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a great place to live, work, and visit”**

**CITY OF SAFFORD - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012 @ 6:00 PM  
PHELPS DODGE ROOM - LIBRARY**

**PRESENT:** Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor; Jason Kouts, Vice Mayor Council Member’s Ken Malloque, Mary Bingham, Jacque Attaway, Gene Seale, and Arnold A. Lopez (April 2, 2012 appointed to fill the Council Seat Vacancy created by Danny Smith).

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Kincaid, City Manager; Sandra Findley, Executive Secretary; Christine Fisher, Personnel Director; John Griffin, Police Chief; Don Knight, Director Management & Budget; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Jan Elliott, Library Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Dustin Welker, Planner/Downtown Manager; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Tom James, IT Specialist, assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jon Stewart, Steve McGaughey, Kenny McKinney, Jan Holder, George Lemon, Greg Brockmier, Don Carter, James D. Howes, William Wilson, William civish, Janiene Barney, Darlene Alder, Kimberly Rhodes, Danny Smith, Deanna Smith, Johnny glassgow, Don Grady, DeeDee Mautner Watkins, Brittany Peacock, A.J. Peacock, Shari Sutorka, Hunter winsor, David winsor, Donna Orbegoso, Ceasar Orbegoso, Evelyn Hallford, Stephany & Niki Robinson and others who did not sign in. Jon Johnson, Eastern Arizona Courier was present. The meeting was video-taped by Van Shaar Productions.

- 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. He welcomed Mayor George Lemon from Pima, and all those present.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the council was present (7)
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 4. OPENING PRAYER:** Rev Ann Johnson of the Episcopal Church offered the opening prayer.
- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**

6. **RECEPTION:** Welcome Arnold A. Lopez to the Safford City Council.

Recognize Danny Smith for serving eleven years as a Councilman. Refreshments will be served.

Mayor Gibbs welcomed Arnold a. Lopez to the Council. He stated that he was unanimously appointed on April 2, 2012 at a Special Meeting of the Council. The City Clerk assisted Mr. Lopez with a photo. Mayor Gibbs recognized Danny Smith for serving on the City Council for eleven year. He presented him with a City of Safford monogramed clock and council photo. (audience applause)

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kouts, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously to take a short recess to welcome Arnold A. Lopez to the Council and to recognize Danny Smith, outgoing Councilmember. **MOTION ADOPTED**

7. **CONSENT ITEMS:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 11 as Consent Agenda Items.

1. March 12, March 26, and April 2, 2012 Council Minutes
2. Police Report
3. Building Inspection Report
4. Public Works Report
5. Business License Report
6. Library Report
7. Utilities Consumption Report
8. Summary of Projects Planning and Grants Administration
9. Airport Report (February/March 2012)
10. Prosecution Report
11. Expense Report Over \$5,000

(Prosecution Report was not available)

**MOTION ADOPTED**

8. **PURCHASING CARD REPORT:** Consideration and approval of Purchasing Card Report for 12/19/2011 through 1/20/2012. **MOTION ADOPTED**

9. **SPAY/NEUTER HOTLINE:** Presentation/discussion on the startup of a spay/neuter hotline for Safford/Graham County. **INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION/ACTION**

10. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS:** Kathy Grimes, Program Coordinator for Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition, will present appreciation to the Mayor and Council for supporting and proclaiming the month of April as Substance Abuse Awareness Month. **INFORMATION**
11. **PROCLAMATION:** Proclaiming *Saturday, May 12, 2012, National Association of Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day.* **MOTION ADOPTED**
12. **PROCLAMATION:** Proclaiming *May, Older Americans Month.* **MOTION ADOPTED**
13. **PROCLAMATION:** Proclaiming *April 29-May 5, 2012, Municipal Clerks Week.*  
**MOTION ADOPTED**
14. **GILA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP:** Jan Holder of the Gila Watershed Partnership provided a PowerPoint presentation on projects, programs, and seek the City's continued financial support.
15. **FIXED BASE OPERATION:** Consider approving Fixed Base Operation (FBO) Lease Agreement-Safford Regional Airport, between the City of Safford and Ponderosa Aviation Inc. **MOTION ADOPTED**
16. **TRANSFER, UTILITY CONTINGENCY BUDGET:** Consider authorizing transferring budget amount of \$35,138.75 from Utility Contingency to the Water Fund for Capital Expense. Expenditure was for an unbudgeted WIFA Grant (#820063-12) for the Morris Solar Project. City expensed funds and received reimbursement of these funds in March 2012.  
**MOTION ADOPTED**
17. **HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS:** The City of Safford pursued Request for Proposals on employee health insurance benefits to compare nine (9) products/services which included agent services, medical stop loss, PPO network, administrator, FSA, prescription, dental, vision and life. It is staff recommendation to continue participation with RAGHT and request another three (3) year renewal period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION**
18. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-013:** Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 12-013, a Resolution of the City of Safford, authorizing the renewal of the City of Safford's

Membership in the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust and appointing a Trustee and an Alternate Trustee to serve during the renewal period.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

19. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-014:** Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 12-014, a Resolution of the City of Safford, approving the amendments to the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust Agreement and Declaration of Trust Dated July 01, 2012.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**ITEMS 17, 18, & 19 were TABLED. A work session will be held on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss Health Insurance options.**

**23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. **Golf Course Lease:** Enter executive session pursuant to *Arizona Revised Arizona Revised Statutes* §38-431.03.A.7 to discuss and review lease agreement with Springbok Development

The council entered executive session at 7:24:21 p.m. and adjourned at 8:37:20 p.m.