

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on July 22, 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 Crisp, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember McKee (via Zoom), Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Cake

STAFF:

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

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Linda Chacon inquired about the process that the city follows to address weeds on private property and also asked if animals, specifically goats, are allowed in city limits.

Randy Therio, speaking at the request of Shawn White, announced The Tribune's ribbon cutting on July 24th at noon.

At the conclusion of Call to the Public, Mayor Cano advised Mrs. Chacon that staff will reach out to her to answer her questions and concerns.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember Crisp

- Rotary/St. Mary's food distribution on July 24th
- Free Movie Wednesday at the theater on July 23rd at 12:30 pm
- NPC grant offer
- Farmers Market every Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm; date for Friday night market to be determined

Councilmember Tafoya

- Encouraged drivers to be aware of kids since school starts on August 4th
- Pro Wrestling WinslowMania SlamU event on August 16th

Mayor Cano

- Standin' on the Corner Festival the last weekend in September
- Car Show the first weekend in October
- Ink Fest the weekend of October 11th

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember MacLean stated that he would like to discuss adding features to the city logo.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**A. Presentation from APS Regarding Winslow Economic Development Power Generation**

Janet Dean, Northeast Division Public Affairs Manager, provided a PowerPoint Presentation that included an overview of APS, who service 33,646 square miles of territory with 1.4 million customer accounts. The presentation also included information about APS' energy grid and the components in the grid that serve the City of Winslow.

Ms. Dean also detailed Winslow's infrastructure and discussed options for APS to help Winslow achieve anticipated economic growth. At the request of Mayor Cano, Ms. Dean explained the impact that Cholla Power Plant has on Winslow's power supply. Ms. Dean also responded to a question from Councilmember MacLean regarding the timeline for providing power to a large development.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Dean stated that she hopes to introduce the new Division Manager to the Council at an upcoming meeting since Joe Weathersby has taken a job in Arkansas.

B. Quarterly Report from Navajo County Supervisor Fern Benally

Navajo County District I Supervisor Fern Benally provided an update regarding the Middle Mile Broadband fiber project stating that the project is on schedule with an anticipated November or December ribbon cutting date. Supervisor Benally also provided an update on the BEAD Program that now has new Federal guidelines.

Supervisor Benally discussed the Winslow Levee project and stated that work has been initiated on two specific easement issues. A site visit by the Army Corp's Hydrology & Hydraulics team is tentatively scheduled for some time in August.

Supervisor Benally commented on the steady progress for the ZenniHome modular housing manufacturing plant in Snowflake and reported that they continue to offer employment opportunities for Navajo County residents.

Mayor Cano requested that the city be notified if there is an Army Corps site visit.

C. Quarterly Court Report Which May Include Justice Court and Municipal Court Case Filings by Category

Judge Little provided his report covering the months of April – June 2025. The report included the number of cases filed in both the Justice Court and the Municipal Court for the following:

Civil & Criminal Traffic	Criminal Petty Offense
Local Ordinance	Criminal Misdemeanor
Criminal Felony	Parking Violations
Initial Appearances	Small Claims
Civil Lawsuits	Eviction Actions
Order Protection/Harassment	Search Warrants

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

After stating that this report covers the last two quarters, Bob Hall, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, provided his report for the period January – June 2025. The report 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 129,866 and tourism related emails received. Facility activities included 51 meetings, 123 parties and two job fairs/business workshops. There were also four ribbon cuttings during the reporting period.

Mr. Hall discussed the advertising and promotion budget and provided detailed information regarding the upcoming Route 66 Centennial Celebration. Mr. Hall encouraged community members to join the committee and/or attend the monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month. Mr. Hall also noted that the Centennial is not receiving much financial support from the State but support is being received from the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona.

The Council thanked Mr. Hall for his commitment to the community.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Project Updates

The City Manager provided detailed updates regarding the new water tank, the downtown restrooms and the CDBG all access playground. The City Manager also discussed the Clear Creek Cleanup Day that was held on July 19th stating that there was an excellent turnout and a lot of trash was picked up. The City Manager thanked city staff and the volunteers, including the dunk tank volunteers, that came out.

The City Manager also reported that communication was recently received from the General Manager of the Goodyear Tire Service Center regarding four stray dogs at their shop. The General Manager complimented Animal Control staff on how they handled the situation. The City Manager extended his thanks to staff for the service and care shown to the dogs.

At the conclusion of his report, the City Manager reminded the Council that the August 12th meeting has been cancelled.

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

After stating that June 30th marked the end of the fiscal year, the Finance Director highlighted information from his written report for the month of July that 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.

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

The Librarian reported that the two high school interns at the library were incredibly helpful and discussed the projects that they completed. The Librarian also referred to requests that the library be open on Saturdays and discussed the reasons why it is not feasible or cost effective.

Library Programs Coordinator Danie Brunett provided an update regarding the Summer Reading Program and stated that a Happy Birthday Harry Potter Party will be held to close out the program. The Library Programs Coordinator also highlighted details of what library staff has enjoyed over the summer.

The Librarian discussed the Calendar of Events for the month of August, including a visit from author Lisa Heidinger on August 19th at 4:00 p.m., teen volleyball night, also on the 19th at 7:00 p.m., and Reading Roulette the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. beginning in September. In closing, the Librarian announced that the Friends of the Library are selling shirts in a variety of colors for \$20.

Councilmember Crisp commented on the library videos that staff have posted on Facebook.

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

The Farmers Market Manager stated that the market is halfway through the 2025 season and vendors are having great success at the new downtown location. The Farmers Market Manager thanked her team for keeping the market going while she was recovering from surgery and stated that there is not a specific date for starting the night market.

The Farmers Market Manager further stated that a grant has been submitted for a Local Food Promotion Program to help local growers and food entrepreneurs. An announcement regarding the grant award is expected in last August or early September. The Farmers Market Manager thanked Councilmember Crisp for her input regarding the grant submittal and Councilmember Crisp provided additional details regarding the grant process.

The Farmers Market Manager reported that the market, in partnership with White Mountain Economic Development, is now offering a no

cost Food Manager Training and Certification Class and provided details of the first class.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, 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 July 8, 2025**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Liquor License Application for Cajian Located at 122 East Second Street**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Fifth Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement between City and Atlas Global Development Group, LLC to Extend the Close of Escrow from July 31, 2025 to August 31, 2025**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Arizona Alpine Trail Request for Financial Assistance**

Jack Dyer, Arizona Alpine Trail Vice President, provided information regarding the trail, which is approximately 750 miles long and primarily an off-highway vehicle trail, that will encompass two separate loop trails between Payson and Hannagan Meadow. Mr. Dyer also discussed the economic impact specific to the Winslow area.

Mayor Cano referred to the request and explained to Mr. Dyer that the city had to tighten their budget resulting in spending being drastically reduced. After further discussion regarding the request, it was the consensus of the Council that the unallocated balance of \$1,000 in their special events account should remain in place for local events. The discussion included ways that the city can provide support and promote the trail once it is up and fully running.

- B. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Sponsorship Request from Alice's Place for Their Fourth Annual Mystery Benefit Fundraiser**

Heather Pruett, Vice President of Alice's Place Board and Chairman of the Fundraising Committee, stated that the request letter was submitted

prior to the city making cuts to their budget. Ms. Pruett discussed details of their event and stated that all proceeds will benefit Alice's Place. Ms. Pruett requested that the city assist with promoting their event and Mayor Cano challenged the Council to support the fundraiser by attending the event.

C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1437 Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property Identified as Navajo County APN 103-36-044 Located at 321 Jefferson Street, Winslow, Arizona

The City Manager stated that this property is one that was designated by the Council to be listed for sale and explained that the following two offers have been received:

1. \$8,000; buyer will put \$1,000 in escrow; closing costs and title fees paid by the buyer
2. \$5,000; buyer will put \$500 in escrow; closing costs and title fees paid by the seller

Following the City Manager's explanation of the city's net profit for both offers after deducting the broker fee, Councilmember MacLean made a motion to accept option 1 and approve Ordinance No. 1437 authorizing the sale of the property (103-36-044) to Thomas Joseph Curtis. Prior to receiving a second to the motion, there was discussion regarding the two offers.

Throughout the discussion, the City Manager responded to various questions from the Council. The City Attorney also referred to charter language related to the sale of city property and discussed the process and criteria for listing property with a broker. Mayor Cano then seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, Tafoya and Salazar voting yes.

D. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Approval and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1436 – Property Tax Levy and Declaring an Emergency

This item took place prior to Scheduled Presentations

The City Manager referred to the property tax levy and explained that although the percentage decreases, the levy increases because valuations go up in order to collect the maximum amount.

There was additional discussion regarding the tax levy and the City Attorney explained that a roll call vote is required. The City Attorney

also explained that the ordinance includes an emergency clause that goes into effect immediately so that Navajo County can start levying and collecting the tax. Throughout the discussion, the City Manager and the Finance Director responded to questions and comments from the Council.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to adopt Ordinance No. 1436. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

Councilmember McKee left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, 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 22, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this **26th** day of **August**, 2025.

Suzy Wetzel

City Clerk