

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on October 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the main hall of the Winslow Visitor's Center, 523 West Second Street, Winslow, Arizona.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Cano, Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF:**

David Coolidge City Manager, Michelle Stinson City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Daniel Hendrix Finance Director, Ernie Cano Police Chief, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director, Brandee Leary Librarian

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Pastor Fred Harris from the First Baptist Church. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ann Schmidt referred to a comment made during a previous update from the Economic Development Director and asked for clarification regarding Atlas Global's plans to develop data centers. Ms. Schmidt also commented on the impact of data centers.

At the conclusion of Call to the Public, Mayor Cano requested that the City Manager schedule an update from Atlas Global. Mayor Cano also advised Ms. Schmidt that staff can reach out to her to discuss her concerns.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS**

**A. Current Events and Announcements**

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember Crisp

- Application deadline for the Business Retention & Expansion Incentive
- Veterans Day Memorial Service at the cemetery on November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Canned food drive hosted by the High School and Winslow Elks Lodge
- SNAP information and acceptance of Nutrition Program coupons at the Farmers Market

Councilmember McKee

- Freeze warning issued for Winslow tonight
- Recognized the Animal Control Supervisor for handling a situation that she observed involving a healer puppy

Mayor Cano

- Announced upcoming Trunk or Treat events and provided details of the Parade in the Park
- Annual Christmas Parade on November 22<sup>nd</sup>

**B. Future Agenda Items**

None.

**SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS****A. Proclamation – Proclaiming November 1, 2025 as Extra Mile Day**

After Councilmember Tafoya read the proclamation, Mayor Cano stated that the proclamation will be sent to the organization that requested it.

**B. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of November as Native American Heritage Month**

Mayor Cano read the proclamation, which was then presented to Leanne Bowley, Federal Program Director for the Winslow Unified School District, and several students that were in attendance.

**C. Quarterly Report from Navajo County Supervisor Fern Benally**

Navajo County District I Supervisor Fern Benally, who was joining the meeting via Zoom, provided an update regarding the County's Middle

Mile Broadband fiber noting that the project continues to progress on schedule towards completion this calendar year. Supervisor Benally discussed APS' efforts to build fiber optic cable from Flagstaff to Joseph City and also commented on the changes made to the BEAD program since her last update.

The Winslow Levee update included progress on the pre-construction and engineering/design work as well as an administrative update.

In closing, Supervisor Benally referred to Winslow being one of the few recipients of NACOG's Route 66 Brownfields Assessment Coalition grant and stated that Navajo County is supportive of the city's efforts and will continue to provide support during its implementation.

**D. Quarterly Chamber Report Which May Include Visitor Center Statistics, Bed Tax Financial Information and Past/Future Event Update**

Bob Hall, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, provided his report for the period July - September 2025 that included the number of visitors (local, in-state, out of state and foreign) for the period, the number of travel and relocation packs distributed, the number of brochures printed and distributed, website hits totaling 22,145 and tourism related emails received. Facility activities included 28 meetings and 13 parties and there were four ribbon cuttings during the reporting period.

After briefly discussing the advertising and promotion budget, Mr. Hall provided information regarding the following upcoming events:

- Halloween Parade in the Park
- Annual Christmas Parade on November 22<sup>nd</sup> with Ruby Carson serving as the Grand Marshal
- Annual Festival of Trees event

Mr. Hall then provided an update on scheduled activities that will be held in conjunction with the Route 66 Centennial and discussed the significance of the centennial.

At the request of Mayor Cano, Mr. Hall provided information regarding the tree lighting that will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Hall also commented on the installation of ROADTUNES on East Third Street.

**STATUS REPORTS****A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Effects of Federal Government Shutdown and Alternative Expenditure Limitation Options**

The City Manager began his report by providing detailed information regarding how the Federal Government Shutdown is impacting the following items:

- Land Water Conservation Fund Grant for pocket Park upgrades; noted that this grant was not affected by the shutdown
- Public Transit
- EDA Incubator Grant
- USDA Grants
- 595 Program Grant
- BUILD (RAISE) Grant; noted project is funded and no delays are being experienced
- Section 8 Housing

The City Manager also referred to the city's expenditure limitation that is currently set by statute and explained that the limitation could eventually prohibit the city from spending revenues earned for necessary services due to the penalties involved. The City Manager further explained that alternative expenditure limitations can be adopted by the voters to address the issue.

The City Manager discussed both options – permanent base adjustment and home rule – and stated that staff believes the best alternative for the city is the home rule option and staff is currently working through the feasibility of this item being on the November 2026 ballot.

*\*\*Councilmember Cake left the meeting at 7:40 p.m. \*\**

**B. Monthly Financial Report by Finance Director Which May Include Balances, Expenditures and Revenues in All Funds**

Before providing the monthly financial report, the Finance Director commented on the options discussed by the City Manager related to the alternative expenditure limitation.

The Finance Director then highlighted information from his written report for the month of September. The report included Citywide revenues and expenditures, General Fund revenues and expenditures,

HURF Fund revenues and expenditures and Enterprise Funds (Water, Sanitation and Wastewater) revenues and expenditures.

In conclusion, the Finance Director reported that income and expenditures are within expected variances for all funds. The Finance Director also responded to a question from Councilmember Tafoya regarding the city's sweep account.

**C. Quarterly Report from Librarian Which May Include Information Regarding Statistical Information, Past Events and Announcements for Upcoming Events**

Library Programs Coordinator Danie Therio provided a recap of the Summer Reading Program and discussed various benefits of the program. The report included photos displayed on the screen from program activities throughout the summer.

The Librarian then discussed the graphs that were included in the packet showing average attendance by hour, average number of patrons coming in the library by day, total number of patrons by month, total circulation, patrons and checkout information and yearly computer & WiFi usage.

The Librarian also announced the retirement of the Temporary Library Clerk and provided information regarding the following items:

- Navajo County Library District's Book-A-Tech program
- Choose Your Own Adventure books
- Award of a \$2,000 Play-a-Way Grant
- Funding from the statewide E-Content Initiative Digital Discover grant

The Librarian responded to a question from Mayor Cano regarding the library being opened on Saturdays so that patrons can utilize the internet for Medicaid, Medicare and SNAP benefits.

**D. Quarterly Report by Police Chief Which May Include Highlights from Divisions within the Police Department, Statistics and Community Engagements**

Prior to highlighting information from his written report covering the months of July - September 2025, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet, the Police Chief stated that progress is being made to build the best team to better serve our community.

The Police Chief's report included events and activities during the reporting period including 60 firework calls over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, attendance at the AACOP Summit in Flagstaff, Route 66 DUI Taskforce over Labor Day weekend and participation in the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony. The Police Chief also announced retirements and promotions that have taken place within the department.

General statistics for the quarter included the following:

Patrol

Calls for service – 3,150  
Citations – 153  
Warnings – 65  
Reports – 321  
Arrests - 341

Records Division

County Attorney Reports – 87  
Fingerprinting – 45  
Impound Hearings - 15  
Public Records Requests – 110

In closing, the Police Chief commented on the photos that were included on the last page of his report.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: Moved by Councilmember McKee, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

- A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Check Register**
- B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes of the City Council Work Session of October 14, 2025 and the City Council Regular Meeting of October 14, 2025**

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request for Assistance for the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade and Waive Vendor Fees**

Bob Hall, CEO of the Chamber/Visitor Center, stated that the theme for this year's parade - A Christmas Fiesta - and discussed the staging area and parade route. Mr. Hall referred to his request for assistance and reminded food vendors that a permit from Navajo County is required.

There was additional discussion regarding the county's permit and the City Clerk reminded the Council that Mr. Hall will need to know who will be riding in the parade.

After stating that the amount of \$3,250 has been allocated for the parade, Councilmember MacLean made a motion to waive vendor fees and provide in-kind services for the Christmas Parade. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cano and passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Tafoya and Salazar voting yes.

**B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1442 Repealing Chapter 12.16 – Desert View Cemetery, of the Municipal Code and Replacing with New Chapter 12.16**

The City Manager referred to the work session that was held regarding the cemetery policies and procedures and stated that based on the discussion that took place, all of the changes have been implemented into the code amendment.

The City Manager provided a brief recap of the requested changes and stated that one additional change was made to Section 12.16.060 to allow standing headstones in Section N. The City Manager explained that this decision was based on the fact that there are already standing headstones in that area. The City Manager clarified that both flat and standing headstones will be allowed in existing sections but once new sections are opened, standing headstones will not be permitted.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember McKee, to approve Ordinance No. 1442. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on October 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *25<sup>th</sup>* day of *November*, 2025.

**Suzy Wetzel**  

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City Clerk