

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on November 9, 2021 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 Jackson, Councilmember Nelson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Boyd, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember MacLean

**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, Ron Blass Police Lieutenant, Ernie Cano Police Lieutenant, James Hernandez Fire Chief

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

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS**

**A. Current Events and Announcements**

Councilmember Jackson announced details of the Lunch & Learn event scheduled for Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Cano announced that the Elks Lodge is sponsoring a free pozole meal on November 11<sup>th</sup> for anyone who served in the military. Mayor Cano also announced details of the Annual Soroptomist Bunco Fundraiser event scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Cano provided information for the community food distribution event that was rescheduled from November 11<sup>th</sup> to November 16<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Parade scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Nelson announced that there is a blood drive scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge.

Councilmember Cake acknowledged the city crews for sealing the streets in Desert View.

**B. Future Agenda Items**

Councilmember Nelson referred to recent Facebook posts regarding murals being painted in Winslow and stated that she would provide contact information to the City Clerk for Charles Decker, who is interested in making a presentation to the City Council about previous murals that he has done.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Highlights of Various City Department Activities**

After discussing progress that has been made with regard to the Winslow Levee project with both the Army Corps of Engineers and our Congressional and Senate delegations, the City Manager provided an update regarding the 4FRI initiative.

The City Manager then commented on the following items:

- Updated Janitorial Services RFP with bid deadline of November 18<sup>th</sup>
- Completion of Taxiway B project at the airport and the critical need for a drainage study for the airport through the Five Year Airport Capital Improvement Plan
- Arizona Public Service community grant awarded to the Chamber for purchase of a new 21-foot Christmas Tree for the Route 66 Plaza
- Initiatives started by the new Economic Development Director including a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) survey and analysis
- Installation of electrical vehicle charging stations at Mojo's Coffee Shop, Captain Tony's Pizza and the Hubbell Building
- Submittal of plans for a modular building at NPC to be utilized as a new Head Start/Child Care facility
- Various Fire Prevention presentations done by Fire Department staff

- Monitoring of water leak on Beale Wagon Road by the Water Department
- Update on Mike's Pike lighting project and LED Street Light project
- Planting of additional trees throughout the parks
- Reminder that the November 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup> City Council meetings have been cancelled due to the holidays

In response to a question from Councilmember Nelson, the City Manager stated that he will need to check with the Public Works Director regarding plans for landscaping on Mike's Pike. Councilmember Cake reported that there are lights out at the tennis courts/skate park and inquired about the status of the new motel to which the City Manager stated that the city must receive proof of ownership before issuing the permit. Councilmember Nelson also commented about the new lights on Caddyshack Lane.

**B. Quarterly Report by Police Chief Which May Include Highlights from Divisions within the Police Department, Statistics, Community Engagement and an Update from the Animal Control Officer**

The Police Chief referred to his written report that was included in the packet and highlighted information related to the decrease in Part 1 Crimes which include violent crimes, aggravated assaults and burglaries. The Police Chief also discussed the comparison in Part 1 Crimes from 2020 and 2021 as well as from 2017 to current.

The Police Chief then addressed the portion of his report related to staffing, hiring and retention, stating that over this quarter, 43 applications were accepted for positions within the police department resulting in four hires with six currently pending background investigations.

With regard to Animal Control, the Police Chief referred to the previous request for extensive information, and stated that the Animal Control Supervisor was not able to be in attendance, however a packet of information that he compiled was provided to the Council. The Police Chief briefly discussed the contents of the packet and Mayor Cano stated that she would like to see the information available to the public.

The Police Chief responded to questions and comments from Councilmember Nelson regarding where citizens should direct complaints for a specific issue that she described. There was further

discussion regarding the need to possibly revamp the city ordinances so that issues can be addressed. Lieutenant Blass responded to a question from Mayor Cano regarding the free spay/neuter program.

The Mayor & Council expressed their appreciation to the Police Department staff for the extensive information that is provided in their quarterly reports. Councilmember Jackson commented on staffing issues and the importance of making citizens aware that this is a nationwide problem.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Jackson and Nelson voting yes. The City Attorney confirmed that Councilmember Nelson's vote was in favor of the motion since she initially voted no.

- A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Check Register**
- B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of October 23, 2021 and Regular Meeting of October 26, 2021**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Appropriation to the 2022 Because We Care Committee**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Appointment of Member to the Arts Council**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Appointment of Member to the Board of Adjustment**

### **COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- A. Discussion and/or Action Related to Resolution No. 1884 Urging the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission to Establish a Legislative District to Keep Rural Arizona Together**

The City Manager stated that Sylvia Allen is present tonight to explain why this resolution is in front of the City Council. The City Manager further stated that Senator Allen has been instrumental in pushing the initiative forward on behalf of a group that is petitioning the Independent Redistricting Commission to create a 5 County District.

After stating that she is passionate about rural Arizona, Senator Allen provided a background of her family roots in Northern Arizona

as well as her service as a State Senator and a Navajo County Supervisor. Ms. Allen commented on why she feels that there needs to be a Rural Legislative District and presented a PowerPoint Presentation explaining that redistricting is a constitutionally mandated process that takes place every ten years plus the ballot proposition in November 2000 that created the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.

The presentation also provided information regarding language in the Arizona Constitution related to the creation of new legislative districts and the hearing process to receive public input on proposed districts. Senator Allen discussed the legislative districts that were created in 2011 that splintered rural Eastern Arizona among urban centers and the proposed 2021 district that includes 5+ eastern counties.

Senator Allen referred to the Independent Redistricting Commission's map adjusted three weeks ago to reflect the rural district proposal and explained the regions that are included in the districts. Senator Allen further explained the changes that her group feels should be made to the redistricting maps for Districts 6 and 7 to create a stronger rural county.

Councilmember Jackson thanked Senator Allen for being at the meeting and for making people aware of the Independent Redistricting Commission. Councilmember Jackson referred to the fact that the entire Council is not in attendance at tonight's meeting and there was discussion regarding the timeline for the Council to provide feedback wherein clarification was provided by the City Attorney that the 30-day comment period began on October 28<sup>th</sup> so the Council would need to act on Resolution No. 1884 tonight unless a special meeting is called.

Councilmember Jackson referred to the map that was adopted by the Coconino Board of Supervisors that keeps Navajo and Apache Counties intact and stated that he does not feel that action should be taken until all members of the Council are present and citizen feedback can be received.

After further discussion regarding variations of the map that would still maintain a rural district, the timeline for comments to be made to the Independent Redistricting Commission and the need to educate the public, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to continue Resolution No. 1884. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Jackson and Nelson voting yes. The City Attorney asked and received clarification that the Council would like for a special meeting to be

called next week with the understanding that all members of the Council may be unable to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Jackson, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Jackson and Nelson voting yes.

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Mayor

Attest:

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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 November 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.

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City Clerk