

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on May 13, 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 Salazar

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Tafoya

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Ernie Cano Acting Police Chief, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Laurie LaShomb Farmers Market Manager

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Michelle Pennington spoke regarding an issue with the water bills that occurred last month. Ms. Pennington also had questions about how the sewer rates appear on the fee schedule.

Raymond Lucero referred to the brown grass at the Dog Park and 9/11 Memorial and asked when the water line would be repaired. Mr. Lucero also raised a question about the water basin levels and expressed concern regarding whether there is enough water for the three proposed housing projects.

At the conclusion of Call to the Public, Mayor Cano requested that an item related to the water bill and sewer rates be included on a future agenda so that citizens better understand the billing process. Mayor Cano also asked the City Manager to reach out to both Michelle Pennington and Raymond Lucero to answer their specific questions.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember Crisp

- Details of the Tickled Pink Storytelling Festival on May 18th
- Opening of Outdoor Pool on May 27th
- Farmers Market every Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm
- No Borderland Produce Rescue during the summer months

Mayor Cano

- Free car seat check sponsored by Navajo County on May 27th

Mayor Cano also commented on the First Annual Astro Pageant and stated that she would like to recognize participants at a future council meeting. At the request of Councilmember MacLean, School Superintendent Connie Gover announced that High School Graduation will take place on May 21st and the last day of school is May 22nd.

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of May 2025 as Building Safety Month

After Mayor Cano read the proclamation, it was presented to the City Inspector and the Fire Chief.

B. Proclamation – Proclaiming May 5 – 9, 2025 as Teacher Appreciation Week

After Councilmember Crisp read the proclamation, copies were presented to Winslow Unified School District staff that were in attendance.

C. Proclamation – Proclaiming May 6 – 12, 2025 as National Nurse’s Week

After Councilmember MacLean read the proclamation, copies were presented to Little Colorado Medical Center staff that were in attendance.

D. Proclamation – Declaring May 11 – 17, 2025 as National Police Week

After Councilmember Cake read the proclamation, it was presented to the Acting Police Chief and members of the police department that were in attendance.

E. Proclamation – Proclaiming May 18 – 24, 2025 as Emergency Medical Services Week

After reading the proclamation, Mayor Cano stated that a copy of the proclamation will be forwarded to both Action Medical Services and Guardian Air.

F. Proclamation – Proclaiming May 18 – 24, 2025 as National Public Works Week

After Councilmember Crisp read the proclamation, it was presented to the Public Works Director.

G. Presentation from Navajo County Sheriff's Department Which May Include Update on Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT) And Recap of 2024 Activities

After commenting on the Police Week Proclamation, Sheriff Clouse commented on the importance of partnering with municipal police departments within Navajo County. Sheriff Clouse also discussed funding for the MCAT Drug Task Force.

Sheriff Clouse then provided a PowerPoint Presentation detailing a comparison between 2023 and 2024 drug/currency seizures and proactive enforcement successes. The presentation also included information related to MCAT arrests, agency assists and specific activity during 2024.

In response to a question from Mayor Cano, Sheriff Clouse stated that local residents can report tips by contacting an MCAT detective or team member or by calling the non-emergency phone line. Mayor Cano thanked the Sheriff Clouse and his team for their hard work to clean up our cities.

STATUS REPORTS**A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Project and Legislative Update**

After stating that this is the 17th week of the 2025 session and announcing that the House is adjourned until May 20th and the Senate is adjourned until May 28th, the City Manager discussed details of the following two bills that have been vetoed by the Governor:

- HB2221: law enforcement; defunding; prohibition
- HB2927: public meetings, records; requirements; penalties

The City Manager provided updates regarding the new water tank, the Ramada Project and the 9/11 Park Renovations and explained that the construction at the 9/11 Memorial has impacted watering in the area resulting in brown grass that was mentioned under Call to the Public.

The City Manager referred to the budget work session held on May 8th and stated that the tentative budget is scheduled for adoption by the Council on May 27th. A recap of the proposed changes to the fee schedule was also provided.

In closing, the City Manager announced that there will be a Public Housing Authority meeting on May 27th. The City Manager also responded to questions and comments from the Council, including a suggestion from Mayor Cano to hold a Community Day for volunteers to assist staff with cutting weeds.

B. Quarterly Report from Farmers Market Manager Which May Include Upcoming Schedule

The Farmers Market Manager stated that the 2025 Season has kicked off at their new downtown location and explained the reason for moving from Eagle Pavilion. The Farmers Market Manager also provided vendor and space rental information for the first three markets of the season and discussed the benefits of the SNAP/EBT program.

After additional information was provided related to a second grant opportunity to fund market operations, the Farmers Market Manager discussed small local businesses that have succeeded as a result of the Farmers Market.

Belinda Boring, who is the creator of the Little Roadies Market Club, discussed details of the program including the monthly event schedule and the following goals:

Food & Nutrition
Community Connection

Self Awareness
Creative Expression

In closing, Ms. Boring announced that donations for the program are being accepted. Mayor Cano suggested to Ms. Boring that flyers regarding the program be distributed to the elementary schools prior to school letting out for the summer.

The Farmers Market Manager thanked the community for their support of the Farmers Market.

C. 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 January – March 2025, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet, the Acting Police Chief commented on the success of the Farmers Market. Information from the report included the following items:

Records Unit

3511 Hearings/releases - 31
Fingerprinting – 56
County Attorney Reports – 56
Public Reports - 79

Communications

Calls for service processed – 3291
Vacant Dispatch Supervisor; one Dispatcher in training

Code Compliance

Welcomed Brandon Gene as new Code Compliance Officer
Service to the community included the pickup of 63 shopping carts

Animal Control

High population of 52 at the shelter
Handled three bite cases

Community Services Officers

172 transports

CIU

Review of 37 cases

Assigned eight felony cases

The Acting Police Chief's report also included Patrol statistics showing that 140 warnings and 171 citations were issued with 301 arrests. Sergeant Robertson was recognized for efforts to acquire three used motorcycles from the City of Eloy.

The Acting Police Chief referred to events that took place during the quarter that included the department's Annual Awards Gala and the First Annual Fire Department vs. Police Department basketball game.

The Acting Police Chief responded to a comment from Councilmember Crisp regarding the basketball game and there was a brief discussion regarding possibly charging businesses for returning shopping carts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean and Salazar 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 April 22, 2025 and the City Council Executive Session of April 22, 2025**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Liquor License Application for Clarion Pointe Winslow Located at 1701 North Park Drive**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement to Transfer City of Eloy Used Law Enforcement Vehicles and Equipment to the City of Winslow**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Agreement with the Department of the Army for Design and Construction Assistance for the Central Water Tank Project and Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Necessary Documents**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve and Ratify Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Lease Servicing Center, Inc. DBA**

**NCL Government Capital for Police Department Mobile Data
Terminals**

**G. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1973
Authorizing the City Clerk to Make Recommendations to the
Arizona Department of Liquor Licensing and Control Regarding
Special Event Liquor License Applications**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean and Salazar 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 May 13, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 27th day of *May*, 2025.

Suzy Wetzel
City Clerk