

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on July 8, 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 (via Zoom), Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Matt Schiumo City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Daniel Hendrix Finance Director (via Zoom), Michael Duran Fire Chief, Ernie Cano Acting Police Chief, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Brandee Leary Librarian

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Councilmember Tafoya. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Shari McLaws, Community AYUSA Representative, spoke regarding the Foreign Exchange Student Program and encouraged local residents to participate in the program.

Shawn Shirley, Facility Director at the Dilkon Medical Center, presented Water Maintenance Supervisor Thomas Candelaria with a letter of recognition and a Turquoise Room gift certificate for assistance that he and his crew provided during a water break at the Winslow Indian Health Care Center.

At the conclusion of Call to the Public, Mayor Cano requested that staff have the Foreign Exchange Student Program information available for the public in the event they are interested in hosting a student. Mayor Cano also thanked Mr. Shirley for recognizing city staff.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember Crisp

- Live Pro Wrestling WinslowMania SlamU event on August 16th
- Electric Dance Party at Route 66 Plaza on July 11th
- Annual Ink Fest event on October 11th & 12th
- Farmers Market every Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm

Councilmember Cake

- Free movie at the theater on July 9th at 12:30 pm

Councilmember Tafoya

- Clear Creek Clean-up on July 19th

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Presentation Regarding Recent Astro Pageant Event

Randall Sahmie, Vice President of the Little Colorado River Valley Astronomy Club, presented a PowerPoint Presentation that included information regarding the club and their first big fundraiser, the First Annual Astro Pageant.

Mr. Sahmie explained that the Club is planning to expand their observatory located at Homolovi State Park by building space for individual telescope setups, benches/seating and dark sky friendly lit walkways. Mr. Sahmie also provided detailed information regarding the pageant contestants and their winning projects.

Mr. Sahmie acknowledged sponsors for their donations and announced that the Second Annual Astro Pageant is scheduled for May 2nd & 3rd. Mr. Sahmie also requested that the Council review the information regarding the DarkSky International Policy that was provided to them.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Randall & Cheri Sahmie, who is also a Club Board Member, responded to questions and comments from the Council.

B. Quarterly Old Trails Museum Report Which May Include Discussion of Museum Operations, Hours, Staffing and Events

Ann-Mary Lutzick, Director of the Old Trails Museum, highlighted the following information from her written report that was included in the packet:

Publications/Public Programs/Outreach

- Summer History Highlight event on July 18th
- Route 66 Centennial
- Spring OTM eNEWS

Collections

- Grant in the amount of \$50,000 awarded for a Collections Center

Governance & Operations

- Volunteer Thank You Party
- Impact that termination of National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant funding will have on the museum

Ms. Lutzick also responded to a question from Mayor Cano regarding the NEH grant funding.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Upcoming Events and Code Review Project(s)

After discussing details of the upcoming Clear Creek Clean-up Day on July 19th, the City Manager provided information regarding the Zoning Code Rewrite to address deficiencies in the current code and make the correlation between the Zoning Code and General Plan more cohesive. The City Manager explained the process that will be similar to the process followed when the General Plan was updated.

The City Manager referred to multiple complaints that were received over the holiday weekend related to fireworks and discussed Statute language as well as City Code related to permissible and non-permissible fireworks. Since the Code is vague regarding violations, the City Manager stated that staff can schedule a work session to discuss possible changes to the ordinance that would address violations. Mayor Cano indicated that a work session would be beneficial to further discuss the issue.

The City Manager also reported that he recently received a compliment from one of the visiting Regional All-Star coaches detailing how great our fields look. The City Manager extended his appreciation and thanks to the parks crew for their hard work on the fields.

In closing, the City Manager reminded the Council that the property tax levy ordinance will be on the July 22nd agenda so at least six council members need to be in attendance for its adoption. The City Manager also reminded the Council that the August 12th meeting has been cancelled. The City Manager responded to a question from Councilmember McKee regarding Zooming in for the July 22nd meeting since she will be attending a conference in Nashville.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, 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 Regular Meeting of June 24, 2025 and the City Council Special Meeting of June 24, 2025**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Purchase of a Ford F150 Patrol Vehicle for the Police Department**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Intergovernmental Membership Agreement Between Navajo County Library District and City of Winslow**
- E. Discussion and/or Action Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Donation Acknowledgement and Receipt for the Transfer of the Police Department's Trained K-9 to the Arizona Department of Corrections**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1979 Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for the Purpose of Officially Submitting the Fiscal Year 2026 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Auditor General**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Funding Allocations for Special Events for Fiscal Year 2026**

The City Manager commented on the reductions to the fiscal year 2026 budget, specifically the Mayor & Council's Special Events account, in order to balance the budget. The City Manager referred to the two suggestions for funding special events that were included in the packet and explained the process that will be followed when requests come in for events that are included in the list.

There was further discussion regarding the best way to proceed with funding various special events. The City Manager clarified that the city will still provide in-kind services for special events. The discussion included ways to increase donations for the fireworks fund, possibly by having a round-up option on water bills. The City Manager noted that the Standin' on the Corner Foundation and the Just Cruis'n Car Club are both non-profit organizations and they have the ability to seek out donations.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to approve Suggestion 2. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

Suggestion 2 consisted of the following:

Christmas Parade Traffic	\$ 3,250.00
Standin' on the Corner	1,000.00
Just Cruis'n Car Show	1,500.00
Pow Wow	1,000.00
Inkfest	250.00
Clear Creek Cowboys	500.00
Because We Care	500.00
Firework Show	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>+1,000.00</u>
	\$10,000.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar 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 July 8, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this **22nd** day of **July**, 2025.

Suzy Wetzel

City Clerk