



**CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION • MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**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:** Vice Mayor Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (5)

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Jason Kouts, Mayor and Brad Hemphill Councilmember.

**STAFF PRESENT:** John Cassella, City Manager; Brian Avila, Police Captain; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Susan Anderson, Planning and Community Development Director; Alma Valles, Finance Officer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Sam Napier, IT Officer; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Morgan Seale, Water Division Supervisor; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; Kabrina Romero, Accounting Administrator; and Mohamed Abdelmottelb, IT Support Specialist.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Paul Allen, James Carbajal, Kim Smith, Kevin Burnett, Erik Swanson, Angie Dixson and others that did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Lopez 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:** Paul Allen and Kevin Burnett
7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** A Public Hearing was opened in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes §38.431.02 to hear public comments regarding:

1. **LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION:** An Owner Transfer Series 06 Bar License application submitted by Jeffery M. Zweiacher on behalf of Zweiacher Group Inc. (Copper Steer Steakhouse & Saloon), located at 1206 E Highway 70, Safford, Arizona. **No public comments were made.**

8. **CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

9. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **LIQUOR LICENSE:** Request for Mayor and City Council to make a recommendation to the Arizona State Liquor Board regarding an application for Transfer of Ownership for the Copper Steer Steakhouse and Saloon. **MOTION ADOPTED**

2. **MINUTES:** Request for Mayor and City Council to approve June 14, 2021 Council Meeting/Work Session Minutes. **MOTION ADOPTED**

10. **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **RESOLUTION R21-016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY:** Request for Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R21-016, setting the levy for taxes at \$0.5135 for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the Assessed Valuation of Property subject to taxation within the City of Safford for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. **MOTION ADOPTED**

2. **RESOLUTION R21-018 DEPT OF AGRICULTURE APPLICATION:** Request for Mayor and Council to review and approve Resolution R21-018, authorizing the submission of an application for financial assistance with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development under the water and environmental program. **MOTION ADOPTED**

3. **RESOLUTION R21-019 ADOT GRANT TAXIWAY A:** Request for Mayor and City Council to review and approve Resolution R21-019 accepting a grant from the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Airport Surface Treatment Program 2022 to assist in funding a 1-inch Mill/1-inch Asphalt Overlay and Pavement Markings at Safford Regional Airport with a construction estimate of \$571,488. **MOTION ADOPTED**

11. **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.

- Councilman Andazola announced the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am

12. **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)

- James Carbajal, updated council regarding the City of Safford Meter Installation Standard Operating Procedures
- Morgan Seale updated council regarding City of Safford Water

15. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Councilman Andazola, seconded by Councilman McGaughey carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 6: pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**