

Minutes of the work session of the Winslow City Council held on September 9, 2025 at 5:30 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 (via Zoom), Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Cake

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Ernie Cano Acting Police Chief, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Daniel Hendrix Finance Director

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Councilmember Tafoya. Roll call was taken and Councilmember Cake was absent. Motion: Moved by Councilmember McKee, 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.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING CHAPTER 12.20 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO FIREWORKS

The City Manager began by stating that the purpose of the work session is to discuss the fireworks ordinance as it currently exists and to work through a proposed amendment so that changes can be brought back to the Council for adoption.

A copy of the proposed changes that was prepared in legislative format was provided to the Council and a copy was also displayed on the screen. The City Manager then provided detailed information regarding the changes that staff feels should be made to the code based on the State Statute related to fireworks.

The changes included the addition of information to Section 12.20.010 - Definitions, specifying the definition of fireworks, as well as the definition of permissible consumer fireworks. Changes to Section 12.20.030 – Limited Use of Permissible Consumer Fireworks, included specific dates and times that fireworks can be used, discharged or ignited. Section 12.20.040 – Sale of Fireworks, will also include specific dates.

The City Manager noted that information regarding the language for the required sign that must be posted by any person engaged in the sale of fireworks will now be included in the code. The City Manager also stated that two new sections: 12.20.070 – Authority to Enforce Violations; Means of Enforcement; and 12.20.080 – Penalty, will be added and explained information contained in those sections.

The City Attorney provided background information regarding fireworks, which are heavily regulated by the State, and only allows municipalities to regulate what the State says it can regulate with a few exceptions. The City Attorney also provided clarification regarding the civil penalty of \$1,000 and briefly commented on other changes that staff is recommending throughout Chapter 12.20.

Throughout the discussion, the City Manager and City Attorney responded to questions and comments from the Council. Mayor Cano stressed the importance of educating the public regarding both the sale and use of fireworks and giving ample time for citizens to adapt to the changes.

There was additional discussion regarding enforcement of the code including giving officers discretion when they respond to firework calls. In response to a question regarding fireworks being used at football games and graduation ceremonies, the City Manager stated that a permit can be issued through the Fire Department if the use meets the city's fire standards.

Ann Schmidt and Julia Sells spoke in favor of the changes and educating the public. Both were also in favor of beginning with issuing warnings as opposed to writing tickets.

The Police Chief and Fire Chief commented on how their respective departments will implement the changes. There was also discussion regarding options for providing education and the need to meet with Navajo County since the new regulations can only be enforced within city limits.

The City Manager advised that an ordinance will be brought back to the Council and will become effective 30 days after adoption, which should provide ample time to educate the general public and sellers prior to the beginning sale date of December 10th. It was the consensus of the Council that the ordinance can be included on an upcoming agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers 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 work session of the Winslow City Council held on September 9, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *23rd* day of *September*, 2025.

Suzy Wetzel
City Clerk