

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on February 22, 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 Crisp, Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Cake

STAFF:

John Barkley City Manager (via Zoom), Trish Stuhan City Attorney (via Zoom), Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, David Coolidge Assistant City Manager, Ken Arend Police Chief (via Zoom), Sandra Knight Recreation Manager (via Zoom), Una Wirkebau Economic Development Director (via Zoom)

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Pastor JC Nells of the Restoration Church. Prior to giving the Invocation, Pastor Nells expressed appreciation to the Mayor & Council for their leadership. Roll call was taken and Councilmember Cake was absent. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to excuse Councilmember Cake. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Crisp, Jackson, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Crisp announced details of the Rotary/St. Mary's food distribution event that will take place on Thursday, February 24th and stated that volunteers are always needed for this monthly event.

Councilmember MacLean thanked the Assistant City Manager for providing a link to the community calendar on the city's website.

Mayor Cano commented on her trip to South Carolina with the Economic Development Director to tour the Impresa Modular Home Distribution Center to further encourage the company to build a new factory in Winslow. Mayor Cano also discussed possible plans for a developer to purchase and renovate Old Main into apartments.

Mayor Cano announced that the Elks Club will be having an indoor yard sale on March 5th and provided contact information for anyone interested in reserving a space to sell items for a cost of \$20.00.

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Nelson referred to her request last year for the city to offer evening swim lessons and asked the City Manager to look into offering them this summer. Councilmember Nelson also asked staff to look into partnering with the school district to offer a Kids Camp.

Mayor Cano requested that staff look into offering a Kids Summer Job Program to high school students who want to work during the summer months.

After stating that she has also received several inquiries about a Kids Summer Job Program, Councilmember Crisp requested that a process be put in place to welcome new businesses to town when they join the Chamber and/or apply for a business license. Councilmember Crisp suggested that either a phone call or letter from the Council would be a good option to consider. Mayor Cano stated that this might be something that could be coordinated through the Economic Development Director.

Mayor Cano referred to the various projects that may be coming to Winslow and stated that it may be time to solicit an outside agency to offer professional assistance to determine how to prepare staff for potential future growth. Mayor Cano also expressed thanks to the Economic Development Director for her efforts to bring businesses to Winslow.

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 posted on the city website, the City Manager encouraged anyone with questions regarding his report to reach out to him.

The City Manager then commented on the following items:

- Inaugural meeting of the Agriculture Commission held on February 16th

- Proposed renovations to Old Main and other projects that are underway
- Monthly Downtown Taskforce meetings
- Update on abatement of property located at 104 East First Street
- Update on Head Start building at NPC and expansion of Good-to-Go Store/Union 76 Station
- Communication Center upgrades at the Police Department scheduled for March
- Public Housing Authority High Performer designation received from HUD
- Splash Pad project update
- Regional Water/Wastewater Operator Training hosted by the Public Works Department
- Discussions with White Mountain Regional Transit and Flagstaff Mountain Line regarding regional transit connections and partnership opportunities
- Continuing work with Navajo County and the Corps of Engineers on the Winslow Levee Project

B. Quarterly Report from Recreation Manager Which May Include Information Regarding Past Events/Programs and Announcements for Upcoming Events/Programs

The Recreation Manager highlighted events that were included in her written report as part of the packet including the Youth and Men's Basketball programs. Upcoming events include the return of the traditional Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th and an event scheduled for April 30th at the Route 66 Plaza celebrating 50 years of Take It Easy.

The Recreation Manager reported that the Cancion Tequila Baseball Organization will be returning to Winslow the weekend of May 7th to host baseball games with teams from Tempe, Albuquerque, Prescott and Winslow. Summer events include opening of the outdoor pool on May 31st, summer swim lessons, co-ed softball and movie nights at the library.

The Recreation Manager responded to a question from Councilmember Crisp regarding the possibility of serving alcohol at the baseball games being held the weekend of May 7th with the Cancion Tequila Baseball Organization. At the request of Mayor Cano, the Recreation Manager provided additional information regarding the Take It Easy celebration.

Mayor Cano requested that staff preparation of the fields be a priority so that they are ready and looking good for the upcoming season. In response, the City Manager stated that the Parks Department have

already begun working on the fields. In closing, the Recreation Manager discussed the challenges she is experiencing with staffing issues.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, 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 February 8, 2022**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Declare Vacancy on Arts Council**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Agreement Between City and Lady Dawgs Softball Organization for Use of City Owned Softball Fields**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Agreement Between City and Winslow Knuckles Baseball Organization for Use of City Owned Baseball Fields**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve General Airport Engineering Services Contract Between the City and C&S Engineers for Runway 11-29 Reconstruction Design**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, 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 February 22, 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