

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on January 10, 2023 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, Vice Mayor Crisp, Councilmember Cake, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Nelson (via Zoom), Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Michelle Stinson City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Margaret Dyer Finance Director, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Ken Arend Police Chief, Brandee Leary Librarian, Jason Sanks Zoning Hearing Officer (via Zoom)

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Councilmember MacLean. Roll call was taken and Mayor Cano was absent. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, to excuse the absent member. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Nelson and Tafoya voting yes. Mayor Cano arrived at 6:45 p.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Anna Dewitt referred to the item on the agenda related to a text amendment to the City Code allowing roping arenas as a permitted conditional use in the Commercial District and spoke regarding the community support that her and her husband have received since bringing the matter before the Zoning Hearing Officer in December.

Theresa Pacheco referred to the agenda item regarding the Hashknife Pony Express Ride and provided background information related to the organization and their event. The City Attorney stated that this item is already on the agenda and clarification was provided that Call to the Public is for items that are not on the agenda but public comments could be allowed during discussion of the item.

Ann Schmidt referred to the sale of the 1200 acres of city-owned property to Atlas Development Group and requested that the city create a portal on their website to keep the public better informed of updates and developments related

to the project including when the item will be discussed at City Council meetings.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Vice Mayor Crisp announced the following events:

- Unveiling of the Winslow Rotary Club art car on January 25th in honor of their 100-year anniversary
- Doc Wright Wrestling Invitational scheduled for this weekend
- Alice's Guy Pageant and auction on February 4th

After announcing the LCMC Blood Drive at the Little Colorado Medical Center, Councilmember MacLean encouraged citizens to view the Calendar of Events on the city's website.

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

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

Judge Little provided his report covering the months of October – December 2022. The report included the number of cases filed in both the Justice Court and the Municipal Court for the following:

Civil & Criminal Traffic	Criminal Misdemeanor
Initial Appearances	Small Claims
Civil Lawsuits	Eviction Actions
Search Warrants	Protection/Harassment Orders

Judge Little then provided information regarding the total number of parents who attended juvenile appearances in 2022 and expressed his concern for the lack of a father/male figure being present in the lives of young people.

Members of the Council expressed their thanks to Judge Little for the time and effort that he takes to include statistical information in his reports. Councilmember McKee asked Judge Little to reach out to her to assist with parental involvement through public health.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include General Cemetery Planning

The City Manager reported that the cemetery expansion project will add an additional 2232 plots and includes a mausoleum, a ramada/shade structure and additional parking. The City Manager also responded to questions from the Council regarding the expansion project including if cremains will be allowed in the new mausoleum.

The City Manager also provided information regarding scheduled meetings with several legislators at the State Capitol on January 17th & 18th to request assistance to finalize the levee project.

In closing, the City Manager announced that a work session is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on January 24th to discuss an ordinance regarding the impact of fats, oils and greases on the city's wastewater system.

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 providing balance, expenditures and revenues for the month of November as shown in her written report, the Finance Director discussed City Sales Tax revenues in comparison to both the months of October 2022 and November 2021.

The Finance Director also provided an update regarding the Utility Assistance Program and stated that staff will be increasing outreach efforts to ensure a higher utilization of the program. Mayor Cano suggested several ways to provide public outreach.

C. Quarterly Report from Librarian Which May Include Information Regarding Statistical Information, Past Events and Announcements for Upcoming Events

After announcing the upcoming Friends of the Library meeting, the Librarian discussed events that were held during the last quarter, as well as those that are coming up in the near future. The Librarian also encouraged citizens to contact the library regarding community events so that they can be included on the website calendar.

The Librarian then provided information regarding two grants that were awarded to the library and discussed how the grants funds will be utilized.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Cano requested that Item A be pulled for discussion. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar minus Item A. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano, Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Nelson and Tafoya voting yes.

A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Check Register

After the City Manager responded to questions and comments regarding the amount being paid to Elias Jouen under a Professional Services Agreement related to the city's audit, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember McKee, to approve the check register. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano, Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Nelson and Tafoya voting yes.

- B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of December 13, 2022 & Regular Meeting of December 13, 2022**
- C. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Acceptance of Grant from the AZ Librarians Fostering Resilient Rural Communities**
- D. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Acceptance of Grant from the Arizona Library State Grants-in-Aid and Approve Construction Agreement**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1911 Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant from ADOT Aeronautics Group**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1390 Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property Located in the Winslow Airport Industrial Area to GWR, LLC**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request for Assistance for the 65th Annual Hashknife Pony Express Ride**

First Sergeant Pat Nichols provided background information regarding the Hashknife Pony Express organization and discussed their upcoming

ride from Holbrook to Scottsdale that will take place in February. Captain Mark Reynolds stated that the organization is a non-profit 50C31 corporation that depends on donations and they are requesting monetary assistance in the amount of \$2500 from the city for their annual ride.

After Mayor Cano stated that she will allow the public to speak under this item, Theresa Pacheco continued with comments that she initially made under Call to the Public. Ms. Pacheco provided information regarding the Sheriff's Posse membership and stated that the ride has not included Winslow since 2021. Ms. Pacheco referred to comments from members of the Sheriff's Posse regarding their statue project and expressed her concern with the requested amount of \$2500 from the city.

After Mayor Cano provided information regarding the Clear Creek Cowboys, a local organization that is similar to the Sheriff's Posse and actively involved in the community, there was discussion regarding the request from the Hashknife Pony Express including the amount of this request, as well as amounts that were previously contributed for this event. Mr. Reynolds responded to questions and comments from the Mayor and members of the Council and also provided specific information related to Winslow no longer being included in the Pony Express Ride.

Mayor Cano referred to the split of the two groups and it was the consensus of the Council that they would like to see an effort made to mend the relationship.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to provide assistance in the amount of \$1,000 (the same as last year), with the hope that there will be community involvement in Winslow. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano, Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Nelson and Tafoya voting yes. Prior to voting on the motion, Councilmember MacLean reiterated that it would be nice if the two groups could work together, and if that is not possible, that there at least be community involvement with the schools and the parade from both groups.

B. Presentation and Direction Regarding Possible Text Amendment to Chapter 17.40.040 – Commercial District – Permitted Conditional Uses, Adding Roping Arena as a Permitted Conditional Use

The Zoning Hearing Officer explained that The Corner Feed & Tack located at 821 Transcon Lane recently pulled an electrical permit for a

proposed roping arena next to their store, however the permit was denied due to the fact that roping arenas are not allowed in the Commercial District. The Zoning Hearing Officer stated that the owner filed an appeal of the determination that the arena is not allowed in the Agriculture “AR” District, which was heard on December 12, 2022. The Zoning Hearing Officer upheld the interpretation of the code wherein the appeal was denied.

The Zoning Hearing Officer stated that the decision was made to include this item on the agenda to further discuss and receive Council direction regarding a proposed text amendment to allow roping arenas in the Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts as a conditional use. After commenting on the benefits of requiring a Conditional Use Permit, the Zoning Hearing Officer discussed the process for amending the code which will add the definition of a rodeo/roping arena to Chapter 17.08.020.

Dillon and Anna DeWitt, owners of the property, responded to questions from Mayor Cano and members of the Council including possible dust control issues and the impact that an arena might have on surrounding businesses in the area. The City Manager also responded to a question from Vice Mayor Crisp regarding payment made by the Dewitt’s for the appeal.

It was the consensus of the Council that they would like to proceed with the text amendment and clarification was provided by the City Manager that this item does not require a motion.

C. Presentation and Direction Regarding Possible Text Amendment to Chapter 17.40.030 – Commercial District – Property Development Standards, and Chapter 17.40.040 – Permitted Conditional Uses, Allowing for Multiple Storage Containers Per Parcel as a Permitted Conditional Use

The Zoning Hearing Officer stated that this item is also on the agenda to generate discussion and receive direction regarding a possible text amendment to the code to allow up to four storage containers as a condition use in the Commercial Zoning District.

The Zoning Hearing Officer referred to the fact that the current code allows for one storage container on a commercially zoned parcel with certain conditions and stated that item 10 under Section 17.40.040 identifies that a Conditional Use Permit is required for a storage container that exceeds 20 feet but there is no provision to allow for more than one container on a lot at one time.

The Zoning Hearing Officer stated that the proposed amendment would allow up to four containers on the lot with a Conditional Use Permit. The Zoning Hearing Officer also clarified that the existing requirements in Section 17.40.030 (G) of the code related to placement, setbacks, painting, height or length would remain in place.

After the Zoning Hearing Officer read the language that would be added to Section 17.40.040 (10), clarification was provided that this amendment is being considered based on an inquiry from a local business. The City Manager also clarified that Conditional Use Permits are granted by the Zoning Hearing Officer.

The Zoning Hearing Officer responded to additional questions from members of the Council. Councilmember MacLean requested that language be included in the amendment requiring that the containers be placed at the rear of the property so they are not visible from the street.

In response to a question from Councilmember Crisp regarding businesses being located in shipping containers, the Zoning Hearing Officer stated that since that would involve a use other than storage, a building permit would be required which would most likely include a site plan review process.

There was a brief discussion regarding stacking containers on small lots and whether language should be included stating that no more than a certain percentage of a lot could consist of storage containers. The City Manager stated that would be addressed as part of the setback requirements noted in the Conditional Use Permit conditions.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano, Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Nelson and Tafoya 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 10, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

City Clerk