

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WINKELMAN TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 09, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
206 GIFFIN AVENUE
WINKELMAN, ARIZONA 85192**

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bracamonte.

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: Town Attorney J. Dee Flake
Town Clerk Sylvia Kerlock
Deputy Town Clerk Gloria Ruiz
Police Chief Brian Marquez

Guest: Fred Ruiz
Owen O'Brien
Jennifer O'Brien

4. Approval of Minutes

a) Regular Council Meeting, Monday, July 12, 2021

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 Marin	Yes
	Council Member Rutledge	Yes
	Council Member Skillings	Yes

b) Special Council Meeting, Monday, July 26, 2021

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 Marin	Yes
	Council Member Rutledge	Yes
	Council Member Skillings	Yes

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5. Communications & Petitions

Clerk Kerlock stated that no communications were received.

6. Authorization is required for pay rate increases and position adjustment for several Town Employees

Clerk Ruiz reported that Public Works Supervisor Arthur Monterde had to make some changes in the Public Works Department. A Town employee terminated his employment with the Town on July 26, 2021. Supervisor Monterde offered a part time position to Wastewater Treatment Operator Sam Polk, who has been working with the Town, as a contractor since May 12, 2021. Mr. Polk accepted the position as a Town employee working five (5) hours per day, five (5) days a week at a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour. Mr. Polk will work in all the Town's departments as needed.

Supervisor Monterde recommended a pay increase for Walter A. Romero who has been employed with the Town since March 13, 2013. Mr. Romero has an excellent attendance record and works in all the departments. Mr. Romero's new pay rate increase is \$1.31 (\$14.75) per hour.

Supervisor Monterde recommended a pay increase for Deputy Town Gloria Ruiz, who has been employed since July 26, 2006. Clerk Ruiz has taken additional duties in providing data entry of the Wastewater Treatment Plant's operation with ADEQ monthly reporting and other correspondence. Also, Clerk Ruiz has taken on additional duties as secretary to the Winkelman Volunteer Fire Department. Clerk Ruiz pay increase will be \$1.00 per hour (\$18.75).

Much council discussion followed. Council Member Marin made the motion to accept all the employee recommendations made by Supervisor Monterde and rate pay increases as stated. Council Member Rutledge seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

7. Old Business

a) Approval is requested for the Town Clerk's resignation

Clerk Ruiz recommended to table this decision because she has been served with a court order lawsuit and will have to take care of her legal problems. Clerk Ruiz stated that her attentiveness in the hiring process of an employee is not right at this time. Clerk Ruiz spoke to Clerk Kerlock who agreed that she could hold-off her registration until the end of this year.

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Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to table this agenda item as recommended by Clerk Ruiz and Clerk Kerlock. Council Member Marin seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

- b) Gomez Roofing and Landscaping proposal to construct a new roof on the Town owned building at 201 Giffin Avenue, corner of Giffin Avenue and 1st Street

Clerk Kerlock explained that a proposal was submitted by Gomez Roofing in the amount of \$19,000.00 to repair the entire roof of this building. Mayor Bracamonte concerns were that the entire structure and foundation of this building is not in good condition. The roof can be repaired, but it will take large amount of money to repair the entire building. Clerk Kerlock stated that the Town has two options repair the building or consider demolition. Much Council discussion followed.

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to research the option of demolition and cost estimates for this plan. Council Member Skillings seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

8. Council Member Rutledge is requesting authorization to host a "Hunted House Event" on Saturday, October 30, 2021

Council Member Rutledge is requesting Council Member's authorization in allowing her to plan hosting the annual Hunted House Event. Council Member Rutledge further stated that her companion Fred Ruiz helping in planning this event. Vice-Mayor Hinojos stated she had concerns on large group gatherings because of the Covid-19 Delta Variant appears to be spreading.

Council Members continued to discuss this request. Mr. Ruiz stated that this event is enjoyed by many of the Copper Basin Communities and are looking forward to this event.

Council Member Rutledge stated that this year they have asked Mr. & Mrs. Owen O'Brien, owners of the Glass and Auto Shop located on Quarelli Street, if the event could be held near their shop and on Quarelli Street. Mr. & Mrs. O'Brien were in attendance and are in support of this request. Part of Quarelli Street would have to be closed. Mayor Bracamonte stated that additional lighting would have to be provided.

Mr. Ruiz said that maybe ASARCO would again lend the Town light towers, and he would make inquiries. Mayor Bracamonte recommended to allow planning for this event and if the Covid-19 Delta Variant continues to spread, then another decision can be made.

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Council Member Skillings made the motion to approve the recommendation made by Mayor Bracamonte to continue planning for this event with the stipulations as stated. Vice-Mayor Hinojos seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

9. Departmental Reports

a) Administration - Vice-Mayor Hinojos stated as a reminder that the League of AZ Cities and Town Annual Conference will be held from August 30th thru September 2, 2021.

b) Police Department Report - Police Chief Marquez gave to each Council Member the monthly Hayden Police report. Police Chief Marquez stated that Sergeant Heslip was nominated from the HPD Awards Committee for Mother's Against Drunk Driving Award (MADD) due to his number of DUI arrests and attention to public safety. His department responded to a report of a deceased person in Winkelman. They are investigating a report of a stolen vehicle. Council Member Marin had concerns of drivers of ATVs racing through Town. Police Chief Marquez stated that they have stopped several of these vehicles. Most drivers are juveniles. They are still dealing with this problem.

Clerk Ruiz asked for documentation, indicating the name of person as deceased. Decedent has a case in the Winkelman Municipal Court that needs to be closed.

Mayor Bracamonte thanked Police Chief Marquez for the detailed police report.

c) Fire Department Report – Several Council Members praised the Winkelman Fire Department for their excellent responses to recent fire calls.

d) Municipal Court Report – Clerk Ruiz reported \$40.00 of court fines were collected. No citations were issued in the month of July.

e) Animal Control Report – No report was issued.

f) Parks & Recreations – Mayor Bracamonte reported that the Park grounds look great and clean. It was reported that the public restrooms, with showers, are being misused and vandalized. Council needs to consider temporarily closing public restrooms. A special door lock needs to be designed and installed.

g) Sanitation Division Report – There was no report for this department.

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h) Street Division Report – Council Member Marin reported of vehicles speeding on 3rd Street and requested several speed bumps be installed. Council Members commented of their concerns on the property of decedent Rosario Felix. Homeless people are moving into this property and are setting up tarps and tents. Mayor Bracamonte recommended for staff to try contacting family members and see what can be done to remove these trespassers.

i) Wastewater Treatment Plant – There was no report for this department.

10. Call to Public

Mayor Bracamonte reported that the community Water Splash event was a success. Many children and young adults enjoyed the event.

Clerk Ruiz reported that Mr. & Mrs. Juan Ruiz had donated hundreds of dollars' worth of school supplies. The boxes will be taken to Hayden-Winkelman School office.

11. Claim #002, August Invoices

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to approve payment of this claim as presented. Council Member Rutledge seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

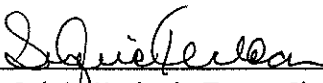
ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Rutledge	Yes
	Council Member Skillings	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes

12. Adjournment

With no other business at hand Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion n to adjourn this meeting at 7:50 p.m. Council Member Marin seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

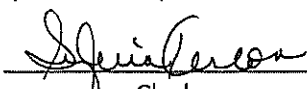
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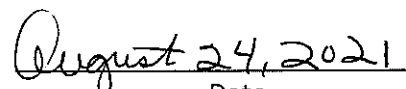
MINUTES RECORDED BY: _____


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, August 09, 2021**. I further certify that this meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.


Clerk


Date