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

**CITY OF SAFFORD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 10, 2014 @ 6:00 PM
Safford Library Program Room, 808 S. 7th Avenue, Safford, Arizona**

PRESENT: Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor; Mary Bingham, Vice Mayor; Council Member’s Gene Seale, Arnold A. Lopez, Kenneth Malloque, Richard Ortega, and James D. Howes.

STAFF PRESENT: Horatio Skeete, City Manager; Sandy Findley, Executive Assistant; Joe Brugman, Chief of Police; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Dustin Welker, Planning and Community Development Director; Jenny Howard, Public Works Director; Terry Quest, Finance Director; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; LeAnne McElroy, Library Director; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Dale Clark assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sam Napier, Chad Hogle, Amber Hogle, Erik Swanson, Valerie Buckley, Steve McGaughey, and others who did not sign in. Kelly Van Shaar video recorded the meeting. Ken Showers represented Eastern Arizona Courier.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:00:39 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:** Dr. Phil Tutor offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
6. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Randy Petty, City Engineer will provide to the Mayor and Council, the Consultant’s proposal to revise the current work plan to include vertical expansion that will expand the anticipated life of the landfill. Staff is requesting approval of the proposed Scope and Fee.**

Randy Petty, City Engineer, provided a background of the discussions concerning improvements at the Safford Regional Landfill. He recalled the meeting of September 8, 2014 when staff presented an update on the Landfill Study conducted by Kimley-Horn and Associates. The study showed that without extending the life of the Landfill with this revised work plan, the closure cost, adjusted for inflation, would be about \$7.1 million; with an annual investment to account for the entire cost would be about \$148,000. It was estimated that the Post closure activities, for 30 years and considering inflation and interest rate, could be as high as \$2.7 million. The study determined that an annual investment to close the landfill may be about \$205,000. The study presented various alternatives to consider to extend the life of the Landfill. Alternative 3B was the recommended alternative which would extend the life of the Landfill an estimated thirty (30) years. The study also showed that the distribution of the closure costs over a longer life minimizes the impact to the gate fee. It also showed that the current closure cost schedule will not generate enough income to ensure sufficient funds to close the current landfill will be available without significantly increasing the "gate fee" or extending the life of the landfill. Changing the current Landfill Work Plan will require submitting to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) a revised Solid Waste Facility Plan (SWFP).

Randy Petty, City Engineer, the scope of work to accomplish a revision to the current work plan will include amending the Solid Waste Facility Plan (SWFP), submitting a Type IV application to ADEQ, and collecting and reviewing data. This process will take between 10 to 13 months to complete. When it is complete, the new work plan will increase the final height of the landfill by four (4) feet, increase front and side slopes to attain additional airspace, and no liner would be required. It is anticipated this new SWFP will extend the life of the landfill by thirty (30) years. Staff is recommending Council authorize the City Manager to approve the proposal so that the work can begin.

Councilman Ortega expressed concern about the 30 year life span of the Landfill. He suggested staff provide an update in five years.

Councilman Malloque inquired about using methane gases from the Landfill as a source of revenue. City Manager Skeete explained there are five methane wells monitored at the Landfill and may become a future resource.

It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Howes, and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager to work with Kimley Horn to approve the proposed Scope and Fee for revision of the current work plan to include vertical expansion that will expand the anticipated life of the landfill.

MOTION ADOPTED

7. CONSENT ITEMS: The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 12 as Consent Agenda Items.

1. October 13, and October 27, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Police Report

3. Building Inspection Report
4. Public Works Report
5. Business License Report for August
6. Library Report
7. Utility Consumption/Water Production Reports
8. Summary of Projects Planning and Grants Administration
9. Prosecution Report
10. Airport Report
11. Expense Report over \$5,000
12. Purchasing Card Report for August and September

Councilman Malloque inquired about the purchase of another generator. Public Works Director, Jenny Howard explained generators (4-5 daily) are used extensively every day. When they become a maintenance issue they are auctioned off.

Councilman Lopez inquired about the Phase III distribution project. Utilities Director, Eric Buckley provided an update. The project is complete and went very well. Staff is very pleased with the results.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Vice Mayor Bingham, and carried unanimously to approve Items 1 through 12 as Consent Agenda Items as published. **MOTION ADOPTED**

8. MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD OR TO BE HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:

Councilman Ortega: November 21, 2014 attending SEAGO meeting in Nogales.

City Manager: Will attend SECAP Board Meeting, and Executive Board Training, at the Apache Gold Casino Thursday and Friday.

Mayor Gibbs: Tuesday, November 11, 2014 – Veterans Day Celebration begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Court House.

Wednesday: City Manager, Dustin Welker and Mayor going to Tempe to promote idea with ASU.

Friday: Morrison Institute opening a new water office under the direction of Jon Kyle

9. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

10. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Mayor and Council entered executive session at 6:30:23 p.m. pursuant to Authority under:

 X A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1)

PERSONNEL

 X A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2)

EXEMPT RECORDS

<u> X </u> A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)	LEGAL ADVICE
<u> X </u> A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4)	LITIGATION; CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
<u> </u> A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5)	EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS
<u> </u> A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(6)	INTERNATIONAL/INTERSTATE NEGOTIATIONS
<u> X </u> A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7)	PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Howes, and carried unanimously to adjourn to executive session at 6:30:43 p.m. pursuant to the Authorities listed above regarding the following items. **MOTION ADOPTED**

1. To provide an update and to seek legal advice regarding the negotiation of an agreement of purchase with escrow instructions for the purchase of land for right-of-way located at 1424 West Thatcher Boulevard, Safford, Arizona.
2. To seek legal advice and to discuss additional compensation for Chad Hogle for taking on additional duties of supervisor on a temporary basis at the Landfill, and to recommend adjusting hourly salary until the position is filled. The Council may adjourn executive session to enter regular session to approve or deny additional compensation and adjust/or not adjust the hourly salary for Chad Hogle.
3. The Planning and Community Development Director and the City Manager will provide information to the Mayor and City Council regarding a proposed lease of city property for possible light industrial development. Discussion may include direction on how to proceed with the negotiation of a land lease agreement.
4. To review the October 13, 2014 executive session minutes. The Council may adjourn executive session to enter regular session to approve the October 13, 2014 executive session minutes.

12. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. The Council reconvened regular session at 7:19:57 p.m. Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order.

Item No. 3: It was moved by Councilman Howes, seconded by Councilman Ortega and carried unanimously, to give direction to City Manager Skeete to negotiate with employee, Chad Hogle, concerning the personnel issued addressed as per the Personnel Manual as interim department head with appropriate compensation from week eight to present. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Item No. 4: It was moved by Councilman Lopez, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously to approve the October 13, 2014, executive session minutes. **MOTION ADOPTED**

13. FUTURE MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

- Tuesday, November 11, 2014 Veteran’s Day Holiday
- Monday, November 24, 2014 Mayor and Council Assume Seats/Council Work Session
- Thursday, November 27, 2014 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Friday, November 28, 2014 Merry Main Street Event
- Saturday, December 6, 2014 Christmas Light Parade
- Monday, December 8, 2014 Council Meeting (only December meeting)
- Wednesday, December 24, 2014 Close at noon for Christmas Holiday
- Thursday, December 25, 2014 Christmas Day Holiday

Mayor Gibbs thanked the Police Department for all they do; thanked the Library Staff and Building Maintenance for the remodeling of the Library; and thanked Jenny Howard and her crew for cleaning up and painting Yard II.

14. ADJOURN: It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Vice Mayor Mary Bingham, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:24:30 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**

APPROVED:

Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor
City of Safford

ATTEST:

Georgia Luster, MMC
City Clerk

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss
County of Graham)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Special Council Meeting Minutes of the Safford City Council, Graham County, Arizona held Monday, November 10, 2014, and approved at a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, December 8, 2014. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held and that a quorum was present.

December 8, 2014
Date: _____

Georgia Luster, MMC, City Clerk