



**CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION • MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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 (6)

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilmembers Steve McGaughey

**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 Matt Platt, IT Specialist.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robert C. Hernandez, Deborah Hernandez, Adam O’Doherty, Vance Bryce, Kip Kempton, Jay Wright, Anastasia Seaman, Paul R. David, and others that 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. **PRESENTATIONS:**
  1. **UNITED WAY DONATION:** Present United Way of Graham & Greenlee County a check in the amount of \$9,246.00 from monies raised through a series of events put on by the City of Safford Employee United Way Committee.
  2. **GRAHAM COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Vance Bryce, Executive Director, presented to the Mayor and City Council an annual report for the Graham County Chamber of Commerce.
8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** A Public Hearing was opened in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes §38.431.02 to hear public comments regarding:
  1. **Request Mayor and Council hold a public hearing for a proposed rezoning of Graham County Parcel # 101-17-012 located at 815 West 10th Street.**
    - Robert Hernandez addressed the council

9. **CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING:**

10. **ORDINANCES:**

1. **ORDINANCE O21-005: Request for the Mayor and City Council to have the first reading of Ordinance Number O21-005, an Ordinance of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, rezoning Graham County Assessor's Parcel # 101-17-012, located at 815 10th Street, from R-2 Multiple Family Residential to C-MH Conventional Manufactured Home.**

- Ordinance O21-005 was read into the minutes

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **RESOLUTION R21-003: Request for Mayor and City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. One to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in connection with the construction funding for the 20th Avenue Street Improvement project from Relation Street to Golf Course Road. MOTION ADOPTED**

12. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **MINUTES: Request for Mayor and City Council to review and approve January 25, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes. 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. **CLOSED REGULAR MEETING AND RECONVENED INTO A COUNCIL WORK SESSION:**

15. **WORK SESSION:** The Mayor and City Council entered into a work session to discuss the following items:

1. **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: Discuss and update the Mayor and City Council regarding City of Safford employee benefits.**

16. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 7:42 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**