

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on November 12, 2024 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 Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Nelson

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Ernie Cano Police Lieutenant, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director, Sandra Knight Recreation Manager, Jason Sanks Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer (via Zoom)

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by George Gould. Roll call was taken and Councilmember Nelson was absent. Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember McKee, to excuse the absent member. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

McKenna DeWitt, who was recently crowned 2025 Navajo County Rodeo Princess, introduced herself and shared her plans for the upcoming year while promoting the Navajo County Fair.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember Crisp

- Details of youth basketball registration
- Rotary food distribution schedule for November & December
- Borderland produce distribution information
- Encouraged everyone to vote on November 5th

Councilmember McKee

- Thanked the Police & Fire Department for participating and supporting the honk out event for the High School Swim Team who were traveling to the State Tournament
- Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on November 22nd

Mayor Cano

- Santa Train event on December 12th
- Annual Christmas Parade on November 23rd

Councilmember Tafoya

- Hayden Walton canned food drive for the Elks food baskets

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

STATUS REPORTS**A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include NPC President Candidate Search and Project Updates**

The City Manager referred to the recent candidate forums for a new NPC President and stated that the board is expected to announce their decision in November.

After explaining details of the Army Corp's Industry Day for the levee project that will take place on November 13th, the City Manager provided updates regarding the following items:

- LRSP grant for 9/11 park renovations
- LWCF grant for the three pocket park renovations
- Grant monies received for the Fire Incident Management System
- New library

In closing, the City Manager reminded the Council that there will not be a City Council meeting on November 26th and stated that a special meeting will be needed the week of November 18th to canvass the

election results. The City Manager also responded to a question from Councilmember Crisp regarding the Industry Day event.

D. Quarterly Report by Recreation Manager Which May Include Information and Announcements for Upcoming Events

The Recreation Manager reported that there were 20 teams signed up for the Co-Ed Volleyball season which is a record number of teams since the city started the program. The Recreation Manager also discussed details regarding youth basketball registration and provided updates regarding the Suns Camp event and the Halloween Parade in the Park.

The Recreation Manager announced that the Santa Train will be held on December 12th and explained that the Recreation Department will be providing extra decorations along the event route on First Street.

The Recreation Manager responded to questions and comments from the Council regarding next year's Parade in the Park event. There was also a brief discussion regarding utilization of the new pickle ball courts and an annual corn hole tournament.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember MacLean requested that Item C be pulled for discussion. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar minus Item C. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee 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 Regular Meeting of October 22, 2024**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Shop with a Hero Appropriation**

Councilmember MacLean expressed his concerns regarding a violation of the gift clause as it relates to this item and the current balance in the Council's special events account. At the Council's request, the City Attorney detailed information related to the Arizona Gift Clause, specifically the public purpose clause.

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Crisp made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cake and

passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Business Retention & Expansion Incentive Program**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1960 Approving a Lot Split for Real Property Identified as Navajo County Assessor Parcel Number 103-26-001B**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1423 Related to Adoption of the Various 2018 Edition International Building Codes and the 2018 Uniform Fire Code**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and Annual Review of Ordinance No. 1357 Related to Recreational Marijuana**

The City Attorney referred to the Smart and Safe Arizona Act legalizing recreational use of marijuana that was passed by the voters in 2020 and the subsequent adoption of Ordinance No. 1357 by the City Council. The City Attorney also referred to the city's dual license requirement and stated that the Council indicated that they would like to review the ordinance on an annual basis to determine if any modifications may be needed.

The City Attorney explained that the dual license requirement specifies that an establishment must operate both a nonprofit medical marijuana dispensary and a marijuana establishment in one shared location. After stating that it is difficult to operate both, the City Attorney advised the Council that they could reconsider allowing a stand-alone recreational facility in certain zoning districts, however the Council would also need to determine regulations to assure the public's health and safety.

At the request of Councilmember Crisp, the Economic Development Director spoke regarding the potential tax revenues that the city would receive if a recreational facility is allowed. Staff indicated that there have been no inquiries within the last year from anyone interested in opening a facility but that is most likely due to the dual license requirement.

After further discussion, staff was given direction to bring back lighter regulations for the Council to consider. The City Attorney advised that there have also been changes to the State requirements that she will review prior to bringing options back to the Council.

B. Discussion and/or Direction Regarding Chapter 12.12 – Special Events, of the Municipal Code

Mayor Cano discussed the code amendment that was made to Chapter 12.12 based on noise complaints related to certain special events. Mayor Cano stated that since there is no longer a feasible location for carnivals to be held, she would like to reconsider the amendment that was made. Mayor Cano further stated that she hand-delivered letters today (November 12th) to neighborhoods that would be impacted if the 200-foot requirement for amplified music was changed.

In order for the Council and public to have ample time to consider the proposed change, Mayor Cano made motion to table this item to the next meeting. Prior to receiving a second to the motion, there was a brief discussion regarding a potential change to ownership of the property in question. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cake and passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

The City Manager clarified that the item will be brought back for discussion only and if direction is given, an ordinance to amend the code will be prepared for a future meeting.

C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1419 Regarding Recreational Vehicle Code Changes 2024 Related to Parking and Storage of Travel Trailer, other Trailer, Motor Home, Watercraft and/or Recreational Vehicles

The City Attorney provided information from previous Council discussions related to this code provision to address trailers blocking public right-of-ways or sitting in one location for an extended period of time. The City Attorney referred to the new language that was added to the ordinance based on Council's direction during the most recent discussion.

There was discussion regarding the definition of an improved surface in Section B.2 that now states that "The vehicle shall be parked only on an improved surface (no parking in unimproved dirt areas)." The City Attorney stated that "and/or grass" could be added to the language or the paragraph could be removed completely. The City Manager also stated that zoning code requirements will be followed based on zoning districts.

There was also discussion regarding the proposed language in Section B.3 that states "The vehicle shall be parked in a side yard or rear yard of any one lot. The front yard may also be utilized for parking if the

vehicle is parked on a driveway contiguous with such parking and the total parking area does not exceed 50% of the front yard area.”

Throughout the discussion, the City Attorney and City Manager responded to questions and comments from the Council. The City Manager requested that definitive language regarding an improved surface, as well as detailed information related to parking a vehicle in the side, rear and front yard, be included in the amendment for enforcement purposes.

The City Attorney recommended that this item be brought back for approval at the next meeting after the changes that were discussed have been made.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

Mayor

Attest:

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 November 12, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *10th* day of *December*, 2024.

Suzy Wetzel
City Clerk