



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.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 6:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (6)

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Jason Kouts, Mayor

STAFF PRESENT: John Cassella, City Manager; Glen Orr, Police Chief; Brian Avila, Police Captain; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Morgan Seale, Water Division Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; Kabrina Romero, Finance Officer; Jason Brimhall, Utilities Director; and Mohamed Abdelmottelb, IT Support Specialist.

OTHERS PRESENT: Citizens that did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Andazola led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Lopez offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None
7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** A Public Hearing will be opened in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes §38.431.02 to hear public comments regarding:
 1. **USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to hold a public regarding use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. The City of Safford is expected to receive approximately \$253,052 in FY2022 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account (RA).
8. **CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING:**
9. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. **MINUTES:** Request for Mayor and City Council to review and approve August 23, 2021 and September 13, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes **MOTION ADOPTED**
 2. **PURCHASE OF GAS METERS FOR UPGRADE PROJECT:** Request for Mayor and City Council to approve the purchase of 744 gas meters from Measurement Control Systems.

Measurement Control Systems is a sole source for Honeywell meters. **MOTION ADOPTED**

10. RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION R21-028 RUNWAY 12/30 SURFACE TREATMENT GRANT: Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R21-028, a resolution accepting a grant from the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Airport Surface Treatment Program 2022 to assist in funding a P-608 Surface Treatment Application and Pavement Markings for Runway 12/30 at Safford Regional Airport with a construction estimate of \$391,610. **MOTION ADOPTED**

2. RESOLUTION R21-029 ONE AZ DISTRIBUTION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS AGREEMENT: Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R21-029, a resolution approving and adopting the One Arizona distribution of opioid settlement funds agreement. **MOTION ADOPTED**

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS: The Mayor or any member of Council may at this time present a 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.

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)

- Update on Library Extended Hours (Staff, Victoria Silva)
- Update on Commercial Development Process (Staff, Jaime Embick)

13. CLOSED REGULAR MEETING AND OPENED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

14. COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Mayor and City Council discussion with the City Manager to discuss the City Manager Year in Review.

15. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING:

16. ADJOURN: It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola, and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 8:39 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**