

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on February 8, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cano, Councilmember Boyd (via Zoom), Councilmember Cake (via Zoom), Councilmember Crisp (via Zoom), Councilmember Jackson (via Zoom), Councilmember MacLean (via Zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Nelson

STAFF:

John Barkley City Manager (via Zoom), Trish Stuhan City Attorney (via Zoom), Suzy Wetzell 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), Brandee Leary (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 Councilmember Nelson was absent. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to excuse the absent member. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Crisp announced details of the Veteran Benefits Fair scheduled for February 23rd at the Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Crisp also announced that Winslow was selected to host the Rural Policy Forum and asked for volunteers to assist with the event. In response to a question from Mayor Cano, Councilmember Crisp confirmed that volunteers can be members of the public.

Councilmember Jackson announced the food distribution event scheduled for tomorrow (Wednesday) at Northland Pioneer College beginning at 1:00 p.m. Councilmember Jackson also responded to a question from Mayor Cano regarding turnout for this monthly event.

Mayor Cano commented on a recent tour of properties owned and developed by Sam Matyas, who is proposing to develop property in Winslow. Mayor Cano also referred to the upcoming baseball and

softball season and stated that she is looking forward to seeing the fields prepared for the games.

B. Future Agenda Items

Mayor Cano stated that it may be necessary to amend the city's code compliance ordinances at some point to assist in cleaning up the city.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of February as Black History Month

Mayor Cano read the proclamation and stated that the city is honored to recognize the African American citizens in Winslow.

B. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of February as Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month

Mayor Cano read the proclamation and thanked Alice's Place for the advocacy that they provide to the community.

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

Due to the absence of Chamber Director Bob Hall, Mayor Cano highlighted information from the report that was included in the packet including the number of visitors for the period October 2021 through January 2022, as well as the number of travel and relocation packs distributed, the number of brochures printed, website hits totaling 24,521 and tourism related emails received.

STATUS REPORTS

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

After discussing the Splash Pad project which is currently out to bid, the City Manager commented on the following items:

- Development Review Board meeting to discuss proposed expansion of the Union 76 Station/Good 2 Go store
- Focus on blight removal within the community

- Reminder for citizens to complete American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding survey
- Promotion of Pam Tsinginnie from Interim Transit Manager to Transit Manager

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

The Finance Director referred to the financial summary reports included in the packet showing total revenues and expenditures in both the General and Enterprise funds and highlighted information regarding the City Sales Tax revenues by category provided by the Department of Revenue in comparison to this time last year.

B. Quarterly Report by Police Chief Which May Include Highlights from Divisions within the Police Department, Statistics and Community Engagement

The Police Chief began by stating that this quarterly report has been combined with his annual report covering the year 2021. The Police Chief commented on the decrease in violent crimes and efforts to build public trust within the community by obtaining accreditation through the State Accreditation Program.

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 and property crimes. The Police Chief then addressed the portion of his report related to staffing levels within the department and the increase in calls for service.

The Police Chief responded to questions and comments from the Mayor and members of the Council relating to staffing issues and the importance in the decrease in crimes especially for potential growth within the community. On behalf of the Council, Mayor Cano expressed appreciation and support to the Police Chief and his staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean 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 25, 2022**
- C. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Appointment of Member to the Agriculture Commission**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request for Assistance for the July 2nd & 3rd Native American Pow Wow**

Erin Dickson discussed the success of their previous Pow Wow (despite the rain storm) and stated that he is requesting use of the multi-purpose field, assistance with trash cans, parking to include clearing of the adjacent dirt lot, and porta-potties for this year's event. Mr. Dickson stated that he is also requesting that an additional 20-amp outlet on the west side of the property be installed for their speaker system as well as monetary assistance in the amount of \$3,000 for the event.

Mr. Dickson discussed fundraising efforts for the Pow Wow and stated that he intends to also reach out to businesses for assistance. Mr. Dickson responded to questions from Mayor Cano regarding the intended use of the \$3,000 that is being requested and if the multi-purpose field is the most ideal location for the Pow Wow.

In response to a question from Councilmember Crisp, the City Clerk advised that if funds are paid during this fiscal year, they would come out of this year's budget even though the event is being held during next fiscal year. The City Clerk also provided information regarding the current balance in the Mayor & Council's Special Event account. The City Manager clarified that line item fund transfers could be done if additional funds are needed in the Mayor & Council's budget.

There was discussion regarding the requested amount of \$3,000 wherein it was the consensus of the Council that \$1,500 would be an appropriate amount for this event. After further discussion regarding the request for an additional outlet and additional parking, the following motion was made:

Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to table this item to a future meeting. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

B. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request for Assistance to Replace Telescope Mount at the Winslow Homolovi Observatory

Kenn Evans explained that it was necessary to suspend the monthly Star Party events in part due to COVID, but also due to the need to replace the telescope digital mount at the observatory. Mr. Evans provided information regarding the Winslow Homolovi Observatory and their monthly Star Party events and discussed the cost of \$3,799 (+ tax and shipping) for a replacement mount.

Mr. Evans advised that the mount is currently on backorder for at least four months and there was discussion regarding funding options wherein the City Manager confirmed that there are several accounts within the city's budget for this type of expenditure. At the request of Mayor Cano, the City Attorney confirmed that the Council can approve the funding and the City Manager can determine how to pay for the purchase.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to approve the assistance to purchase the telescope mount and find a reasonable account to pay for the purchase. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

C. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Update on Planned Library Addition and Request to Approve Funding for New Library Building Conceptual Drawings

Janice Henling, President of Friends of the Library, explained that it was necessary for them to change their plans for an addition to the currently library building due to floodplain issues. Ms. Henling referred to the City Manager's suggestion that the Friends of the Library look into building a new centrally located library above the floodplain stating that one possible location could be west of the Hubbell Building.

Ms. Henling then referred to the city's matching funds in the amount of \$250,000 and advised that the Navajo County Board of Supervisors recently voted to give the City of Winslow \$200,000 towards a potential new library. The Friends of the Library has received a cost proposal of \$5,500 from Barton Architecture to prepare conceptual drawings for a new library and Sarah Smithson, who serves on the Friends of the Library Building Committee, spoke regarding their request to approve funding for conceptual drawings for a new library west of the Hubbell Building. Ms. Smithson also discussed necessary

steps to be taken once the conceptual drawings and a cost estimate for a new library are received.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to approve the funding for the new library building conceptual drawings for the Friends of the Library. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake Crisp and Jackson voting yes and Councilmember MacLean abstaining.

Prior to receiving a second to the above motion, Councilmember MacLean declared a conflict and recused himself from discussion and action on this item. The City Manager also responded to a question from Councilmember Cake regarding a proposed fire station being built on the property west of the Hubbell Building. In response to a question from Councilmember Crisp, the City Attorney clarified that funds previously earmarked for the library expansion can be used for this purpose.

Mayor Cano extended her thanks to both the Librarian and the Friends of the Library for the work that they are doing to give the community the boost it needs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean 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 8, 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