

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on March 9, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the main hall of the Winslow Visitor's Center, 523 West Second Street,

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Crisp, Councilmember Boyd, Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Cano, Councilmember Cake

STAFF:

John Barkley City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, David Coolidge Assistant City Manager, Elias Jouen Finance Director, Ken Arend Police Chief, James Hernandez Fire Chief (via zoom), Brandee Leary Librarian

Vice Mayor Crisp called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Councilmember Jackson. Roll call was taken and Mayor Cano and Councilmember Cake were absent. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, to excuse the absent members. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers Boyd, Jackson, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Nelson provided details regarding the application process for the Route 66 Foundation Merchant Grant opportunities.

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Nelson referred to previous discussions regarding ADOT signage and stated that she was provided information from Anthony Lopez in the Flagstaff office and he is willing to come and speak to the Council. Councilmember Nelson indicated that she will email the information that was provided to her to the City Clerk to determine the best way to proceed with this item.

Vice Mayor Crisp requested that a presentation from Clark Landrum of Waste Management be included on a future agenda.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation from Navajo County Sheriff David Clouse and Chief Deputy Swanty

Sheriff Clouse provided information regarding funding sources for the Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT) Task Force and discussed the history of MCAT and their mission to combat narcotics and other major crimes throughout Navajo County.

Chief Deputy Brian Swanty provided a PowerPoint Presentation detailing members of the multi-agency task force, 2020 annual statistics for drug/currency seizures and 2020 proactive enforcements successes. Chief Deputy Swanty also discussed local MCAT activity including the arrest of 26 individuals for drug possession and sales from Operation Clean Communities that took place in March 2020.

In conclusion, Chief Deputy Swanty praised the efforts of the Winslow Police Department employee assigned to MCAT.

Vice Mayor Crisp referenced MCAT's partnership with the city and stated that she believes it is successful because of the visible results even though it is a time-consuming process. Sheriff Clouse and Chief Deputy Swanty also responded to a question from Vice Mayor Crisp regarding if MCAT can assist communities if they are not a partnering agency.

B. Presentation from Friends of the Library Regarding Proposed Library Expansion

Lisa MacLean, representing Friends of the Library, provided background information regarding the purpose of forming their organization 26 years ago. The Friends of the Library support the library by helping fund special programs/events and guest speakers, as well as funding other needs at the library due to city budget constraints.

Ms. MacLean also outlined details of their fundraising efforts that began 26 years ago and stated that it has been their dream to build a new library building. Ms. MacLean discussed locations that were chosen for a new library over the past several years and commented on the circumstances surrounding the inability to move forward with pursuing them.

Through the generosity of the community, Ms. MacLean stated that they are now proposing an addition to the current library building with a contribution of \$250,000 from the Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Library are requesting that the city match their contribution in order to complete the addition.

The City Librarian referenced the charts included in the packet and stated that, as indicated, the Winslow Library offers fewer programs than our neighboring communities. Also, as noted in the charts, the Winslow Library is one of the busiest in Navajo County making it apparent that the expansion of the current facility is needed. The Librarian discussed the benefits that would come with a bigger library.

Sondra Purcell, President of the Friends of the Library, stated that a newly developed library will impact the future of Winslow by creating a place to not only gather but to access information and education. Ms. Purcell requested that their vision to expand the library be included in the city's budget.

Councilmember Boyd inquired as to whether a cost estimate has been received for the addition and there was further discussion regarding earlier plans to move the library to the police complex and the benefits of building an addition as opposed to moving to a different location. Ms. Purcell then commented on community interest and support for this project.

Vice Mayor Crisp stated that she is in favor of leaving the library at its current location and referred to the library being included in the city's prior capital improvement budget. In response to a question from Vice Mayor Crisp, the City Manager stated that the library expansion will be included in budget discussions. The City Manager also commented on other options for funding the project, including a possible bond election.

Councilmember Jackson expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Friends of the Library.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager

The following reports were provided under the City Manager's Status Report:

The City Manager announced that the city expects to receive over \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds once the deal is finalized by Congress although it is unknown at this time how the funds can be spent. The City Manager also encouraged citizens to take advantage of using the city's on-line resources for utility bill payments.

The City Manager then discussed the Fiscal Year 22 budget process and the City Council Retreat tentatively scheduled for April 20th.

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

The Finance Director provided a summary of his written report covering the month of January 2021. The report included a comparison in General Fund Revenues compared to this time last year and tracking of City Sales Tax by category as provided by the Arizona Department of Revenue.

Councilmember Jackson commented on the 16% increase in City Sales Tax and asked the Finance Director a question regarding the revenues from Code 325 on the Department of Revenue category list. Vice Mayor Crisp inquired about the abbreviations TPP and MRRA shown on the category list. The Finance Director stated that the list is provided to the city by the DOR and he will follow-up with responses to the questions that were asked.

Vice Mayor Crisp stated that she is pleased that OpenGov on the website is matching up with what is being reported in the monthly reports to the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers Boyd, Jackson, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

- A. Check Register**
- B. Minutes – City Council Regular Meeting – February 23, 2021**
- C. Resolution No. 1863 Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the Arizona Department of Transportation Aeronautics Group**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Jackson, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers Boyd, Jackson, MacLean and Nelson 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 March 9, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

City Clerk