

**WINKELMAN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022, 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
206 GIFFIN AVENUE**

**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 Joe Marin  
Council Member Emilia Rutledge  
Council Member Angela Skillings  
  
Staff: Deputy Town Clerk Gloria Ruiz  
Fire Chief Dennis Weber  
Animal Control Officer Rafael Flores  
Hayden Police Officer Brandon Gomez  
  
Absent: Attorney J. Dee Flake  
Town Clerk Sylvia Kerlock  
  
Audience: Kari Kane  
Fred Ruiz
4. Approval of Minutes  
a) *Regular Council Meeting, Monday, January 10, 2022*  
Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to approve the minutes as recorded.  
Council Member Marin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.  
Mayor Bracamonte: Yes  
Vice-Mayor Hinojos: Yes  
Council Member Marin: Yes  
Council Member Rutledge: Yes  
Council Member Skillings: Yes
5. Communications and Petitions  
a) *Provide information on the newly hired temporary Administrative Aide*  
Deputy Town Clerk Ruiz reported that Kayla Womack was hired as the administrative aide and is doing a great job. She is eager to learn and is very helpful.

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6. Resolution No. 179-2022, Call of Election (English and Spanish)

Deputy Town Clerk Ruiz read Resolution No. 179-2022, Call of Elections. The Call of Election has to occur at least one hundred fifty days prior to the Primary Election, which will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. There are three Council seats that will be on the ballot. Interested Winkelman residents who wish to run for Council can pick up packets at the Winkelman Town Hall, beginning February 15, 2022. Council Member Rutledge made the motion to approve Resolution No. 179-2022, Call of Elections. Vice-Mayor Hinojos seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Marin:	Yes
Council Member Rutledge:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes

7. Old Business

a) *Discuss planning Easter Holiday Weekend Camping*

Mayor Bracamonte discussed the possibility of opening the Winkelman Flats Public Park for the Easter weekend. This year, Easter will be April 17, 2022. The Gila River is running, and campers will be outside. *Los Picos* band has already called to make reservations for the large ramada. The costs to the Town would be Hayden Police Department, renting port 'o johns, workers, clean-up, decals and garbage bags. If the Council does not vote to open the Park for Easter weekend, then perhaps Winkelman can do something for the kids the weekend before Easter. Much Council discussion occurred. Council Member Rutledge made the motion to open the Winkelman Flats Public Park for Easter weekend. Council Member Marin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Marin:	Yes
Council Member Rutledge:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes

8. Legal

There was nothing for discussion. Town Attorney Flake had a tire blowout on his way to the Town Council Meeting and was unable to attend. He called and said he was fine.

9. Departmental Reports

a) *Administration Report*

- Please review the audit report for fiscal year 2020-2021. The auditors will be attending the March 10, 2022 Town Council Meeting.
- Town Council Members reviewed the Christmas Budget Report.

b) *Police Department Report* – Hayden Officer Gomez said Chief Marquez was not feeling well and asked him to attend the meeting. Officer Gomez passed out the January 2022 report for the Towns of Hayden and Winkelman. Council Members reviewed the information.

c) *Fire Department Report*

- Cobre Valley Ambulance (formerly Kearny Ambulance) asked the Winkelman Fire Department to handle lift and basic medical assists for our area. The donated SUV may

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be set up to be used for these calls. It is smaller and can be maneuvered better on residents' properties; however, tires are needed for this vehicle.

- The chassis has been ordered for the new wildland fire truck. Winkelman may be receiving it in May 2022.
- *Council Member Rutledge would like to donate to the Fire Department's Career Day, scheduled for March 5, 2022.* This event is being hosted by Winkelman and Kearny Fire Departments. Hayden Fire Department has been invited, but no response has been received. Regarding donations, perhaps Winkelman can print brochures. Council Member Rutledge has made small gift bags for the event. Chief Weber is unsure of what donations are needed. They will be meeting again. Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to authorize Mayor Bracamonte to donate to the Career Day event. Council Member Marin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte: Yes

Vice-Mayor Hinojos: Yes

Council Member Marin: Yes

Council Member Rutledge: Yes

Council Member Skillings: Yes

- Council Member Skillings asked if thirteen-year old students, who are in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, can attend Career Day? Chief Weber said they can attend as long as they have parental approval.
- d) *Municipal Report* – There were four (4) citations for the month of February 2022 from the Hayden Police Department. On February 7, 2022, court was in session. There were five dog owners who appeared. Court will be held again on March 1, 2022.
- e) *Animal Control Report*
- Winkelman Animal Control Officer Flores was in attendance and reported impounding one dog and issuing two citations.
  - There will be a rabies vaccination clinic on Monday, March 14, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Winkelman Fire Station. This is open to all pet owners in the area, not just Winkelman and Hayden. The Towns of Winkelman and Hayden will be alternating in hosting these clinics. Winkelman will host in even years, and Hayden will host in odd years. Officer Flores asked Chief Weber if they can please open the bay doors and clean the station. Officer Flores asked Council Member Rutledge to post the information on social media. Council Members Rutledge and Skillings will volunteer.
  - Dog licenses are \$10.00 and can be purchased during the clinic.
  - Council Member Rutledge said there were two healer ranch dogs rummaging through her garbage. One was very skinny. Officer Flores said he will look into this.
- f) *Parks & Recreation Report*
- *Review and Authorize revised RV Park Policies* – Council Members reviewed the information. Council Member Skillings said there were a few grammatical errors. Council Member Marin made the motion to accept the Revised RV Park Policies. Council Member Skillings seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte: Yes

Vice-Mayor Hinojos: Yes

Council Member Marin: Yes

Council Member Rutledge: Yes

Council Member Skillings: Yes

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- Council Member Marin reported that the Winkelman Flats Public Park is looking nice; however, someone stole one of the small bar-b-que grills. Brenda Garcia is the current Camp Host, and she is repairing a trailer. Council Member Rutledge asked if placing extra garbage cans would help with litter. Staff will look into this.
- *Discuss possible Easter Community Event* – Council Member Rutledge would be willing to spearhead this on April 9, 2022, the weekend before Easter. We could have a cornhole tournament, face painting, decorating eggs and an Easter egg hunt. Volunteers will be needed. Council Member Rutledge will make a presentation at the next meeting. Council Member Skillings made the motion to table this agenda item for the March 14, 2022 Council Meeting. Vice-Mayor Hinojos seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Marin:	Yes
Council Member Rutledge:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes

g) *Sanitation Division*

- *Update on Collection Letters* – Clerk Ruiz indicated that nineteen letters had been sent to delinquent sewer and garbage users. Fifteen people paid and/or made payment arrangements. Staff placed liens on three properties. One person will be sent to small claims court.

h) *Street Division*

- *WEX Credit Card Gasoline Report* – Council Members reviewed report. Council Member Skillings asked if there was an extra fee. Clerk Ruiz said WEX charges an administrative fee. That page was not included in the report.
- Council Member Marin said there were various vehicles parked throughout Town that pose a hazard.

i) *Wastewater Treatment Plant* – Pumps have been replaced. Everything else is going well at the plant.

10. Call to the Public

- Council Member Rutledge said *Renacer* is a new church in Winkelman, located at 508 Thorne Avenue. She said they meet every other week and invited everyone to attend and support them. She said Pastor Joaquin Vargas wants to help Winkelman and the surrounding areas. The next service will be on February 27, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
- Kari Kane, from Arizona Youth Partnership, addressed the Town Council. She said her organization received a grant from Arizona State University and the Federal Government which focuses on the elderly in rural communities. Ms. Kane gave the Council Members resource bags filled with a lock box for meds, first aid kit, medication tracker (listing user's medications), blood pressure monitor, hand sanitizer, pens and covid test kits. She is dispersing them when the Hayden Senior delivers meals to the elderly. Mayor Bracamonte thanked Ms. Kane for her information and resources.

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11. Claim No. 008, February Bills

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to pay 008, February Bills. Council Member Rutledge seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

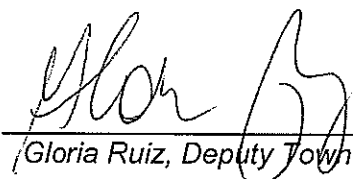
Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Marin:	Yes
Council Member Rutledge:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes

12. Adjournment

With no other business at hand, Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:47 p.m. Council Member Marin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

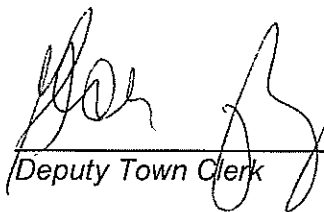
Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Marin:	Yes
Council Member Rutledge:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

  
Gloria Ruiz, Deputy 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, February 14, 2022. I further certify that this meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

  
Deputy Town Clerk

February 18, 2022  
Date