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

**CITY OF SAFFORD – SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012 @ 6:00 PM  
PHELPS DODGE ROOM - LIBRARY**

**PRESENT:** Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor; Jason Kouts, Vice Mayor Council Member’s Danny Smith, Ken Malloque, Jacque Attaway, Mary Bingham, and Gene Seale.

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Kincaid, City Manager; Sandra Findley, Executive Secretary; Christine Fisher, Personnel Director; Rob Chesley, Public Works Director; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; John Griffin, Police Chief; Don Knight, Director Management & Budget; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Dustin Welker, Planner/Downtown Manager; Jenny Howard, Projects Management Specialist; James Bryce, Utilities Electrician; Clark Bingham, Fire Chief; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Tom James, IT Specialist, assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jake & JoJo Schroder; Tracy Hansen; Steve McGaughey; John Howard; Chad Crockett; James D. Howes; Jenifer Seale; Terry Johnson; Marie Freestone, Graham County Chamber; Rose West; Arnold DeLao; and others who did not sign in. The meeting was video-taped by Van Shaar Productions.

- 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- 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:** LaMont Whetten offered the opening prayer.
- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Jake Schroder, Tracy Hansen and Marie Freestone of the Graham County Chamber who represented Safford businesses commented on Item 7, Citizen Survey concerning East 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

6. **RECOGNITION OF LEAD PARTICIPANTS:** Recognition of the LEAD participants who completed career development for succession planning for the City of Safford. Fourteen (14) participants completed the training.
7. **RESULTS OF CITIZEN SURVEY CONCERNING EAST 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET:** The Council may want to consider and discuss the results of the Citizen's Survey concerning the proposal to remove the connection of East 8<sup>th</sup> Street and U.S. Highway 70, making 8<sup>th</sup> Street a dead end street.

Multiple alternatives will be considered.

8. **REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES:** The City Manager provided a Summary of General Government and Utilities Revenues and Expenditures for the period July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
9. **CONSENT ITEMS:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 10 as Consent Agenda Items.

1. January 23, 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 (December 2011)
10. Prosecution Report

It was moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilmember Attaway, and carried unanimously (7) to approve Items 1 through 10 as Consent Agenda Items; and, further requested to include quarterly report of Airport expenditures and revenues. **MOTION ADOPTED**

10. **PURCHASING CARD REPORT:** Consideration and approval of Purchasing Card Report for 10/19/2011 through 11/18/2011.

It was moved by Councilmember Attaway, seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously (7) to approve the Purchasing Card Report for 10/19/2011 through 11/18/2011. **MOTION ADOPTED**

11. **SAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Request from Fire Chief Bingham to consider and approve to increase the number of members of the Safford Fire Department from 28 to 30 members.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kouts, seconded by Councilmember Attaway to approve increasing the number of members of the Safford Fire Department from 28 to 30 members. **MOTION ADOPTED**

12. **69kV TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADE CONSTRUCTION:** The City has bid the "69kV Transmission Line Upgrade Construction" as per A.R.S. Formal bidding Procedures. The project will be funded by City of Safford Capital funds allocated for FY11-12. The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider awarding the contact to Atkinson Power, LLC as per the attached Award Recommendation and the following breakdown:

Total Construction Bid/Bonds	\$1,019,644.64
Less Owner furnished Materials (poles/conductor)	<u>(\$377,617.85)</u>
Total Construction Labor/Equip/Cross Arm Assemblies	\$642,026.79

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kouts, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously (7) to award a contract to Atkinson Power, LLC as per the Award Recommendation and the following breakdown:

Total Construction Bid/Bonds	\$1,019,644.64
Less Owner furnished Materials (poles/conductor)	<u>(\$ 377,617.85)</u>
Total Construction Labor/Equip/Cross Arm Assemblies	\$ 642,026.79

**MOTION ADOPTED**

13. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-004:** Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 12-004, a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford designating certain depositories, investment accounts and persons authorized to sign related

documents and agreeing to certain conditions with JP Morgan Chase Bank, Safford, Arizona.

It was moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously (7) to approve and adopt Resolution Number 12-004, a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford designating certain depositories, investment accounts and persons authorized to sign related documents and agreeing to certain conditions with JP Morgan Chase Bank, Safford, Arizona. **ACTION**

14. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-005: Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 12-005, a Resolution of the City of Safford authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Governor's Office of Energy Policy for an EECBG grant to install energy efficient lighting at the Library, City Hall, and the City Annex.**

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kouts, seconded by Councilmember Bingham, and carried unanimously (7) approve and adopt Resolution Number 12-005, a Resolution of the City of Safford authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Governor's Office of Energy Policy for an EECBG grant to install energy efficient lighting at the Library, City Hall, and the City Annex. **MOTION ADOPTED**

15. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-006: Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 12-006, a Resolution of the City of Safford authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the State of Arizona, Department of Transportation, for Transportation Enhancement (TE) Project Funds for the construction and improvements of Phase VII of the Shared-Use Path.**

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kouts, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously (7) to approve and adopt Resolution Number 12-006, a Resolution of the City of Safford authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the State of Arizona, Department of Transportation, for Transportation Enhancement (TE) Project Funds for the construction and improvements of Phase VII of the Shared-Use Path. **MOTION ADOPTED**

16. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-007: Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 12-007, a Resolution of the City of Safford approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Graham County for 2012-2014 Information Technologies GIS Services; and authorizing the Mayor to execute Agreement.**

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilmember Attaway, and carried unanimously (7) to approve and adopt Resolution Number 12-007, a Resolution of the City of Safford approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Graham County for 2012-2014 Information Technologies GIS Services; and authorizing the Mayor to execute Agreement. **MOTION ADOPTED**

17. **FUTURE PROPOSED PROPERTY ACQUISITION:** Discussion and direction to staff on future property information.
18. **MEETING/ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:**
19. **COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
20. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
21. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.