

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on October 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, Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember MacLean

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Jason Sanks Zoning Hearing Officer, Laurie LaShomb Farmers Market Manager (via Zoom), Trevor Eltsosie IT Specialist

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Alice Kenkman spoke regarding the need to implement the trap and release program and stated that the city needs to step up and do something regarding the cat problem.

At the conclusion of Call to the Public, Mayor Cano directed staff to reach out to Ms. Kenkman to discuss her issues.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember McKee announced details regarding the following events:

- Little Colorado Medical Center Cancer Walk on October 21st
- Winslow Indian Health Care Center Walk/Run Event and Trunk or Treat on October 24th

- Spooky Night Farmers Market on October 13th
- Blood Drive on October 17th at the Elks Lodge

Councilmember Crisp provided information regarding the following events:

- Winslow Indian Health Care Center car seat distribution in the Dilkon Bashas' parking lot on October 25th
- Ink Fest event on October 13th – 15th
- Free movie night at the theater on October 11th

Councilmember Cake thanked the Car Club for the awesome Car Show held last weekend.

Councilmember Tafoya announced that the Knights of Columbus are having a public rosary at the Route 66 Plaza on October 14th and the high school will be collecting canned food beginning October 16th through the end of October.

Mayor Cano extended her appreciation to city staff, including the Public Works Department, for their work in conjunction with the Car Show and announced that a Coffee with the Council event is scheduled at Philly's Field in Southside on November 4th.

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember McKee stated that she has been contacted by several residents regarding speeding on Second & Third Street between Alfred & Gorman Avenue and requested that traffic control in the area be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Councilmember Crisp requested that discussion regarding the city becoming a tree city be placed on a future agenda.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation – Proclaiming October 8 – 14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week

After Councilmember Tafoya read the proclamation, it was presented to Fire Chief Michael Duran. After recognizing Shirley Light from State Farm for her monetary donation, the Fire Chief discussed events that will take place during Fire Prevention Week. The Fire Chief also commented on staff's efforts to bring awareness to fire prevention.

B. 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, highlighted information from her report, a copy of which was provided to the Council, including information related to publications, public programs and outreach. Ms. Lutzick also discussed the museum's oral history collection and thanked the city for their continued financial support by way of their fiscal year 2023-2024 subsidy payment.

Councilmember Tafoya referred to Ms. Lutzick's last report and stated that he has reached out to a few individuals who are looking for historic pictures of the Root Beer Stand. Mayor Cano reminded citizens that volunteers are always needed at the museum and thanked Ms. Lutzick for her efforts to keep the history of Winslow alive.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Capital Improvement Projects Update

The City Manager referred to the work session regarding the General Plan and stated that the goal is to move into the strategic plan upon completion and adoption of the General Plan which should take place in January. The City Manager also provided information regarding construction of the new library and encouraged citizens to take the capital project survey that is available on the city's website and Facebook page.

The City Manager discussed several other projects on the schedule for the current year that are being paid for by the 1% capital tax monies including a new roof on the Hubbell Building and LED lighting upgrades at Henderson Park and Haydon Walton Complex. The following upcoming capital tax projects should be complete prior to the end of the fiscal year:

- Vargas Field ramadas
- Cemetery expansion
- Route 66 stage cover
- Haydon Walton pickle ball courts & basketball court renovation
- First Street parking & downtown restrooms
- Lee Medical renovation
- Outdoor Pool plaster and decking
- Mike's Pike median landscaping
- Airport Restaurant renovation

In conclusion, the City Manager thanked the community for continuing to support the 1% capital tax that allows the city to provide new amenities while also maintaining our current facilities.

B. Quarterly Report from Farmers Market Manager Which May Include Weekly Statistics and Upcoming Schedule

After thanking the city for their support, the Farmers Market Manager provided information regarding the farmers market including vendor information and the schedule for the remainder of the season. The Farmers Market Manager discussed the increased interest and participation in the farmers market and commented on the fact that the market has been a business start-up for some vendors.

The Farmers Market Manager also announced that during the off season, there will be an indoor bazaar held on the second Saturday of each month inside the Chamber.

Councilmember McKee commended the Farmers Market Manager for the great job she is doing and commented on the volunteers that assist with set-up every week. Mayor Cano thanked the Farmers Market Manager for her dedication.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, McKee, Nelson 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 September 26, 2023**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and/or Direction Regarding Sanitation Operating Fund and Transfer Station Fees**

The City Manager referred to the Sanitation Fund Operational Budget and displayed a spread sheet containing information from the budget on the screen. The City Manager stated that the fund, as a whole, had a minus \$215,000 balance at the end of fiscal year 2023. The City Manager further stated that continuing on the same path shows that the fund will have a negative balance of \$5,500 at the end of this fiscal

year. The City Manager advised that the deficit in an Enterprise Fund has to be picked up by the General Fund.

The City Manager provided a breakdown of both residential solid waste & recycling costs and transfer station operation costs which showed that the transfer station is not generating enough revenues to operate itself. After detailing the cost of pick-up and tonnage fees versus the revenues generated from transfer station voucher sales, the City Manager discussed options to increase revenues, one of which would be to charge a per ton rate. The City Manager also cautioned the Council that raising solid waste fees would result in citizens subsidizing operation of the transfer station.

The City Manager provided information regarding the current voucher program where city residents receive six free vouchers per year and discussed options related to the program. In response to a question from Councilmember Tafoya, the City Manager stated that he is unsure how much of a difference there would be in tonnage once the burn pit is operational. The Public Works Director provided additional information regarding the burn pit and disposal of green waste. The City Manager and the Public Works Director also responded to additional questions from the Council.

There was discussion regarding options to increase revenues including charging city residents for vouchers instead of issuing them for free and charging non-residents a per ton rate. Councilmember McKee expressed concern regarding wildcat dumping once changes are made to use the transfer station and there was further discussion regarding misuse of vouchers by non-residents.

The City Manager stated that based on the discussion, staff will begin brainstorming and bring back a recommendation to the Council regarding a new voucher system to increase revenues in the Sanitation Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Tafoya, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, 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 October 10, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 24th day of *October*, 2023.

Suzy Wetzel

City Clerk