



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 (7)

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

STAFF PRESENT: John Cassella, City Manager; Glen Orr, Police Chief; Brian Avila, Police Capitan; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Jenny Taylor, Human Resource Officer; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Nathan Estes, Water Division; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; Kabrina Romero, Finance Officer; and Justin Green, IT Support Specialist.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Alder, Rose Kane, Isidro Isais, David Whipple, Steve Oller, Vance Bryce, Paul R. David, and others that did not sign in.

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:** Rose Kane and Steve Oller regarding Jetcrafters; and David Bell regarding a new Special Events Business License.
7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** A Public Hearing was opened in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes §38.431.02 to hear public comments regarding:
 1. **CURTIS PROPERTY REZONE:** Request Mayor and Council hold a public hearing for a proposed rezoning of Graham County Parcel # 101-29-010F.
No Public Comments were made.
8. **CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING:**
9. **ORDINANCES:**
 1. **ORDINANCE 021-011 CURTIS REZONE:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Ordinance Number O21-011, an Ordinance rezoning Graham County Assessor’s Parcel # 101-29-010F, which is vacant land located to the east and north of 1272 East Hollywood Road, from MHD Manufactured Home Development District to R-2 Multiple Family Residential District.
Ordinance O21-011 was read into the minutes.
10. **RESOLUTIONS:**
 1. **RESOLUTION R21-025 20th AVE IGA AMMENDMENT NO. 2:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R21-025, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 to the IGA with ADOT in connection with the construction funding

for the 20th Avenue Street Improvement project from Relation Street to Golf Course Road.
MOTION ADOPTED

2. **RESOLUTION R21-026 20TH AVE STATE FUNDS IGA:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. R21-026, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the IGA with ADOT in connection with funding 20th Avenue Street Improvement project. **MOTION ADOPTED**
3. **RESOLUTION R21-027 SISTER CITIES MOU:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R21-027, a resolution declaring the City of Cananea, Sonora to be a “Sister City” of the City of Safford. **MOTION ADOPTED**

11. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS:

1. **W. COTTAGE ST. PROPERTY BID:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to award and accept a bid offer from LDG Real Estate, LLC in the amount of \$20,000 for the W. Cottage Street Property. **MOTION ADOPTED**

12. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

1. **PURCHASE OF BACKHOE:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar 420XE Backhoe Loader from Empire Machinery. This would be a cooperative purchase in accordance with City of Tucson RFP #161534 OMNIA Partners. **MOTION ADOPTED**
2. **PURCHASE OF CRACK SEALER:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve the purchase of a Supershot 125 Diesel (Crack Seal Machine) from CrafcO. **MOTION ADOPTED**
3. **ENTERPRISE FLEET OPTION:** Present and update the Mayor and City Council with information on Enterprise Fleet Options.
4. **CITY MANAGER EVALUATION PROCESS:** Discussion between the Mayor and City Council regarding the process of the City Manager annual evaluation. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION** (Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(1)(3) the Mayor and City Council may enter into Executive Session) Council entered into executive session at 6:43 pm and reconvened into regular meeting at 7:11 pm.

- 13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS:** The Mayor or any member of Council may at this time present a 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. (Mayor Kouts addressed item 13 prior to item 12.4)

- Councilman Andazola announced Hispanic Heritage Celebration September 25th.
- Councilman Lopez thanked staff for their efforts during the storm that occurred, recognized the passing of employee Daniel Rios, and announced that he attended the town meeting.
- Vice Mayor Ortega thanked the citizens for their efforts during the storm.
- City Manager Cassella introduced the new Planning & Community Development Director Jaime Embick.

- 14. ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola, and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 7:12 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**