



**CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**MEETING LOCATION: SAFFORD LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM • 808 S. 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 (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; 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 Officer; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Morgan Seale, Water Division Supervisor; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; Kabrina Romero, Accounting Administrator; and Mohamed Abdelmottelb, IT Support Specialist.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Vance Bryce, Jenny Howard, John Howard, Michelle Hoshal, Chris Maines, Patrick Padilla, Eric Sabolsice and others that did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Mayor Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Jenny Howard offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Jenny Howard addressed council on the Food Truck Regulations. Michelle Hoshal addressed council regarding parks and recreation.
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Vance Bryce updated Council on Chamber Events.
7. **WORK SESSION:** The Mayor and City Council will enter into a work session to discuss the following items:
  1. **FOOD TRUCK REGULATIONS: Discuss and update the Mayor and City Council regarding the food truck regulations and requirements within the City of Safford.** Jenny Howard addressed council.
  2. **PARKS AND RECREATION: Discuss with the Mayor and City Council possible parks and recreation within the City of Safford.** Michelle Hoshal addressed council.
8. **CLOSE COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**
9. **RESOLUTIONS:**
  1. **RESOLUTION R21-014:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve Resolution R21-014, a Resolution adopting the tentative budget. **MOTION ADOPTED With an ammendment of adding \$1.14 million for Parks and Recreation.**

10. **ORDINANCES:**

1. **ORDINANCE 021-008:** Request for Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Ordinance Number O21-008, an Ordinance of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, amending Title 17, Zoning, Chapter 17.52 C-2 Highway Commercial relating to customary household pets. **MOTION ADOPTED**

11. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **MINUTES:** Request for Mayor and City Council to review and approve May 10, 2021 Council Meeting/Work Session Minutes. **MOTION ADOPTED**
2. **TURF PARADISE OFF-TRACK LICENSE:** Request for the Mayor and Council to approve the renewal of an Off-track Parimutuel Wagering License for Safford Bowl, located at 410 E. 4th Street, Safford for a three-year term, from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2021. **MOTION ADOPTED**

12. **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS**

1. **WASTEWATER TREATMENT CONTRACT:** Request for Mayor and City Council to enter into a Five (5) Year contract with two, three (3) year optional extensions of contract with Jacobs to manage the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations in the amount of \$675,000. **MOTION ADOPTED**

13. **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.

14. **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)

- Victoria Silva, Library Director, updated Council on the new temporary Library Hours of Operation

15. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman McGaughey and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 8:28 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**