

MINUTES
Regular City Council Meeting March 11, 2014

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Larry Davison
Councilperson & Mayor Pro Tempore William Griffin
Councilperson Bob Petty
Councilperson Chris Gaschler
Councilperson Gregg Bisso
Councilperson Sharon Aust

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City Secretary Sandra Miller
PW Supervisor Pete Gutierrez

- 1) CALL REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER
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5) MAYORAL/ALDERMEN/COMMITTEE/POLICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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