



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm
MEETING LOCATION: SAFFORD LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM • 808 S. 7TH AVE SAFFORD, ARIZONA
“The mission of the City of Safford is to make Safford a great place to live, work, and visit”

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kouts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Jason Kouts, Mayor; Richard Ortega, Vice Mayor; Councilmembers’ Gene Seale, Arnold Lopez, Steve McGaughey, Chris Taylor and Michael Andazola.

STAFF PRESENT: Horatio Skeete, City Manager; Glen Orr; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/Assistant City Engineer; Susan Anderson, Planning and Community Development Director; Alma Flores, Finance Officer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Tamara Webster, Deputy City Clerk; Sam Napier, I.T. Officer; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Gale Hedges, Water Division Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; and Morgan Seale, Wastewater Division Supervisor.

OTHERS PRESENT: Deborah Gibbs, Adam O’Doherty, Jay Wright, Steve Curtis, Jesus Mendez, , and others who did not sign in.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Andazola led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Seale offered the Opening Prayer
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
7. **PRESENTATION:** The City of Safford Employee United Way Committee presented a check in the amount of \$11,408 to the United Way of Graham and Greenlee County. Deborah Gibbs and Adam O’Doherty accepted the check.
8. **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS:**
 1. **STEALTH AUTO LEASE: Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve a land lease, authorizing the Mayor to enter and execute a Land Lease Agreement for real property between the City of Safford and Stealth Auto, LLC.** Susan Anderson, Planning and Zoning Director, presented a five year lease agreement for the property located at the corner of Discovery Park Blvd and US Hwy 191 with Stealth Auto, LLC. Ms. Anderson also provided council with Exhibit A showing the boundaries of the property.

Councilman McGaughey inquired on the difference in this contract and the last two lease's. Is the city going backwards with this lease and is the city going up in price or down in price in comparison.

City Manager Skeete replied that the agreement brought to council is a continuation of the existing lease terms.

It was moved by Councilman McGaughey seconded by Vice Mayor Ortega and carried unanimously to approve a land lease, authorizing the Mayor to enter and execute a Land Lease Agreement for real property between the City of Safford and Stealth Auto, LLC. **MOTION ADOPTED**

9. REPORTS:

1. Purchasing Card Report
2. Over \$5,000 Report
3. Prosecution Report

Councilman Lopez asked about the fifteen thousand dollar charge on the over five thousand report for postage.

Alma Valles explained it is for all the bills mailed out for the City of Safford within a few months time frame.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS: The Mayor or any member of Council may at this time present a brief summary of current events and provide future agenda items. However, no discussion shall take place on such items except for clarifying comments related to substance, time and location.

11. REPORT ON OPERATIONAL ITEMS: The city manager, members of city staff or those individuals designated by the manager may present information pertinent to items under consideration or information related to the operation of the City. There shall however be no discussion at this time except for clarification inquiries. (If not listed below)

11. ADJOURN: It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola and carried unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 6:11 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**

APPROVED:

Jason Kouts, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tamara Webster, CMC, Deputy 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 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of the Safford City Council, Graham County, Arizona held Monday, January 28, 2019, and approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, March 11, 2019. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held and that a quorum was present.

Tamara Webster, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

March 11, 2019

Date: