chamber of Commerce to close Main Street between 5th Avenue West, Central Avenue West, waive the application fee of \$20 and all City of Safford fees applied to the event. MOTION ADOPTED

3. SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE: Request for the Mayor and City Council to recommend an approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for the Graham County Chamber of Commerce "Safford Summer Block Party".
MOTION ADOPTED
4. BUCKET TRUCK PURCHASE: Request for the Mayor and City council to ratify the emergency purchase of a RTG S-11378 VST-47-MHI, Versalift for the Electric Division.
MOTION ADOPTED
5. ANNEXATION: Discuss with the Mayor and City Council regarding the possible annexation of Santiago Silver Creek Mobile Home Park.

9. RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION NUMBER R19-009: Request for the Mayor and Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number R19-009, a resolution adopting Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative Budget. The Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 sets a maximum expenditure for the year at \$60,348,058. Included in the maximum expenditure is \$9,000,000 of contingencies spread across all funds. MOTION ADOPTED
2. RESOLUTION NUMBER R19-010: Request for the Mayor and Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number R19-010, a resolution appointing the Human Resources Officer as Trustee and the City Manager as Alternate Trustee to represent the City of Safford on the Governing Board of the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust. MOTION ADOPTED
3. RESOLUTION NUMBER R19-011: Request for the Mayor and Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number R19-011, a resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) by and between the City of Safford and Ft. Thomas fire department for the sale of certain surplus equipment and property between the governments. MOTION ADOPTED
4. RESOLUTION NUMBER R19-012: Request for the Mayor and Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number R19-012, a resolution amending the Departmental Rules and Regulations of the Safford Fire Department. MOTION ADOPTED
5. RESOLUTION NUMBER R19-013: Request for the Mayor and Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number R19-013, a resolution authorizing the City of Safford to waive new home construction building permit fees, compensate water capacity

fees and water meter fees for one year beginning July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

MOTION ADOPTED

6. **RESOLUTION NUMBER R19-014: Request for the Mayor and Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number R19-014, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Commercial Land Lease to Jetcrafter's Aviation, LLC, (Jetcrafter's) for about 74,466 square foot of property at the Safford Regional Airport for Lots WP-2, WP-3, and WP-4. MOTION ADOPTED**

7. **RESOLUTION NUMBER R19-015: Request for the Mayor and Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number R19-015, a resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) by and between the City of Safford and the Arizona Board of Regents, University of Arizona, Steward Observatory for the sale of a HV1800 TR/L High Velocity Sewer Flushing Machine. MOTION ADOPTED**

10. **ORDINANCE:**
 1. **ORDINANCE O19-002: First reading of Ordinance O19-002, and ordinance amending section 2.40.060 of the Safford Municipal Code concerning the qualifications and benefits of the Safford Fire Department membership.** The Deputy City Clerk read the Number and Title of Ordinance Number 19-002 into the record.

11. **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS:**
 1. **AWARD OF CONTRACT: Request of the Mayor and City Council to award a contract to BWS Architects for the Design and Construction Administration in the amount of \$322,386 for a new 6,000 square foot structure and to prepare Architectural Plans for the remodel of the existing structure housing the Safford Police Department. MOTION ADOPTED**

 2. **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: Request for the City Council to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Safford and Graham County setting the water rates for the water use at the County Fair Grounds for a 25 year period beginning July 1st 2019 at \$2.20 per thousand gallons for Potable water and \$2.50 per thousand for effluent water after a distribution system is constructed. In addition, the county will convey the old jail site located at 523 10th Ave Safford Az to the City of Safford for the construction of an expansion of the Safford Police station and public parking. MOTION ADOPTED**

12. **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.
 - Cinco de Mayo Parade – Council will participate

- Thursday, April 25th – Pride of Safford award to Gayrene Claridge
- Councilman Lopez has been asked to speak at the Graham County STARS Conference
- Chief Brugman gave a brief update on the passage of H.B. 2318 which limits the use of mobile devices while driving. Legislation goes into effect immediately while fines violating this law take effect January 2021.

13. 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)

- **Update on Launch of Library Hot Spot:** Victoria Silva, Library Director, informed the Council that the Library received a State Library Grant for eight (8) Hot Spots. Two will be used for programs and the other six will be available to the public.
- **Update on Project Status Report:** Randy Petty, City Engineer, presented an update of the Project Status Report.
- **Update on Water Table Levels:** Morgan Seale, Wastewater Division Manager, presented an update on the water table levels which are at or above this time last year.

14. ADJOURN: It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola and carried unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 8:54 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**