



**CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019 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:** Mayor Kouts called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
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; John Cassella, Assistant 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 Flores Valles, Finance Officer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Sam Napier, IT Director; Tamara Webster, Deputy City Clerk; Lydia Newkirk, Human Resources Officer; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Gale Hedges, Water Division Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; and Morgan Seale, Wastewater Division Supervisor .  
  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** David Sowders, Tyler Attaway, Toni Attaway, Melanie Tluczek, Sherri Hendricks and others who did not sign in.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Andazola led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Mayor Kouts offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None
7. **PRESENTATION:**
  1. **STONE WILLOW: Provide Mayor and City Council with information regarding the Stone Willow Subdivision.** Taylor Roderick with Bright Edge, LLC provided information to Mayor and City Council regarding the HOA and retention ponds at the Stone Willow Subdivision.
8. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**
  1. **MINUTES: Request for Mayor and City Council to review and approve October 28, 2019 City Council Minutes.** No corrections were requested. **MOTION ADOPTED**
9. **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS:**
  1. **FEEDER UPRGRADE AWARD: Request for Mayor and City Council to approve and award a construction contract to Gila Cut-Out for the Misc. Feeder Upgrades Project (Project No. 69-719, CIP No. EL2003) in the amount of \$379,801.10.** **MOTION ADOPTED**
  2. **CATHOLIC CHURCH PLAYGROUND AMENDMENT: Request for Mayor and City Council to approve an Addendum to the original Lease Agreement approving a second one (1) year**

renewal for the leased play area located on the Catholic Church property at the north end of Central Avenue. MOTION ADOPTED

3. UTILITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT: Request for Mayor and City Council to approve a contract with the law firm of Moyes, Sellers, and Hendrick for legal services concerning matters affecting City utilities. MOTION ADOPTED

4. GILA RIVER LINEAR PARK AND TRAIL MOU: Request for Mayor and City Council to approve the City Manager entering into a non-binding MOU with the Gila Watershed Partnership to cooperate in the design of a Linear Park along the southern banks of the Gila Rivers from little Hollywood to the East to Ray Lane in the West. This agreement requires no financial contribution from the City at this time. MOTION ADOPTED

10. **REPORTS:** Mayor Kouts inquired on the Aquahawk charge.

1. Over \$5000 Report
2. P-Card Report

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.

- Eastern Arizona Hispanic Heritage Corp. Fiesta November 16, 2019
- Vice Mayor Ortega will attend a SEAGO meeting November 22, 2019
- Merry Main Street and Tree Lighting November 29, 2019
- Holiday Light Parade December 7, 2019

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)

- Chief Brugman updated the Mayor and City Council on Holiday Security
- City Manager Skeete recommended to the Mayor and City Council that the November 25, 2019 City Council Meeting be canceled

13. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Taylor and carried unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 7:09 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**