

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on January 11, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona. The Mayor and all members of the Council attended via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cano, Councilmember Boyd, Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

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

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Councilmember Jackson. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Jackson announced that Northland Pioneer College (NPC) will be holding a food distribution event tomorrow (Wednesday) that will be limited to 50 participants. Councilmember Jackson also stated that NPC hopes to hold the event on the second Wednesday of every month.

Mayor Cano announced that HGTV has finished filming their series in Winslow with the program scheduled to air in May or June. Mayor Cano extended her thanks to the City Manager, Public Works staff and the Police Department for their assistance throughout filming of the series. Mayor Cano also thanked Vice Mayor Crisp and the Arts Council for their assistance as well as Chamber Director Bob Hall for submitting the application for Winslow to participate in the series.

B. Future Agenda Items

Mayor Cano referred to work being done by the Economic Development Director to bring in housing to the community and stated

that there may be a future need to look at changing some of the city ordinances to accommodate new housing.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

A. Quarterly Court Report Which May Include Justice Court and Municipal Court Case Filings by Category

Due to Judge Little's absence, Mayor Cano commented briefly on the written report included in the packet covering the months of October through December 2021.

B. Quarterly Old Trails Museum Report Which May Include Discussion of Museum Operations, Hours, Staffing and Events

Ann-Mary Lutzick, Director of the Old Trails Museum and who attended via Zoom, referred to her written report that was included in the packet and highlighted information regarding their Public Programs/Outreach and Governance & Operations covering the months of October through December 2021.

Mayor Cano commented on the packet of information that was provided to the Council stating that she was able to pass on her Old Trails Museum calendar to Congressman O'Halleran.

C. Presentation from the Clear Creek Cowboy Association Regarding their Pony Express Ride Scheduled for January 29, 2022

David Ramos explained that the Clear Creek Cowboys are a newly formed association and read the Mission Statement that was developed by members of their group. Mr. Ramos commented on past events that the association has been involved with as well as future events, including their upcoming Pony Express Mail Ride, which Mr. Ramos discussed in detail.

At the request of Mayor Cano, Mr. Ramos provided information regarding their mock ride scheduled for January 27th which includes stops at Winslow schools. Mr. Ramos declined the mayor's offer of providing monetary assistance for their ride at this time since they are not yet established as a non-profit organization.

Mr. Ramos responded to questions and comments from members of the Council and Mayor Cano stated that a proclamation for the scheduled ride will be included on the next agenda. Mr. Ramos requested that the proclamation also include language regarding Western Heritage Week in conjunction with the ride. As a former educator, Councilmember

MacLean expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ramos for including the schools in their upcoming ride.

D. Presentation from Danny Wasson, 3450 N. Higley, LLC Regarding Proposed Development of Property Located West of Route 87 and South of Airport Road

Danny Wasson explained that he and his partner, Mike DeArmey, are interested in purchasing 180 acres of city property for a proposed industrial development in Winslow. Mr. Wasson referred to other projects that they have been involved with specializing in industrial development and discussed their plans for the Winslow property.

The City Manager clarified that this is on the agenda tonight for a presentation only with discussion for the proposed sale of the property to take place at a future meeting. In response to a question from the City Manager, Mr. Wasson confirmed that their intent for this property is industrial only with no plans for a housing development.

There was further discussion regarding the proposed plans for the property and the positive impact that those plans could have for the community. In response to a question from Councilmember MacLean, Mr. DeArmey stated that their plan is to extend the existing railroad spur located east of State Route 87 to this parcel.

STATUS REPORTS

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

After stating that his written report is provided to the Council in writing and also posted on the city website, the City Manager provided an update on the Winslow Levee project, including information regarding federal funding for the levee and a meeting with Navajo County scheduled for February 1st.

The City Manager then commented on the following items:

- Upcoming meeting with a Modular Home Development Company to discuss development opportunities in the Winslow area
- Possible award of a grant from National Fitness Campaign's (NFC) 2022 Healthy Cities Campaign

- HGTV's *Hometown Kickstart* "Reveal" with thanks to the Police Department & Public Works staff for their support of the project
- Funding approval from ADOT Aeronautics for new paving projects at the airport as part of their 2022 Airport Surface Treatment Program
- Update on abatement process for property located at 104 East First Street
- Asbestos survey results for newly acquired property located at 1100 West Second Street
- Status of NACOG Head Start/Childcare Facility at NPC
- Upcoming visit from U.S. Small Business Administration to introduce a range of services to local businesses
- *Business View Magazine Article* featuring Winslow
- Winslow Library's two new digital calendars displaying community events
- Updates on economic development projects including the Best Western Winslow Inn hotel project, the new RV Park on North Park Drive, the O'Haco Subdivision, issuance of Certificate of Occupancy for RT Rentals on North Road and renovations to the former Winslow Ford building

In closing, the City Manager offered his congratulations to Navajo County Supervisors Whitesinger and Peshlakai on their appointments as Chair and Vice Chair for 2022. The City Manager also commented on the regional efforts to apply for funding through the Arizona Broadband Development Grant Program to build a county-wide middle mile fiber optic network.

B. Monthly Financial Report by Finance Director Which May Include Balances, Expenditures and Revenues in All Funds and Various Sales Tax Comparisons by Category

After referring to his written report that was included in the packet showing balances, expenditures and revenues in the General Fund for the month of November 2021, the Finance Director highlighted City Sales Tax revenues by category as provided by the Department of Revenue in comparison to this time last year. The categories referenced were Retail Sales Food for Home Consumption, the additional Restaurant and Bars tax and the additional Hotel/Motel tax.

The Finance Director provided an update regarding staffing in his department and announced that they recently welcomed a new Accounting Technician to his staff. The Finance Director also

recognized his staff for stepping up during the month that the department was shorthanded.

C. Report from Assistant City Manager Regarding Proposed Funding Requests Utilizing American Fescue Plan Act (APA) Funds

The Assistant City Manager stated that this item is not on the agenda tonight for action and clarified that all of the items included on the list are included in the Capital Improvement Plan and will be funded regardless of the funding source.

The Assistant City Manager then discussed the following items shown on the packet material for proposed uses of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds:

Police

P25 Communication Project	\$ 321,000
Dispatch Remodel*	+ 85,000
Total	\$ 406,000

Library

New Library	\$ 950,000
Total	\$ 950,000

City General

Old Main Rehabilitation	\$ 5,000,000
Total	\$ 5,000,000

Water

Water Tank	\$ 2,250,000
Total	\$ 2,250,000

Parks & Recreation

Cooper Town Park Playground*	\$ 50,000
Triangle Park Playground*	50,000
Haydon Walton Park East End Rehab	148,000
Outdoor Pool Improvements*	135,000
Splash Pad*	400,000
East End Park*	70,000
Outdoor Fitness Park	200,000
Route 66 Plaza	+ 150,000

Total	\$ 1,378,000
<u>Community Benefit</u>	
Non-Profit Recovery Fund	\$ 100,000
Small Business Recovery & Development	100,000
Utility Support	<u>+ 100,000</u>
Total	\$ 300,000
Grand Total	\$10,284,000

*Budgeted in current fiscal year budget

The Assistant City Manager stated that information was recently received regarding guidelines on how ARPA funds can be spent and he expects that all of the items on the list can be either partially or fully funded. In response to a question from Mayor Cano, the Assistant City Manager stated that there is not an immediate timeline to determine how the funds will be spent but reporting by municipalities begins in April.

It was the consensus of the Council that a work session needs to be conducted to further discuss and fine tune the list. The Assistant City Manager confirmed that a meeting amongst appropriate Department Heads did take place to develop the requests that are currently included on the list. The Assistant City Manager also advised the Council that staff has the capability of conducting a survey to receive community input regarding ARPA funded projects.

The City Manager recognized the Assistant City Manager for his efforts to compile the proposed project list.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Jackson requested that Item D be pulled for discussion. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to approve the Consent Calendar minus Item D. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson, MacLean and Nelson 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 December 14, 2021**

- C. **Discussion and/or Action to Approve and Adopt Ordinance No. 1377 Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property Located in the Winslow Airport Industrial Area to GWR, LLC (Lonny and Sharon Gose)**
- D. **Discussion and/or Action Regarding Letter of Support for the Navajo County Middle Mile Broadband Network**

At the request of Mayor Cano, County Manager Glenn Kephart provided a history and synopsis of the proposed infrastructure project to provide affordable, reliable high-speed internet connectivity to residents of Navajo County. Mr. Kephart also responded to questions from Councilmember Boyd regarding how the wireless connection compares to broadband and the status of the APS broadband project. After Councilmember Jackson thanked both the City Manager and the County Manager for their efforts with regard to this project, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Jackson, to approve writing a letter of support for the Navajo County Middle Mile Broadband Network. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, 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 January 11, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022.

City Clerk