

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on September 9, 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 (via Zoom), Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director (via Zoom), 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 Steve Gerton. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Kim Gould referred to the recent rain storm and discussed the lack of drainage in several areas in Desert View and on Mike's Pike. Ms. Gould also discussed the possibility of pursuing infrastructure grants to correct the issues.

Raymond Lucero inquired about what streets in Coopertown and Southside would be affected by Atlas Global and the TradePort.

At the conclusion of Call to the Public, Mayor Cano advised Ms. Gould that Public Works will be made aware of the drainage issues and staff will reach out to her if additional information is needed. Mayor Cano also advised Mr. Lucero that staff will reach out to him to further discuss his question.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember Crisp

- Ink Fest event on October 11th & 12th
- Little Bulldogs Cheer Clinic
- 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
- Snoop Dogg Cookbook Club on October 13th
- Car Seat Check event provided by Navajo County Public Health on September 24th
- Psychic Fair on September 19th & 20th
- Farmers Market and host yard sale on September 27th

Councilmember MacLean

- Friends of the Library Book Sale beginning the evening of September 11th

Mayor Cano

- Encouraged attendance to the Holocaust Survivor presentation at the Performing Arts Center on September 15th

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**A. Proclamation – Proclaiming September 10 – 13, 2025 as Navajo County Fair Week**

After Councilmember McKee read the proclamation, it was presented to Fair Manager Mina Henning. Ms. Henning thanked the Council for the proclamation and encouraged everyone to attend the fair.

B. Quarterly Northland Pioneer College (NPC) Report Which May Include Introduction of New Director of External Affairs, Scholarships & Programs Available for the Upcoming Spring Semester and Little Colorado Campus Activities

After providing a brief background of his career with NPC, External Affairs Director Rich Chanick provided information regarding the following items:

- Simplifying process to hold events at NPC

- Coordinating with the Economic Development Director when potential clients come to town
- Scholarships awarded last year and application process for 2026 Spring semester
- Pedal the Petrified event on September 27th
- Little Colorado Campus updates including the Moonshot competition on September 19th and the Healthcare Career Exploration Fair

STATUS REPORTS

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

The City Manager provided an update on the automatic door button at the library which should be installed by the end of the year. The City Manager also advised the Council that Sustainability Partners is scheduled to make a presentation regarding alternative financing methods for infrastructure at the September 23rd meeting.

The City Manager referred to the NPC Construction Program and advised that he has spoken to the Dean about a possible expansion of the program to Winslow. The City Manager then provided a detailed update regarding the Winslow Levee that included anticipated completion dates of certain milestones.

At the conclusion of his report, the City Manager responded to a question from Mayor Cano regarding whether the Army Corp is consulting with FEMA throughout the recertification process.

B. Zoning Hearing Officer Status Report Regarding Conditional Use Permit Review for July - September 2025

The Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer provided a report covering the following CUPs for July - September 2025:

1. 2124 Desert View Drive (Child Care) – Allow a Home Child Care facility in the Single-Family Residence (R1-7) zoning district
2. 2600 Scenic View Drive – Allow for storage container in excess of 20' in length in the Agricultural Residential (AR) zoning district

C. Quarterly Report by Fire Chief Which May Include Department Overview and Emergency Response Highlights

The Fire Chief highlighted information from his written report including details of the Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division and efforts to obtain and build a software program to enhance inspections and hydrant locations.

The Fire Chief also provided information regarding recent 911 calls that included train car fires and semi-truck fires on I-40, all of which have been billed for water used to extinguish the fires. Other department highlights included the following:

- Award of \$422,000 grant to run an Incident Command
- Enhancement of P25 radio for better coverage and clarity
- Award of \$2,000 grant for 10 pails of foam
- Approved for two CO2 monitors through ADEQ
- Applied for grant funding for a toxic exhaust system for the apparatus bays
- Applied for grant funding for EMS Zoll monitors

Councilmember McKee noted that September 11th will be the chief's two-year anniversary with the city and recognized the chief's wife who was also in attendance.

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 August 26, 2025**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Accept Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant to Support Personnel Services (Overtime) and Employee Related Expenses to Enhance the Strategic Traffic Enforcement (STEP) Program for Fiscal Year 2026**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Accept Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant to Support Personnel Services (Overtime) and Employee Related Expenses to Enhance DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement for Fiscal Year 2026**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1980 Authorizing an Application to the Arizona Smart Fund for a Grant**

for Design and Other Engineering Services and Submission Pursuant to Title 28, Chapter 2, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes; and Declaring an Emergency

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Approval of Ordinance No. 1438 Amending Sections 2.12.020, 2.13.020 and 2.14.020 of the Municipal Code, All Related to Appointment of Department Directors by the City Manager

The City Manager referred to the requirement set out in the code that requires the City Council to approve the City Manager's appointment of the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Public Works Director and stated that he believes that it is in the best interest of the city that the positions be appointed by the City Manager without approval of the Council. The City Manager also advised that this change would be consistent with both the Council/Manager form of government and the City Charter.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember McKee, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve Ordinance No. 1438 amending Sections 2.12.020, 2.13.020 and 2.14.020 of the Municipal Code. Motion passed with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes and Councilmembers Cake and Crisp voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 7:25 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 September 9, 2025 at 6:30 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