



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION • MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
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 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (5)

COUNCIL PRESENT: Richard Ortega, Vice Mayor; Councilmembers Gene Seale; Arnold Lopez; Steve McGaughey; and Michael Andazola.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Jason Kouts, Mayor and Councilmember Brad Hemphill.

STAFF PRESENT: John Cassella, City Manager; Glen Orr, Police Chief; Brian Avila, Police Captain; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Susan Anderson, Planning and Community Development Director; Alma Valles, Finance Officer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Sam Napier, IT Director; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Lydia Newkirk, Human Resources Officer; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Morgan Seale, Water Division Supervisor; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; and Justin Green, Senior IT Specialist.

OTHERS PRESENT: Vance Bryce, Paul R. David, Michele Ely-Stauffer, Bart Stauffer, Ryan Haralson, Pam Frost and others that did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Mayor Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Lopez offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None**
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Bart Stauffer addressed Council regarding electrical issues at Sunrise Village. Martin Valdez with Best Western Plus introduced himself to the council.
7. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. **MINUTES:** Request for Mayor and City Council to review and approve March 8, 2021 City Council Meeting/Work Session Minutes. **MOTION ADOPTED**
 2. **SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSES:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve the 2021 Safford Spring Festival Liquor Licenses. **MOTION ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCES:**
 1. **ORDINANCE O21-001:** Request for Mayor and City Council to authorize the Mayor to approve and adopt Ordinance O21-001, an ordinance of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, amending Title 17, Zoning, Chapter 17.68 Size and Setback Regulations, Section 17.68.010 Summary of Zoning Regulations pertaining to maximum lot coverage for residential properties. **MOTION ADOPTED**

2. **ORDINANCE O21-002:** Request for Mayor and City Council to authorize the Mayor to approve and adopt Ordinance O21-002, an ordinance of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, amending Title 17, Zoning, Chapter 17.24 Zoning Districts Designated, Sections 17.40.020 Agricultural Residential District Use Requirements – Permitted Uses and 17.44.030 C-MH Conventional Manufactured Home District Use Requirements relating to the age of manufactured homes. **MOTION ADOPTED**

AGREEMENTS:

1. **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve the IGA between the City of Safford and Safford Unified School District for a School Resource Officer. **MOTION ADOPTED**
9. **BUDGET:**
 1. **FY2022 BUDGET- CIP PROJECTIONS:** Present to the Mayor and City Council an overview of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2022.
 10. **REPORTS:**
 1. **P-CARD REPORT**
 2. **REVENUES OVER \$5,000**
 3. **EXPENSES OVER \$5,000**
 11. **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.
 12. **CLOSE REGULAR MEETING AND RECONVENE INTO A COUNCIL WORK SESSION:**
 13. **WORK SESSION:** The Mayor and City Council will enter into a work session to discuss the following items:
 1. **FIRE SUPPRESSION FEES:** Discuss and update the Mayor and City Council regarding City of Safford Fire Suppression Fees.
 2. **FIRE SUPPRESSION SQUARE FOOT REQUIREMENT:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to consider following the 2015 Building Code Square Footage Requirements for automatic fire sprinkler systems in commercial buildings.
 14. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Councilman Andazola, seconded by Councilman Lopez and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 8:23 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**