



**CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION • MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**MEETING LOCATION: MESA YARD OFFICE COMPLEX (MYOC) • 405 W. DISCOVERY PARK BLVD. 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 (7)

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jason Kouts, Mayor; Richard Ortega, Vice Mayor; Councilmembers Gene Seale; Arnold Lopez; Steve McGaughey; Michael Andazola; and Brad Hemphill

**STAFF PRESENT:** John Cassella, City Manager; Brian Avila, Police Captain; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer; 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; and Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Mayor Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Andazola offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None
7. **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:** Discussion with the Mayor and City Council regarding City of Safford employee benefits.
8. **RECREATIONAL AMENITIES:** Discussion with the Mayor and City Council regarding recreational amenities within the City of Safford.
9. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 7:45 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**