

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow Agriculture Commission held on February 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona. All members of the Commission attended telephonically.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Berry Larson
Commissioner Beall
Commissioner Richard Larson
Commissioner Mansfield
Commissioner Westwood
Commissioner Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Hester

STAFF

John Barkley, City Manager
Suzy Wetzel, City Clerk
Ashley Salyers, Recording Secretary
Councilmember Samantha Crisp

The meeting was called to order by the City Manager at 4:32 p.m. The City Manager thanked the members of the Agriculture Commission for serving and Councilmember Crisp for her involvement with forming the commission. After the City Manager stated that this meeting will serve as an organizational meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the invocation was given by the City Manager. Roll was called and Commissioner Hester was absent. Motion: Moved by Commissioner B. Larson, seconded by Commissioner Beall, to excuse Michael Hester from today's meeting. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Beall, B. Larson, R. Larson, Mansfield, Westwood and Wood voting yes.

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Election of Chairperson

After the City Manager called for nominations for Chairperson, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Commissioner R. Larson, seconded by Commissioner Beall, to nominate Berry Larson. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Beall, B. Larson, R. Larson, Mansfield, Westwood and Wood voting yes.

B. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Election of Vice Chairperson

After the City Manager called for nominations for Vice Chairperson, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Chairperson Larson, seconded by Commissioner Larson, to nominate Linda Mansfield. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Larson and Commissioners Beall, Larson, Mansfield, Westwood and Wood voting yes.

C. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Commission Purpose and Objectives

The City Manager referred to the resolution that was included in the packet and advised that the intention of this item is to have a general discussion regarding the purpose and objectives of the Agriculture Commission since it is a newly established commission.

Chairperson Larson stated that, although the Farmers Market was not listed in the resolution, she feels that it should be considered a purpose of the commission. Commissioner Larson stated that he would like to include each member of the commission providing input and discussing their goals for the commission at one of the next two meetings.

In response to a question from Chairperson Larson regarding the city being designated as a Tree City, the City Manager stated that the commission could discuss that possibility going forward. Chairperson Larson commented on the necessary qualifications to become designated as a Tree City.

Commissioner Westwood requested that information from the code regarding bee keeping and chickens be provided to members of the commission for review and possible revisions.

Commissioner Beall stated that she would like for the commission to consider offering canning classes as well as gardening classes. There was further discussion regarding offering a food preservation series and County Health Department requirements if food is involved.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Mansfield requested that information regarding budget and advertising be included on a future agenda.

Councilmember Crisp stated that a pumpkin patch has been requested on numerous occasions and she would like for the commission to consider it on a future agenda. Councilmember Crisp also would like for the commission to discuss utilizing the City Farm on a future agenda.

The City Manager suggested that commission members share why they signed up to be on the Agriculture Commission at the next meeting with discussion to also include a background from each member. Other items for discussion on a future agenda included goal planning, vision development and grant opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning, Councilmember Crisp stated that she fully supports the commission taking over the Farmers Market.

Motion: Moved by Chairperson Larson, seconded by Commissioner Mansfield, to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. and meet again on March 16th. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Larson and Commissioners Beall, Larson, Mansfield, Westwood and Wood voting yes.

Chairperson Berry Larson

ATTEST:

Ashley Salyers, Recording Secretary