

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on February 24, 2026 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 Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember McKee

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Daniel Hendrix Finance Director, Ernie Cano Police Chief, Michael Duran Fire Chief (via Zoom), Tim Westover Public Works Director, Sandra Knight Recreation Manager

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chez Sells referred to a video regarding data centers that he forwarded to the Council and commented on the impact and health concerns related to data centers.

Raymond Lucero commented on the environmental impact of data centers.

Ann Schmidt requested that the Council declare a prohibition on any data center being built on any city property, land that would be annexed into the city and any property that would be leased out by the city.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember Crisp

- Status update of Mother Road Farmers Market
- Bazaars to benefit Alice's Place on February 28th & March 14th
- Bojos Grill 30-year anniversary celebration on February 28th
- Rotary/St. Mary's Food Bank food distribution on April 24th
- Fluffy Therapy at the library on March 27th
- Fifth Annual Winslow Arts Festival on April 25th

Mayor Cano

- Commented on the I-40 TradePort Groundbreaking Ceremony held in Albuquerque today (February 24th)

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**A. Proclamation – In Honor of the Clear Creek Cowboys Fifty Annual Pony Express Ride**

After Councilmember Tafoya read the proclamation, it was presented to members of the Clear Creek Cowboys Association who were in attendance.

David Ramos and Tim Kelley spoke regarding their March 7th ride and presented appreciation plaques to local sponsors who were in attendance. Mayor Cano urged citizens to support the event by sending a postcard through the Pony Express.

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

Bob Hall, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, provided his report for the period October 2025 – January 2026 that 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 52,145 and tourism related emails received. Facility activities included 35 meetings, 3 parties and 3 business workshops.

After discussing the advertising and promotion budget, Mr. Hall provided information regarding the following events from October - January:

- Just Cruis'n Car Show
- Halloween Parade in the Park
- Community Christmas Tree lighting
- Christmas Parade & Festival of Trees
- Travel & Adventure Show in Phoenix

Mr. Hall also commented on a two-day road trip that he recently took along Route 66 and encouraged individuals who may be interested to download the GuideAlong GPS-based audio tour app. Lastly, Mr. Hall reported that he has received the go ahead to put up a pony wall to help amplify the sound from the rumble strips on the east end of town.

STATUS REPORTS

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

The City Manager explained that this is crossover week at the legislature where bills must move through their chamber of origin and over to the other chamber to survive. The City Manager also discussed the following bills:

- SB1090: municipal food tax; exemption; food
- HB2290: TPT; sourcing; business location; receipt
- HB2946: municipalities; counties; development fees
- HB4030/HCR2052 rates; fees; taxes; increase; moratorium

In conclusion, the City Manager noted that the Fiscal Year 27 Federal Earmark portals are now open and the city will be submitting four earmarks ranging from 1 million to 4 million dollars.

Mayor Cano briefly discussed the process for citizens to message our legislators and voice their opinion regarding proposed bills.

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

The Finance Director noted that as of January 31st, 58% of the fiscal year has passed. The Finance Director then highlighted information from his written report for the month of January that included Citywide revenues and expenditures, General Fund revenues and expenditures and HURF Fund revenues and expenditures. The report also included

revenues and expenditures for the Enterprise Funds (Water, Sanitation and Wastewater).

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

The City Manager also explained why the percentages for the revenues and expenditures in the Water Fund are low.

C. Quarterly Report by Recreation Manager Which May Include Information from Past Events and Announcements for Upcoming Events

The Recreation Manager reported that Youth Basketball concludes this week and Adult Basketball will begin next week with a total of 15 teams signed up. The Recreation Manager also announced that the Fire Department will be playing basketball against the Public Works Department in a City Showdown at 6:00 p.m. on March 21st at the Jr. High Gym.

The Recreation Manager also highlighted the following upcoming summer events:

- Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th
- Swim lesson registration begins May 4th
- Outdoor Pool opening on May 26th
- June & July Jams
- Electric dance parties in June, July & August

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, 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 February 10, 2026 and City Council Work Session of February 17, 2026**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Agreement Between City of Winslow and the Winslow Hot Shots for Use of City Owned Baseball Fields**

- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1445 Repealing Ordinance No. 1439 Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property to Mary Alice Hayes**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1989 Ratifying and Authorizing the Acceptance of a Section 5311 Grant Funding Application to the State of Arizona Through its Department of Transportation, for the Federal Transit Administration Rural Public Transportation Program, for Funding from October 1, 2026 to September 31, 2028, to Provide Public Transportation Services to the Residents of the City of Winslow**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve and Adopt Priority Based Budgeting Key Community Priorities**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and/or Direction to Approve Seventh Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement between City and Atlas Development Group, LLC in Final Form Approved by Legal Counsel**

The City Manager referred to the Purchase and Sale Agreement and explained that the last extension that was approved by the Council was through the end of February. The City Manager further explained that this amendment includes slightly different terms than the original purchase where there will be a per month basis payment versus a lump sum payment. This amendment will also give the city the ability to close on this property while simultaneously closing on the Brimhall property.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the seventh amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement between City and Atlas Development Group, LLC in final form approved by legal counsel. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, 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 February 24, 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 *March*, 2026.

Suzy Wetzel

City Clerk