

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on January 27, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. in the main hall of the Winslow Visitor's Center, 523 West Second Street, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice Mayor MacLean, Councilmember Cake (via Zoom), Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Cano

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Daniel Hendrix Finance Director, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director, Kelley Ward Human Resources Director

Vice Mayor MacLean called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by George Gould. Roll call was taken and Mayor Cano and Councilmember Cake were absent. Motion: Moved by Councilmember McKee, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to excuse the absent members. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Mayor MacLean and Councilmembers Crisp, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes. Councilmember Cake joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:38 p.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

George Gould spoke regarding the positive experience he had during a recent visit to the transfer station.

Raymond Lucero spoke regarding a Facebook comment that implied that a computer components factory that was rejected in Gallup due to lack of electrical grid is interested in coming to Winslow. Mr. Lucero also noted that a missile facility just broke ground in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember Crisp

- Council on Aging indoor yard sale to support the Meals on Wheels Program on February 7th
- GrayBush Bakery one-year anniversary celebration February 4th – 6th
- Upcoming Psychic Fair on March 20th & 21st

Councilmember McKee

- Issue with crosswalk lights on Third Street & Campbell Avenue

Councilmember Tafoya

- Family Health Fair at the Chamber on January 31st

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**A. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month in the City of Winslow**

After Councilmember Tafoya read the proclamation, it was presented to Ken Havlicek on behalf of Alice's Place.

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

Due to the fact that the Chamber Director was unable to be in attendance, Vice Mayor MacLean noted that this report will not be provided at tonight's meeting.

C. Quarterly Report from Navajo County Supervisor Fern Benally

Navajo County District I Supervisor Fern Benally provided a detailed Broadband update that included the approval of an IRU agreement by the Board of Supervisors to lease fibers to Frontier Communications. Supervisor Benally thanked the city for their collaborative efforts related to this project.

This quarter's Winslow Levee update included progress on the pre-construction and engineering/design work and a few administrative items.

After stating that Navajo County is delighted to see Winslow making the most of the NACOG Route 66 Brownfields Assessment Coalition grant, Supervisor Benally briefly discussed the city's need for power infrastructure to support major developers working on the TradePort Corridor Project.

D. Status Report from Atlas Global Development Group

The Economic Development Director introduced Daniel Lupien, Director of Atlas Global Development Group, who discussed some of the challenges they are overcoming related to the I-40 TradePort. Mr. Lupien noted that they have been working closely with APS on their energy solution.

Mr. Lupien also provided information regarding short-term bridge solutions that includes the use of natural gas, solar and batteries to generate power for their project. Mr. Lupien feels confident that they can use alternative solutions to scale up power delivery in 27/28 to attract advanced manufacturers and create jobs for the badly needed tax revenue for the region.

Mr. Lupien thanked the Council and the community for their support and patience and stated that they have submitted plans for their first 300-unit housing development on Mike's Pike.

At the request of Vice Mayor MacLean, Mr. Lupien provided additional information regarding the Red Sands Project. Mr. Lupien responded to various questions and comments from the Council who expressed their thanks to Mr. Lupien for his commitment to Winslow.

STATUS REPORTS

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

The City Manager referred to the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-Seventh Legislature that commenced on January 12th and discussed the following bills that would negatively impact the city's general fund and capital fund:

- HB2839/HCR2018: municipal food tax; exemption; food
- SAB1106/HB2153: internal revenue code; conformity; deductions

- HB2290: TPT; sourcing; business location; receipt

At the conclusion of his report, the City Manager stated that he had noticed the issue with the crosswalk lights and the street department will take a look at them to find out why they are continually blinking. The City Manager also announced that there will be a Budget Work Session on February 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Councilmember Crisp encouraged citizens to contact their local legislators regarding proposed legislation that will have a negative impact on municipalities.

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

After stating that 50% of the fiscal year has passed, the Finance Director highlighted information from his written report for the month of December. The report 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.

The Finance Director reported that income and expenditures are within expected variances for all funds and also provided information regarding total cash and investments as of December 31, 2025.

C. Flexible Work Schedule Presentation by Human Resources Director

The Human Resources Director provided an overview of flexible work schedules in a PowerPoint Presentation that included the following information:

- Municipalities that utilize flexible work schedules & their responses
- Key benefits
- Employee satisfaction; savings for employers & employees
- Employee survey responses

Following the presentation, there was additional discussion regarding the need to educate the employees on the impacts of a schedule change and conducting another survey that includes a 100% response before a final decision is made.

Throughout the discussion, the City Manager and the Human Resources Director responded to questions and comments from the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Tafoya, seconded by Councilmember McKee, to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Mayor MacLean and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, 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 January 13, 2026**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1987 Related to the City 2026 Primary/General Election**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1988 Vacating, Abandoning and Extinguishing All of Its Interest in Real Property Described as Navajo County APN 103-26-001C to Circle K Stores, Inc.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Tafoya, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Mayor MacLean and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, 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 January 27, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *10th* day of *February*, 2026.

Suzy Wetzel
City Clerk