

**WINKELMAN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
206 GIFFIN AVENUE**

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Bracamonte called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Salute the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Louis C. Bracamonte
Vice-Mayor Anita Hinojos
Council Member Emilia Rutledge
Council Member Angela Skillings

Staff: Town Clerk Sylvia Kerlock
Deputy Town Clerk Gloria Ruiz
Attorney J. Dee Flake
Animal Control Officer Rafael Flores

Absent: Council Member Nicholas Pacheco

Audience: Freddie Rios, Arizona Water Company
Jason Linden, Arizona Water Company
David Carbajal, Arizona Water Company

4. Approval of Minutes

a) *Special Council Meeting, Monday, July 25, 2022*

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

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

5. Communications and Petitions

a) *Mr. Freddy Rios, Division Manager, AZ Water will introduce their new management staff from their Falcon Valley Division.*

- Mr. Rios explained that Falcon Valley Division is formerly San Manuel Division. AZ Water Company was established in 1955. The Saddlebrooke area now has a larger population than Oracle, San Manuel and Winkelman combined. Mr. Rios introduced the new management staff. David Carbajal is the Operations Superintendent. He is from Mammoth and has been with AZ Water Company for six years. Jason Linden is the Operations Foreman. He is from Bisbee and has been with the company for five years.
- Council asked if there was enough water for new developments, due to the drought. AZ Water Company created a department called Department of Water Resources. There

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are shortages from the Colorado River. They are doing the best they can by monitoring levels twice a year. Rural areas are not affected because they use ground water. Mr. Rios said Winkelman is blessed because there is no significant drop in water levels. They are able to reach water at twenty-six feet in Winkelman, whereas, other places water is reached at hundreds of feet.

- For the last five or six years, they have been upgrading the system. Almost every single valve, except for three, have been replaced. This should help eliminate 'brown water' in Winkelman. If residents have complaints, they should call their office.
- Mr. Rios asked if the fire department has trouble with the locks on the fire hydrants. They use locks to prevent water theft.
- Clerk Kerlock asked how the Town of Kearny is doing. Mr. Rios said he was not familiar with their system. He knows they received USDA Funds to update their facility.
- Mayor Bracamonte asked why St. Joseph's Catholic Church has low water pressure. Mr. Rios explained that the water comes down from the water tank in Winkelman to the master meter along Highway 177. Then it is pushed up to the church. When it leaves the meter along the highway, it then goes through Hayden's facilities.
- Mayor Bracamonte thanked Mr. Rios for his presentation.

6. Old Business

a) *Review and discuss draft Ordinance No. 147-2022 in reference to person(s) who inhabit vacant properties*

Mr. Flake read the Ordinance as presented. The Town needs an ordinance to deter squatters from inhabiting vacant properties. This Ordinance will be presented for approval at the September 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

b) *Mayor Bracamonte will appoint each Council Member as a "Board Contact" to Town Departments and discuss the responsibilities.*

- Clerk Kerlock explained if a Board Contact sees that something needs attention or if they receive a complaint from a resident, then they need to bring their concern(s) to the Council Meeting to be addressed.
- Mayor Bracamonte recommended the following for Board Contacts:

Mayor Bracamonte:	Wastewater Treatment Plant
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Administration and Police Department
Council Member Pacheco:	Fire Department and Animal Control
Council Member Rutledge:	Parks & Recreation Department and Sanitation Division
Council Member Skillings:	Municipal Court and Streets Division

7. Consider Pay Rate Increase for Town Employees

Council Members asked what kind of an increase was being requested. Clerk Ruiz said one dollar per hour for each employee. Council Member Rutledge said staff had already received a pay increase. Clerk Ruiz explained that Samuel Polk is a certified operator and does not need insurance with the Town because he has insurance with the Veterans Administration. That is a cost saving measure for the Town. She further explained that Walter Romero needs an increase because of all of the work he does. Council would like for the bookkeeper to tally numbers to see if raises can be given and to be presented at the next Council Meeting. Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to table this until the September 2022 meeting. It was seconded by Council Member Skillings, and it passed unanimously.

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

8. Departmental Reports

- a) *Administration Report* – There was nothing to report for this Department.
- b) *Police Department Report* – No one was present to represent the Hayden Police Department. Council Member Rutledge said that someone had broken into the O'Brien building on Quarelli Street three times. Headstones and a paint sprayer were stolen. The police said there was nothing they could do. Clerk Kerlock suggested the owners install cameras. Council Member Rutledge said the police said even with cameras, there would still be nothing they could do.
- c) *Fire Department Report*
- The Council reviewed the written report.
 - Council asked who was going to clean the debris from the July 30, 2022 trailer fire on 1st Street. Clerk Kerlock explained that staff will clean it, then put a lien on the property.
 - Council asked about damage to the small fire truck. Clerk Ruiz explained that Chief Weber was able to fix the problem. It is running again.
 - Fire science training will be September in Phoenix. Five firefighters from Winkelman will be attending through a scholarship program.
- d) *Municipal Report* – There were no citations for the month of July 2022. Council reviewed the written report.
- e) *Animal Control Report*
- Winkelman Animal Control Officer Flores was in attendance and said he had received a complaint of a resident dumping dog waste into a neighbor's yard on 1st Street.
 - He also received a complaint of puppies entering a neighbor's yard on 4th Street. The female dog (mother) looks skinny. This is due to the dog having puppies. They have adequate water and food.
 - A resident on 4th Street asked to borrow a cage to catch squirrels. Officer Flores said there were no small cages at the Town Yard. He said they are sold at Tractor Supply. Staff told him to buy them.
 - Vicious dogs, that were living on 1st Street before the fire, were moved to a 5th Street residence. The Judge would have to order dogs be picked up and euthanized, due to owner not complying with order to inform the court when dogs are moved to another residence.
- f) *Parks & Recreation Report*
- *Discuss planning a Fall Musical Festival in late September or Mid-October* – Clerk Kerlock thought this could be an event from 5:00-10:00pm with a beer gardens and a couple of bands playing at the Park. No action was taken.
 - Heavy tree limbs by the arena have fallen.
- g) *Sanitation Division Report*
- *Mayor Bracamonte and Vice-Mayor Hinojos will provide direction to Town Staff on how to proceed with customer's delinquent Sewer and Garbage Accounts.* – Send certified letters, indicating Town will be sending them to small claims court.

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h) Street Division

- There is a house on Highway 177 that is emitting a foul smell. Staff is aware of the problem and mailed a certified letter to the owner.
- The house on Randall Avenue, that had all of the debris, is looking better. The new owners are cleaning it.
- Council asked if the streets can be swept after the monsoon season.

i) Wastewater Treatment Plant – Clerk Ruiz provided a report of the expenditures and balance of funds allocated by the 'Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds'. All of the funding has to be spent by December 31, 2026.

9. Call to the Public – No comments were made.

10. Claim No. 002, August Bills

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to pay Claim No. 002, August Bills. Council Member Rutledge seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

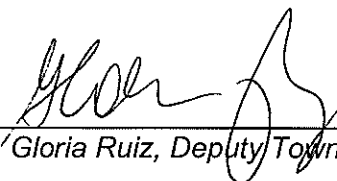
Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Rutledge:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes

11. Adjournment

With no other business at hand, Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:17 p.m. Council Member Skillings seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

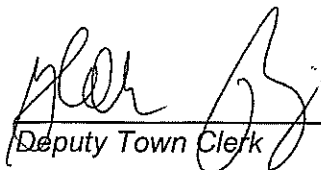
Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Marin:	Yes
Council Member Rutledge:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes

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, August 8, 2022. I further certify that this meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.


Deputy Town Clerk

August 11, 2022
Date