



OFFICE OF
THE CITY MANAGER
MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2016
TO: Mayor Oertle and City Council Members
FROM: Richard Marsh, City Manager
RE: City Manager's Weekly Report

This is the weekly report for the week ending September 30, 2016.

- **MEETING WITH MEXICO'S CONSUL ESPEJEL MONTES**

Monica, Andy and I met with Mexico's Consul Espejel Montes at the Mexican Consulate in Douglas this week. We discussed our commitment to continue our partnership and work toward strengthening and building relations between our sister-cities in Mexico and the City of Bisbee (which was started prior to my appointment). We also discussed our interest in increasing Economic Development with the Airport fuel sales, the possibility of entering into discussions with the Border Patrol to allow the Airport to be an Executive Port of Entry within the Airport terminal to be used by those Commercial Industry Executives flying internationally for businesses such as GM, Ford and Toyota to utilize, and the role our partnership with Mexico and the Consulate, specifically, plays in making this a reality. Our aim is to capitalize in fuel sales made possible by the shipping industry from Mexico maquiladoras into the US. Consul Espejel Montes expressed his interest and willingness to help us contact the agencies in Mexico to discuss these ideas and to discuss current and anticipated trends in the shipping industry so that we can be properly prepared and capitalize on this economic development growth.

- **BUSINESS OWNER/CITY MANAGER MEETING**

The first Business Owner/City Manager meeting was held Thursday evening at the Bisbee Royale. Approximately 30 people turned out (attendance was lower than anticipated, due to an unfortunate accident resulting in the shutdown of Highway 80

around the Lavender Pit for about an hour) with some people coming in about an hour late. Mexico's Consul Espejel Montes also attended which was a pleasant surprise.

Those present expressed the same six issues/concerns.

1. The City needs to be more "business friendly" regarding work relations.
2. Businesses operating without a City business license or TPT license.
3. Is the City doing any budget forecasting?
4. Complaints regarding homeless loitering in business storefronts and a particularly violent homeless man.
5. Concern regarding the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.
6. Grant opportunities for commercial rehabilitation.
7. Enhancing the City's relationship with Mexico.

The meeting was productive and enjoyable, and another meeting was requested by all in attendance.