

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on April 11, 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, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember MacLean,  
Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Tafoya

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Nelson

**STAFF:**

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Ken Arend Police Chief, Trevor Eltsosie IT Specialist, Laurie LaShomb Farmers Market Manager

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Councilmember Tafoya. Roll call was taken and Councilmembers Cake and Nelson were absent. Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to excuse the absent members. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Michael Huff, NACOG Transportation Planner, spoke regarding NACOG's Regional Transportation Safety Plan survey that is currently being conducted across northern Arizona to help improve roadway safety. Mr. Huff stated that he is seeking public input regarding areas of concern on Winslow roadways and encouraged citizens to take their survey. Mayor Cano requested that staff reach out to Mr. Huff so that he can be included on a future agenda to give a more detailed presentation.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS**

**A. Current Events and Announcements**

Councilmember Crisp announced details of the Rotary/St. Mary's food distribution event scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Crisp also provided information regarding the Arts Festival that will take place at the Route 66 Plaza on April 29<sup>th</sup> and the Sorpotimist Prom Dress Giveaway scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember McKee announced that Navajo County is hosting a 5K Walk/Run on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the High School Track Field.

Councilmember Tafoya stated that Little League Opening Day will take place on April 14<sup>th</sup> and WHS Prom is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Cano announced that a Food Truck Friday event will take place on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to showcase the new lighting and dance floor at Route 66 Plaza. After commenting on the National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. that she and Councilmembers McKee and Nelson attended, Mayor Cano announced that Winslow will be hosting the Too Broke for Sturgis motorcycle event from July 26<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Future Agenda Items**

None.

**SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Week of April 15 – 22, 2023 as International Dark-Sky Week in the City of Winslow**

After Mayor Cano read the proclamation, it was presented to volunteers from the Winslow Homolovi Observatory. Kenn Evans thanked the Council for the proclamation and extended an invitation to the telescope viewing following the presentation from Lowell Observatory Chief Marketing and Revenue Officer Dr. Danielle Adams on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**B. Quarterly Report from Navajo County Supervisor Fern Benally**

After commenting on their board meeting held earlier in the day, Supervisor Benally provided information regarding survey numbers relating to the recent health assessment conducted by Navajo County with Winslow completing the most surveys. Supervisor Benally also announced that the County Manager will be retiring and discussed the process for recruiting a new manager.

Supervisor Benally referred to the recent elevation of the Little Colorado River water levels and stated that continuous monitoring of the levee was taking place during that time. Supervisor Benally discussed State funding for the levee project and thanked Mayor Cano and other legislative leaders for their efforts related to the proposed bill.

In closing, Supervisor Benally reported that the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Navajo County and county municipalities for the use of opioid settlement proceeds.

**C. Presentation from Navajo County Sheriff's Department Including Update on Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT) Division and Recap of 2022 Activities**

After commenting on the investment that the city has made to the Major Crimes Apprehension Team over the past several years, Sheriff Clouse introduced several members of his staff that were in attendance.

Chief Deputy Brian Swanty, who also serves as the Task Force Commander, provided a PowerPoint Presentation detailing 2022 annual statistics for drug/currency seizures and arrests. Chief Deputy Swanty discussed a comparison of drugs seized between 2021 and 2022, specifically the increase of fentanyl pills seizures from 622,046 in 2021 to 2,170,342 in 2022. Chief Deputy Swanty also commented on details of MCAT activity throughout Navajo County including an update regarding the Winslow Operation Clean Communities program.

After Chief Deputy Swanty responded to questions from the Council, Councilmember McKee thanked those who were in attendance and the team members who put themselves at risk to protect the community.

In response to a question from Mayor Cano, Chief Deputy Swanty stated that local residents can report tips by calling the County Dispatch Center or activity can also be reported on the website or the new Sheriff Department's app. Mayor Cano also thanked the team for supporting the Winslow community.

**D. Presentation from North Country Health Care Which May Include Health Benefits and an Overview of Services Provided**

Winslow Clinic Manager Marcello Vargas provided a PowerPoint Presentation detailing North Country Health Care services and programs provided at their 14 locations across Northern Arizona. Mr. Vargas stated that they are currently focusing on getting the word out that Winslow providers include a pediatrician and a dental provider that offers a full range of dental care. Mr. Vargas also stated that North Country offers a sliding fee scale for those who do not have insurance or if insurance does not pay for a service.

After Mr. Vargas provided a brief update on construction of the new clinic facility, Health Benefits Advocate Veronica James, introduced

herself in her Native language as is customary in their culture. Ms. James discussed outreach and enrollment programs, including AHCCCS benefits, provided by North Country, which is a federally qualified health care center.

In response to a question from Mayor Cano regarding urgent care services, Mr. Vargas stated that same day appointments are available but transfer of care is required in most instances. Mayor Cano also suggested that North Country consider setting up a booth at the Farmers Market to disseminate their information.

**E. Presentation from Winslow High School Honor Society Regarding Their Proposed City Volleyball Court Project**

Michelle Jones, Science teacher and Honor Society sponsor at the High School, introduced the students that were in attendance to discuss their project. Ms. Jones explained that the Honor Society is required to do a community project in order for them to be nationally recognized.

The students presented detailed information regarding their proposed project for city volleyball courts in the empty area east of the indoor pool. The presentation included cost information totaling \$8,880 for sand, net and poles, picnic tables and grills and maintenance/upkeep. Ms. Jones stated that since the students would like for the project to be mostly funded by the Honor Society, fundraising efforts have begun to raise money for the project. The students will also be involved with maintenance and upkeep of the courts.

There was a brief discussion regarding future plans for the proposed location. The City Manager and Public Works Director also responded to a question from Councilmember MacLean regarding lighting for the area since the volleyball court will be used during the evening hours.

After members of the Council commended the students for their innovation regarding both and their presentation and the project, the City Attorney clarified that no action is necessary since this is a presentation, however staff can move forward with the necessary steps to proceed with the project.

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

Judge Little provided his report covering the months of January – March 2023. 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 responded to a question from Councilmember Crisp regarding information provided during his last report related to the lack of parental involvement related to juvenile appearances. Judge Little also reminded citizens to keep their animals in a secure location since the weather is warmer and people are beginning to engage in outdoor activities.

**G. 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, referred to her report that was included in the packet and highlighted information from the report including upcoming events and 2022 visitation statistics.

After reporting that the museum recently received a grant from the Arizona Historical Records Advisory Board to assist with the negatives digitization project, Ms. Lutzick stated that the museum is still in need of volunteers to host visitors and work on collections. At the request of Mayor Cano, Ms. Lutzick provided days and hours that the museum is open to the public.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Information Regarding No Mow May, Special Event Application Process and Update Regarding Downtown Restrooms**

After the City Manager discussed details related to the new special event application process that includes review by a board made up of city staff members, the Public Works Director provided information regarding No Mow May which helps preserve and protect pollinators during the crucial spring period. Councilmember Crisp commented on the benefits of the program.

The City Manager referred to the two portable toilets that were placed in the parking lot on Kinsley and First Street for public use and discussed future plans for permanent restroom facilities at the same location. The City Manager also explained that additional parking along First Street are included in the capital budget.

The City Manager then commented on the following items:

- Route 66 Plaza upgrades including completion of the event lighting project and construction of a dance floor
- Public Input Session for the capital budget on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Budget Work Session at 5:00 p.m.
- Work Session on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to discuss parklets
- Arizona State Transportation monthly board meeting in Winslow on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Visitor's Center

Mayor Cano requested that an update regarding on-going community development projects be included in the next City Manager's report.

**B. Introduction of Farmers Market Manager and Update on Upcoming Farmers Market Season**

Farmers Market Manager Laurie LaShomb provided information regarding the farmers market including the new Eagle Pavilion location. After stating that there are already 20 vendors who have applied for the grand opening on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ms. LaShomb discussed her efforts regarding marketing strategies, a business plan development that includes implementation of fees, and market sponsorships.

After reporting that she is exploring ways to partner with St. Mary's Food Bank to provide cooking presentations, Ms. LaShomb stated that a storage container was recently donated and will be placed at the Visitor Center to highlight the farmers market.

Councilmember Crisp thanked the Farmers Market Manager for taking the idea that she had several years ago to bring the farmers market to fruition and expand its operation.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Check Register**
- B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes of the City Council Work Session of March 14, 2023, Regular Meeting of March 14, 2023 and Executive Session of March 14, 2023**

**C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Agreement Between the City and Winslow Little League, Inc. for their 2023 Season**

After providing information regarding the Little League's upcoming season, including that 510 kids have signed up to play, Jimmy Curnutte responded to a question from Councilmember Crisp regarding minor modifications made to the agreement to include all playing fields.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to approve Item C, discussion and/or action to approve agreement between the city and Winslow Little League for their 2023 season. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

**D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1913 Authorizing the Renewal of the City of Winslow's Membership in the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust**

**E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1394 Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Property Located in the 500 Block of West Second Street for Public Use; Authorizing Staff to Acquire Title on Behalf of the City and Take all Actions Necessary to Complete the Transaction**

After the City Attorney provided confirmation that the correct ordinance number is 1394, the City Manager provided background information regarding this item. Councilmember Crisp also commented briefly on the fact that it is nice to know that the property owner trusted the city and reached out regarding the sale of the vacant lot.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Mayor Cano, to approve Ordinance No. 1394 authorizing the acquisition of certain real property located in the 500 block of West Second Street for public use and authorize staff to acquire title on behalf of the city and take all actions necessary to complete the transaction. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

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Mayor

Attest:

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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 April 11, 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.

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City Clerk