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a great place to live, work, and visit”

**CITY OF SAFFORD  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011 @ 6:00 PM  
PHELPS DODGE ROOM - LIBRARY**

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

**ABSENT:** Jason Kouts, Vice Mayor and Jacque Attaway, Councilmember.

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Kincaid, City Manager; Sandra Findley, Executive Secretary; Don Knight, Director Management & Budget; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Christine Fisher, Personnel Director; John Griffin, Police Chief; Rob Chesley, Public Works Director; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; David Faulkner, Street Supervisor; Jan Elliott, Library Director; Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Tom James, I.T. assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Ragland, Valerie Buckley, Les Hendricks, Debbie Burnett, Justin Burnett, Tammy Mayhew, 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 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the council was present (5-2).
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Joel Bingham offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
6. **CONSENT ITEMS:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to review and approve Items 1 through 10 as Consent Agenda Items.
  1. Council Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2011, Work Session Minutes; June 6,

2011 Work Session Minutes; June 13, 2011 Work Session Minutes; June 13, 2011 Council Minutes; June 20, 2011 Work Session Minutes; June 27, 2011 Work Session Minutes; June 27, 2011 Council Minutes; July 11, 2011 Council Minutes; and August 1, 2011 Special 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
10. Prosecution Report

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilmember Bingham, and carried unanimously (5-0) to approve Items 1 through 10 as Consent Agenda Items as presented.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

7. **REQUEST:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider waiving Landfill Fees for the new St. Vincent DePaul.

Tammy Mayhew, 675 S. Main, Pima, AZ - President of St. Vincent DePaul: Tammy Mayhew stated that St. Vincent DePaul thrift store was recently opened and will provide a food pantry, clothing closet, and a community kitchen. They are requesting authorization to haul unusable/unsellable items that the public drops off at the facility using a six-yard dump bed trailer to the landfill at no cost. She believes there might be two to twelve yards (2-12 yards) that may be hauled to the landfill per week (400 yards annually). She pointed out that St. Vincent DePaul helps reduce the waste stream entering the landfill by recycling materials through G.C.R.C. St. Vincent DePaul has no paid administration and is a 501c3, non-profit organization, operated by volunteers. She noted that any financial donations given to St. Vincent DePaul assist with the food pantry, clothing closet, resume program, community kitchen, rental and utility assistance, medical and dental assistance. Council noted that fees at the landfill are reflected by weight and not yards.

It was moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously (5-0) to allow St. Vincent DePaul to dump

unusable/unsellable items collected at St. Vincent DePaul in the City Landfill at a maximum of two times a week (approximately two to twelve yards weekly) and to waive such landfill fees.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

8. **AMRRP SILVER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (2009/2010):** Recognition of Outstanding Achievement and Continued Excellence in Risk Management and Control of Losses.

City Manager Kincaid provided a plaque to the Council recognizing the City of Safford for its Outstanding Achievement and Continued Excellence in Risk Management and Control of Losses by Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool. Because of this recognition, the City received a reimbursement of \$102,078.00 to apply towards its annual liability premium.

9. **ACC AUDIT:** Recognize the work of the GAS DIVISION for their outstanding audit results from the ACC. Eric will give the presentation.

Eric Buckley stated once a year the Pipeline Safety Division of the Arizona Corporation Commission conduct a very thorough audit of the Gas Division. The Gas Division received no significant violations at all. He recognized Kevin Porter, Gas Division Manager, Lead Gas System Crew Leader, Justin Burnett, and crew, Paul John, Danny Ramirez, Les Hendricks and Kyle McKinney of the Gas Division for being in compliance and keeping everyone safe. (Applause by audience)

10. **PURCHASING CARD REPORT:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to review and approve the Purchasing Card Report for 04/18/2011 through 05/18/2011.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilmember Bingham and carried unanimously (5-0) to approve the Purchasing Card Report for 04/18/2011 through 05/18/2011 as presented.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

11. **MEETING/ ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:**

**City Manager:** Mr. Kincaid noted that FreePort McMoran's Community Assistance Group met and award nearly \$500,000 to the community. The City of Safford was the recipient of a \$50,000 grant to conduct a community assessment and target industry analysis. The activity will be a county wide activity in conju

nction with Pima, Thatcher and Graham County that will benefit the entire community. Secondly, the Library was awarded a grant to continue the ScienceCity Program. He pointed out that Freeport McMoran is a true community partner and expressed appreciation to them for their support to the community.

Mr. Kincaid asked the Council to consider holding work sessions at the PD Room rather than the Annex Community Room because of the size of room and the acoustics of the Annex Community Room. The Council agreed to hold council work session in the PD Room.

**Mayor Gibbs:** Mayors' Breakfast will be held tomorrow at Denny's. (Town of Pima, Town of Thatcher, Graham County Board of Supervisor)

Congressman Flake, and Secretary of State, Ken Bennett will hold a public forum at Eastern Arizona College concerning the National debt.

Mayor Gibbs will carry the Flag at the Flag Ceremony at the Annual League Conference.

**12. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**

**13. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Ed Ragland**

Ed Ragland of 809 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Safford, asked the Council to consider donating the original funding to be used for the Junior Basketball League. He stated he would gratefully accept \$3,000 rather than \$3,500 that was originally donated three years ago to the league. He explained a portion of the funds are needed to purchase basketball uniforms. This year the league has grown from ten teams to sixteen teams (176 individuals).

Mayor Gibbs asked Mr. Ragland to provide an accounting of how the funds are expended to the City Manager. He asked the City Clerk to include this item on the Council Agenda for the meeting of September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**14. ADJOURN:** It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the special council meeting at 6:30:21 p.m.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

APPROVED:

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Wyn "Chris" Gibbs, Mayor  
City of Safford

ATTEST:

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Georgia Luster, MMC  
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

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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, August 8, 2011, and approved at a Regular Council Meeting on September 12, 2011. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated: September 12, 2011

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Georgia Luster, MMC  
City Clerk