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**CITY OF SAFFORD - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011 @ 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, Councilmember, and Gene Seale

ABSENT: Mary Bingham.

STAFF PRESENT: David Kincaid, City Manager; Sandra Findley, Executive Secretary; Christine Fisher, Personnel Director; Rob Chesley, Public Works Director; John Griffin, Police Chief; Don Knight, Director Management & Budget; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Jan Elliott, Library Director; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Sam Napier, Lead IT Specialist, assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Johnson, Eastern Arizona Courier; Jim Warren, James D. Howes, Joe Hampton, Chad Crockett, Steve McGaughey, and others who did not sign in. Kelly Van Sharr video-taped the meeting.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (6).
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Joseph Hampton offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**
6. **CONSENT ITEMS:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 10 as Consent Agenda Items.
 1. October 10, 2011 Council Minutes; and October 24, 2011 Work Session 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
10. Prosecution Report

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilmember Attaway and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the Consent Agenda for 07/18/2011 through 08/18/2011 as presented. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Councilman Smith asked the City Manager to include statistics with the Airport Report that will provide a historical financial trend of the Airport. The Council concurred.

7. **PURCHASING CARD REPORT:** Consideration and approval of Purchasing Card Report for 07/19/2011 through 08/18/2011.

City Manager Kincaid noted the Purchasing Card Report has been revised to reflect activities per department.

It was moved by Councilmember Attaway, seconded by Councilman Malloque to approve the Purchasing Card Report for 07/19/2011 through 08/18/2011. **MOTION ADOPTED**

8. **REDISTRICTING POLICY STATEMENT:** Consideration and approval to adopt City of Safford Redistricting Policy Statement to provide input to the Independent Redistricting Commission regarding the makeup of proposed congressional and legislative districts based on the 2010 Census.

City Manager Kincaid stated that over a period of time a variety of communities and counties within our area have asked Safford to define or approve a specific map. Currently, with the turmoil within the redistricting commission he suggests the Council not adopt a map at this time. There may be several other maps drafted over the next 30-45 day that may reflect **Safford's** opinion much better than any of the existing maps. He recommended the Council consider supporting

the draft Policy Statement which supports what Safford really feels are important in a map. He asked the Council for input and stated the Policy Statement, once adopted, will be submitted to the various entities and possibly to the redistricting commission.

The Council unanimously supports a Policy Statement.

It was moved by Councilmember Attaway, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve to adopt City of Safford Redistricting Policy Statement to provide input to the Independent Redistricting Commission regarding the makeup of proposed congressional and legislative districts based on the 2010 Census. **MOTION ADOPTED**

9. **CDBG 2010 SIDEWALK PROJECT:** Consideration and approval to award the CDBG 2010 Sidewalk Project to Surface Contracting in the amount of \$191,346.90.

City Manager Kincaid stated the City was awarded CDBG funds several months ago. Bids were submitted for a sidewalk project to construct sidewalks north of Highway 70 and east of 8th Avenue and down around St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Construction could possibly begin mid-December.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kouts, seconded by Councilmember Attaway, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve awarding the CDBG 2010 Sidewalk Project to Surface Contracting in the amount of \$191,346.90.
MOTION ADOPTED

10. **WARREN PARKING LOT:** Consideration and approval to purchase Warren Parking lot property (Parcels #102-22-229 & #102-22-230) located on Main Street. Purchase option included in lease agreement.

City Manager Kincaid stated the lease is in respect to a parking lot on the corner of Main Street and 6th Avenue of which the City has the option to purchase. He noted that once the City purchases the property it becomes exempt from property tax.

It was moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the purchase of the Warren Parking lot

property (Parcels #102-22-229 & #102-22-230) located on Main Street. Purchase option is included in lease agreement.

MOTION ADOPTED

11. 2012 ELECTION SCHEDULE: Consideration and approval of 2012 Election Timeline: City Manager Kincaid reviewed the 2012 Election schedule for the 2012 Primary Election. Candidate Packets are available beginning today and must be returned by 6:00 p.m. December 14th; Registration closes February 13, 2012; Early Ballots become available February 16th; On-site early ballots ends March 9 and Primary Election occurs on March 13, 2012; General Election, if needed, occurs May 15, 2012 and the new Council will be seated on June 11th. He noted state law has changed and the new Council will be sworn in June 11th and not twenty-four hours previously. The term of council members will be four years and six months in order to coordinate the Fall Election in 2016. City of Safford elections will consolidate with Graham County in 2016. He noted State law has changed local laws drastically regarding campaigning and political signs.

12. DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING: Discuss December Council Meeting Schedule: City Manager Kincaid reminded the Council that only one council meeting will be held in December - the second Monday in December (December 12).

13. MEETING/ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:

Mayor Gibbs and City Manager Kincaid attended the National League Conference last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They received lots of good ideas including utilization of the airport.

City Manager Kincaid stated to the Council that in 2009 the City leased a parking lot on Discovery Park Boulevard to Phelps Dodge Mining. Phelps Dodge relinquished the lease when the economy declined. Recently parking has increased and theft and vandalism of the parking lot has increased. At this time Freeport is not interested in leasing the parking lot. Therefore, beginning Monday, the City will lock the parking lot and parking will not be accessible.

November Work Session: Proposed Library Policies; Proposed Library District and Website presentation

14. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

15. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

16. ADJOURN: It was moved by Council Member Attaway, seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously (6-0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:27:31 p.m.

MOTION ADOPTED

APPROVED:

Wyn "Chris" Gibbs, Mayor
City of Safford

ATTEST:

Georgia Luster, MMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss
County of Graham)

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular council meeting of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona held Monday, November 14, 2011, and approved at a Regular Council Meeting on December 12, 2011. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held and that a quorum was present.

Dated: December 12, 2011

Georgia Luster, MMC
City Clerk