

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WINKELMAN TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
206 GIFFIN AVENUE
WINKELMAN, ARIZONA 85192**

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Bracamonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Salute the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Louis C. Bracamonte
Vice-Mayor Anita Hinojos
Council Member Ernestina C. Loroña
Council Member Joe Marin

Absent:

Council Member Marcos Oropeza

Staff:

Town Attorney J. Dee Flake
Town Clerk Sylvia Kerlock
Deputy Town Clerk Gloria Ruiz

Guests:

Gila County Supervisor Woody Cline
Gila County Secretary Cathy Melvin
Gila County Homero Vela

4. Approval of Minutes

a) Regular Council Meeting, Monday, March 09, 2020

Council Member Marin made the motion to approve the minutes as recorded. Vice-Mayor Hinojos seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Loroña	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

b) **No Council Meeting was held on Monday, April 09, 2020, due to the COVID-19 virus.**

5. Communications & Petitions

a) Gila County Strategic Broadband Plan Presentation

Gila County representative Mr. Homero Vela and Ms. Cathy Melvin appeared before the Town Council with a "Power Point" presentation on Gila County Broadband Plan. Mr. Vega reported that at this time we do not know what is needed for Gila County and this is the reason a plan is required of all participants of the county. Broadband will become an essential utility infrastructure just like water, sewer, and electricity. Communities need to prepare for this new wave of change to a digital infrastructure that enables remote work in rural counties. Once the infrastructure is paid off and the Broadband is in operation the anticipated subscriber cost in Gila County will be about \$29.99 per month.

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Mr. Vela also reported that Governor Ducey announced an additional \$10 million in Rural Broadband Development Grants. Gila County applies for these grants and will work with Winkelman and other Cities and Towns to develop community engagement plans. There is no financial risk for the participating communities. At this time, they would like to invite Winkelman to join Gila County in helping develop the best broadband plan.

Mayor Bracamonte thanked Gila County representatives for this presentation and wished them success.

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to authorize the Town of Winkelman to join Gila County in their Broadband Plan. Council Member Loroña seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Loroña	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

6. Gila County Summer Workers Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

Ms. Cathy Melvin reported that several communities did not want to participate in this year's summer youth program because of COVID-19. There will be more funding available for those communities and additional youths could be hired in participating communities. Mayor Bracamonte stated that he would like for Winkelman to hire at least four (4) summer workers.

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to enter into this Summer Youth Workers Agreement with Gila County. Council Member Marin seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Loroña	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

7. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between Gila County and Town of Winkelman

Clerk Kerlock explained that this IGA is to authorize Gila County to provide Winkelman the necessary building inspections to verify code compliance.

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to accept into this IGA with Gila County. Council Member Loroña seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Loroña	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

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8. Resolution No. 169-2020, Designating a Chief Fiscal Official for submitting Expenditure Limitation Report FY2020-2021

Clerk Kerlock explained that this seems like a lot of authority for one person. Teresa Williams, Bookkeeper, prepares the report, I Town Clerk signs the report and will be responsible that it is received by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney Flake read the resolution as presented. Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to adopt this resolution as drafted, authorizing the Town Clerk as Chief Fiscal Official. Council Member Lorona seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Loroña	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

9. Resolution No. 170-2020, Adopting a Fair Housing Policy

Attorney Flake read the resolution. Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to adopt this resolution as drafted. Council Member Marin seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Loroña	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

10. Legal

a) RICK Engineering Company Street Improvement Engineering Services Contract CDBG #131-20

Attorney Flake stated that the contract was in order. Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to approve this CDBG Contract with RICK Engineering for this project. Council Member Lorona seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Loroña	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

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- b) Gila County Parcel #101-12-111 - Two Lots, adjacent to the Town Yard, Town Council may consider purchasing this property.

Council discussion followed with questions asked of Supervisor Cline. Gila County estimated the property value at \$4,384.00. Mayor Bracamonte recommended asking County Officials if they would consider leasing this property to the Town. The Town did not budget in FY 2019-2020 for this expense.

Council Member Lorona made the motion to request from Gila County to authorize leasing this parcel of property to the Town. Vice-Mayor Hinojos seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Loroña	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

- c) Dalia Costello requests releasing the lien on property owned by her deceased Father (Joe Aranda) at 101 Giffin Avenue, Winkelman, AZ.

Clerk Kerlock explained that a balance in the amount of \$1,244.00 was left unpaid since 2005. Family of Mr. Aranda moved away leaving this balance. The property is in Mr. Aranda's name, and he left no Will. Ms. Costello hired an attorney to help her with the process of filing a Probate on this property, as she is the only surviving heir. Ms. Costello was advised by her attorney that in order to proceed with this case, there cannot be a lien on the property. Ms. Costello stated that she should not be responsible for this delinquent balance. She was living in California and had no knowledge of this account. Ms. Costello would like to open a business at this location.

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion that Town Council may consider releasing the lien; however, a business plan for this property should be submitted by Ms. Costello. Council Member Marin seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Loroña	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

11. Departmental Reports

> **Mayor Bracamonte recommended for staff to submit reports in writing and not attend this meeting, because of the COVID-19 virus restrictions.**

- a) Administration Report - There was no report for this department.
- b) Fire Department Report – There was no report for this department.

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- c) Police Department Report – The Police monthly activity report was included in the Council’s packet. Mayor Bracamonte reported that he is keeping in contact with the Interim Hayden Police Chief Virgil Dodd, who was appointed by the Gila County Sheriff’s Office. Hayden Police Department currently has only four officers.
- d) Municipal Court Report – Clerk Ruiz submitted her monthly reports for Town Council. There were no citations issued in the months of March or April 2020.
- e) Animal Control Report – Reports for March and April were submitted. Council Members reviewed the reports and no comments were made.
- f) Parks & Recreation Department
> Discuss whether the Winkelman Flats Public Park should be opened Memorial Day weekend and the rest of the summer months (June thru September)
Council Members discussed this matter and took into consideration the COVID-19 virus restrictions of group contacts. The Park covers several acres of land where family groups can keep a distance in their camping area. We have Camp Hosts/Rangers who will charge a camping fee and enforce Park policies as needed.
- Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to authorize the Winkelman Flats Public Park to be open during the Memorial Holiday weekend and monitor the public usage and results every week. Council Member Marin seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.
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| ROLL CALL: | Mayor Bracamonte | Yes |
| | Vice-Mayor Hinojos | Yes |
| | Council Member Loroña | Yes |
| | Council Member Marin | Yes |
- g) Sanitation Division – There was no report for this department.
- h) Street Division – There was no report for this department.
- i) Wastewater Treatment Plant – There was no report for this department.
12. Call to Public
There were no public comments addressed.

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13. Claim No. 010 April Invoices and Claim No. 011 May Invoices

Clerk Kerlock explained since no council meeting was held in April, Mayor Bracamonte approved payment of these monthly invoices.

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to approved payment of both claims April and May 2020 as presented. Council Member Lorona seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.


ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Loroña	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

14. Adjournment

With no other business at hand Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:30 p.m. Council Member Marion seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

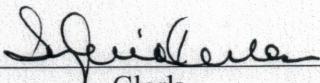
ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Loroña	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

MINUTES RECORDED BY: _____


Sylvia Kerlock, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a correct copy of the Minutes of the **Regular Council Meeting** of the Town of Winkelman, Arizona held on **Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.


Clerk

May 20, 2020
Date