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a great place to live, work, and visit”

**CITY OF SAFFORD - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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, Gene Seale, and 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; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; Don Knight, Director Management & Budget; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; David Faulkner, Street Supervisor; Kim Larkey, Information Processing Supervisor; Marion Gauna, Lead Accounting Specialist; Jan Elliott, Library Director; Georgia Luster, City Clerk; and Michael Rhodes, Fire Chief. Tom James, IT Specialist, assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: David VanScoyk, Raymond Lonser, Michael Andazola, Phillip Tutor, Jo Hancock, Valerie Buckley, Ed Ragland, Chad Crockett, Bill Lewis, Jenifer Seale, 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 6:00 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:** Phillip Tutor offered the opening prayer.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** David VanScoyk will address the Council during the discussion of Item #9.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 10 as Consent Agenda Items.

1. September 12, 2011 Council Minutes; and September 26, 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 Councilmember Attaway, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Items 1 through 10 as Consent Agenda Items as presented. **MOTION ADOPTED**

7. **PURCHASING CARD REPORT:** Consideration of Purchasing Card Report for 06/18/2011 through 07/18/2011.

It was moved by Councilmember Attaway, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the Purchasing Card Report for 06/18/2011 through 07/18/2011 as presented. **MOTION ADOPTED**

8. **PRESENTATION :** Presentation by the Graham County, Arizona Centennial Committee.

Michael Andazola presented proposed activities and information regarding the Arizona Centennial Celebration. A brochure of activities was distributed to the Mayor, Council and those present.

- **Currently until May 15, 2012 - elementary school reading challenge**
- January 13-14, 2012 Quilt Show and Raffle
- February 12, 2012, Centennial Parade, Safford
- February 13-14, 2012 Variety show at EAC Fine Arts Center
- Centennial Essay Contest to be announced

Anyone wishing to participate may contact the Centennial Committee by contacting the Graham County Board of Supervisors.

9. **REQUEST BY DAVID VANSCOYK:** Consideration of request by Mr. David VanScoyk to waive impact fee to future developable lots that are owned by Mr. VanScoyk.

David VanScoyk was present to address the Council. He lives at 1692 North Y-Rock Road, Safford, Arizona. Mr. VanScoyk asked the Council to consider his request because running the water line through his property would be a shorter more efficient route for the City.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kouts, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously, (7), to permit the Utilities Director to negotiate a utility easement with Mr. VanScoyk allowing the City of Safford to run a water line through his property in exchange for the following:

- 1) City of Safford will construct 2" water line with 4 water service stub outs to each of the newly divided properties.
- 2) City of Safford will install a fire hydrant at the entrance of his proposed cul-de-sac.
- 3) Reduce the easement from 40 feet to 20 feet.
- 4) The City of Safford **will not** waive impact fees for the four meter sets.

MOTION ADOPTED

10. **SAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Safford Fire Department Report presented by Chief Rhodes.

Fire Chief Rhodes presented the Safford Fire Department's Annual Report to the Council.

11. **LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS:** Consideration to appoint David Morse to the Library Advisory Board, reappoint James Wheeler and Louise Tolman to the Library Advisory Board for another three-year term.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kouts, seconded by Councilmember Attaway and carried unanimously (7) to appoint David Morse to the Library Advisory Board, reappoint James Wheeler and Louise Tolman to the Library Advisory Board for another three-year term.

MOTION ADOPTED

12. **SWIFT-MURPHY POST #32, AMERICAN LEGION LEASE:** Consideration of lease agreement between the City of Safford and The Swift-Murphy Post #32, American Legion.

13. **SAFFORD-GRAHAM COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEASE:** Consideration of lease agreement between the City of Safford and the Safford-Graham County Chamber of Commerce.

It was moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilmember Attaway and carried unanimously (7) to approve a lease agreement between the City of Safford and The Swift-Murphy Post #32, American Legion and a lease agreement between the City of Safford and the Safford-Graham County Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION ADOPTED

14. **OWENS RENTALS, LLC:** Consideration of agreement between City and Owens

Rentals, LLC for restoration of leased property at the Boys and Girls Club. This agreement reaffirms city commitment since the lease with Owens Rentals is no longer with the City of Safford.

City Manager Kincaid explained the City is obligated to remove sand from the existing playground area of the Boys and Girls Club and replace it with asphalt once the Club is no longer operating per the original agreement with Mr. Owens. This agreement reaffirms the City's commitment since the lease with Owens Rentals is no longer with the City of Safford.

Vice Mayor Kouts stated that he would like to see the City consider becoming financially responsible for the playground/parking rental fee with Mr. Owens.

Mr. Kincaid responded that this is a separate agreement and that the Council may discuss doing so.

However, Mr. Colvin, the new director of the Boys and Girls Club was present in the audience and stated that a lease agreement had been negotiated between the Club and Mr. Owens.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kouts, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously (7) to approve an agreement between City and Owens Rentals, LLC for restoration of leased property at the Boys and Girls Club. This agreement reaffirms city commitment since the lease with Owens Rentals is no longer with the City of Safford.

MOTION ADOPTED

15. **CENTURY LINK/QWEST POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT** : Consideration of Joint Pole Agreement by and between Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona.

City Manager Kincaid stated staff has been in negotiations with Qwest for nearly 1-1/2 years in an attempt to bring an outdated pole attachment current. He explained the transition from Qwest to Century Link took some time because a whole new set of players were introduced into the discussion. He added the term of the agreement is five years with an annual license fee of \$22.80 per pole attachment. However, Qwest/Century Link wants to negotiate a reduced pole attachment rate at the end of the five year term. He stated he recommends that the Council do not support the proposed reduced rate and asked the Council to provide direction.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kouts, seconded by Councilmember Attaway and carried unanimously (7) to approve a Joint Pole Agreement by and between Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona and in no event shall the rate be less than \$22.80 per pole attachment; and, further authorize either the Mayor or City Manager to execute such agreement.

MOTION ADOPTED

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

City Manager: City Manager Kincaid asked staff and council to direct any complaints regarding noise issues with the railroad to the City Manager.

Mayor Gibbs: Mayor Gibbs stated a redistricting meeting was held this evening at the General Services Building. Another meeting will be held on October 27th at EAC.

17. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

18. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Gibbs allowed Jo Hancock to address the Council at the beginning of the meeting.

Jo Hancock was present representing the Downtown Association. She expressed appreciation to City Staff for their support and cleanup before, during and after events held downtown. She invited the Council and staff to attend the 9th Annual Tree Lighting Event on Friday, November 25th at 5:30 p.m.

19. ADJOURN: It was moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 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, October 10, 2011, and approved at a Regular Council Meeting on November 14, 2011. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held and that a quorum was present.

Dated: November 14, 2011

Georgia Luster, MMC
City Clerk