

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on August 8, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. in the main hall of the Winslow Visitor's Center, 523 West Second Street, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Crisp, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember McKee (via Zoom), Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Cano, 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, Sandra Knight Recreation Manager, Trevor Eltsosie IT Specialist

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Tafoya encouraged citizens to watch out for both kids and parents who are dropping off students now that school is back in session.

Councilmember McKee announced details of the Tai Chi class and the Cook Book Club that will begin on August 14th at the Girl Scout House.

Vice Mayor Crisp discussed events that will take place at the upcoming farmers market in conjunction with National Farmers Market Week. Vice Mayor Crisp also announced information related to the Garden Expo scheduled for September 9th.

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**A. Proclamation – Proclaiming August 7 – 13, 2023 as National Farmers Market Week**

Vice Mayor Crisp read the proclamation and stated that it will be passed on to the Farmers Market Manager.

B. Presentation from Leatherback Boxing Club

Sean Gravier, owner of Bulldog Fitness Center and Executive Director of Leatherback Boxing, which is a part of the fitness center, read their mission statement and provided a PowerPoint presentation that included the following information:

Bulldog Fitness Center Programs

- Bulldog Fitness Strength Gym
 - Personal training & nutrition
 - Wellness coaching
 - 24-hour access
- Winslow Barbells USAPL Powerlifting Club
 - 8 years old & up
 - Drug tested powerlifting organization
- High Desert Dance Academy
 - Long standing organization
 - College scholarships awarded for dance
- Leatherback Boxing (501c3 Organization)
 - USA Boxing Charter (Olympic boxing)
 - Ready to Fight for Parkinson's (video shown)

After commenting on the benefits these programs being offered in Winslow, Mr. Gravier discussed the following program goals:

- Subsidize facility through philanthropy, grants & partnerships
- Offer programs free of charge to underserved in the community & surrounding areas

- Allow students to succeed in all areas of athletics, social skills & mental health; teach morals & values

In closing, Mr. Gravier stated that there is a huge financial need tied to the boxing club and explained that he is looking for partnership support from the city which he feels will excel the boxing program.

Vice Mayor Crisp applauded Mr. Gravier for providing much needed activities for the youth. Mr. Gravier also responded to a question from Councilmember MacLean regarding participants that have signed up for the boxing program. Councilmember MacLean stated that he would like to come together with Mr. Gravier in the future to determine how the city can assist with the success of the program.

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

Bob Hall, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, provided his report for the period April – June 2023 that included the number of visitors (local, in-state, out of state and foreign) for the period, the number of travel and relocation packs distributed, the number of brochures printed and distributed, website hits totaling 21,413 and tourism related emails received.

After noting that the room at the Visitor’s Center was utilized a total of 48 times between April and June, Mr. Hall discussed income and expenses for the reporting period.

Mr. Hall discussed the Business Expo/Job Fair that was held in April and thanked Councilmember McKee for volunteering to be the auctioneer at the Taste of Winslow in June which raised \$16,000 that goes back to the Winslow community. Mr. Hall provided a brief update regarding the Box Car Museum Project and extended an invitation to the Historic Arizona Route 66 Association’s annual meeting that will be held in Winslow on August 24th.

In conclusion, Mr. Hall announced that the theme for this year’s Christmas Parade is “An Indigenous Christmas” and encouraged citizens to shop and utilize local businesses. Mr. Hall also responded to questions and comments from the Council.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Legislative Update

The City Manager provided an update regarding the State legislative session that adjourned at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, July 31st marking the longest session in history at 204 days. The City Manager noted that there is a 90-day waiting period for any new laws that were passed during the session and stated that the City of Winslow is fortunate that the State budget included a one-time funding allocation of \$20 million for reconstruction of the Little Colorado River levee. The City Manager also discussed anticipated topics for the upcoming legislative session.

After stating that the August 22nd City Council meeting has been cancelled, the City Manager announced details of an event scheduled for August 27th to recognize television actress Erika Alexander who was born in Winslow and will be visiting Winslow.

In response to a question from Councilmember MacLean, the City Manager stated that the General Plan Update will be provided by the Zoning Hearing Officer at the September 12th meeting.

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

The Recreation Manager reported that it has been a busy but successful summer and highlighted upcoming events from her written report including the DJ Night Swim on August 11th and the SlamU Wrestling event on August 19th. The Recreation Manager also provided a recap of events that occurred during June and July and announced that the outdoor pool hours have changed due to school being back in session.

The Recreation Manager thanked the Mayor & City Council and the City Manager for their budgetary support of the recreation department that enables free events for the public.

Councilmember MacLean stated that he is pleased that youth and family centered activities have been added to the list of events over the last couple of years. Councilmember Tafoya referred to the various summer activities and stated that they kept him and his family busy.

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

The Police Chief referred to his written report that was included in the packet and discussed Part 1 crime statistics that reflect an increase for the 2023 year. Specific increases were in aggravated assault and theft cases.

The Police Chief distributed a post event report related to the Too Broke for Sturgis motorcycle rally that took place in Winslow on July 27th – July 30th and stated that there were no major problems related to the event. Complaints included a call regarding noise from the bands playing at the event and the misconception that DPS was operating a checkpoint in the area. After Councilmember MacLean thanked the Police Chief for being proactive for the rally activities, the Police Chief provided a brief report regarding DUI Taskforce operations that also took place during the event.

The Police Chief responded to questions and comments from Councilmember MacLean and Vice Mayor Crisp regarding staffing issues and incidents relating to police misconduct that are occurring nationwide. The Police Chief also responded to questions from Vice Mayor Crisp regarding the Code Compliance department. The City Manager clarified that complaints for Code Compliance can be submitted on the city's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Vice Mayor Crisp, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers 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 Regular Meeting of July 25, 2023 and the City Council Executive Session of July 25, 2023**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for Purchase of New JLG Skytrak Telehandler for the Public Works Department**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between Navajo County Sheriff's Office and the City of Winslow Regarding Byrne's Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2024**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers MacLean, McKee 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 August 8, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *12th* day of *September*, 2023.

Suzy Wetzel

City Clerk