

**WINKELMAN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, 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. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Louis Bracamonte
Vice-Mayor Anita Hinojos
Council Member Angela Skillings
Council Member Adrian Bravo
Council Member Bernardine Pinkard

Staff: Town Attorney J. Dee Flake
Interim Town Clerk Gloria Ruiz
Administrative Clerk Ashley Rutter
Animal Control Officer Rafael Flores
Hayden Police Officer Brandon Gomez

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Regular Council Meeting, Monday, August 14, 2023

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

Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes
Council Member Bravo:	Yes
Council Member Pinkard:	Yes

5. Communications and Petitions

5.1 *Discussion and Possible Approval of giving Sylvia Kerlock permission to use the corner of Highway 177 and Giffin Avenue for the Annual Fatima Rosary on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 8:00am to 12:00pm*

Council Member Pinkard made the motion to give Mrs. Kerlock permission to use the corner of Highway 177 and Giffin Avenue for the Annual Fatima Rosary. Council Member Bravo seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes
Council Member Bravo:	Yes
Council Member Pinkard:	Yes

5.2 *Discussion and Possible Approval of Paying for Membership for the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce*

Mayor Bracamonte commented that the Town of Winkelman has been a member of the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce for years, and they do not have events in Winkelman. He further said that the Chamber has chosen to have their Halloween and Christmas events on the same days as Winkelman even though Winkelman chose the dates in July. Mayor Bracamonte recommended tabling this agenda item and speaking to the President of the Chamber. Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to table this agenda item for the October Meeting. Council Member Skillings seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Bracamonte: Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos: Yes
Council Member Skillings: Yes
Council Member Bravo: Yes
Council Member Pinkard: Yes

5.3 *Discussion and Possible Approval of Sponsorship of the Junior Chamber Program, at a cost of \$80.00 per student*

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to sponsor two students for the Junior Chamber Program. Council Member Bravo seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte: Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos: Yes
Council Member Skillings: Yes
Council Member Bravo: Yes
Council Member Pinkard: Yes

5.4 *Presentation by Victoria Grijalva Ochoa of Local First Arizona Rural Development to Discuss and Possibly Approve Grant or Loan Assistance Program for Potential Projects*

Ms. Ochoa informed the Council that Local First Arizona can assist the Town in obtaining funding for projects. The process is: 1. creating a working group, 2. completing a community survey, 3. develop a community facilities strategic plan, 4. identify resources to finance facility needs. They do not provide funding. They assist with locating funding and help with the application process. Staff will include a blank survey in the next quarterly billing cycle in October. The Council thanked Ms. Ochoa for the information.

6. Legal

6.1 *Discussion and Possible Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Gila County and Town of Winkelman for donation of \$1,500.00 for support of the 6th Annual Haunted House*

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement between Gila County and Town of Winkelman for \$1,500.00 donation for the 6th Annual Haunted House. Council Member Pinkard seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte: Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos: Yes
Council Member Skillings: Yes
Council Member Bravo: Yes
Council Member Pinkard: Yes

6.2 *Discussion and Possible Approval of Ordinance 151-2023 for new main line sewer hook-ups for new property owners in the amount of \$500.00*

Council Member Pinkard made the motion to accept Ordinance No 151-2023 to charge \$500.00 for new sewer line connections. Council Member Skillings seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte: Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos: Yes
Council Member Skillings: Yes
Council Member Bravo: Yes
Council Member Pinkard: Yes

6.3 *Discussion and Possible Approval to advertise for a new Town Attorney, due to Attorney Flake's retirement at the end of the year*

Town Attorney Flake said he would like to have October 2023 be his last meeting. He said, if necessary, he can still sign paperwork after October. Council Member Skillings made the motion to advertise for a new Town Attorney. Vice-Mayor Hinojos seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Council Member Skillings:	Yes
Council Member Bravo:	Yes
Council Member Pinkard:	Yes

7. Departmental Reports

7.1 Administration Report

7.1a Discussion and Possible Approval to change October 2023 Town Council Meeting date, due to the Columbus Day Holiday

Council Member Bravo made the motion to change the October Town Council Meeting to Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Council Member Pinkard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes
Council Member Bravo:	Yes
Council Member Pinkard:	Yes

7.1b Point of Information: Wanda Tucker, Regional Artist, is painting artwork for the Town of Hall -- Clerk Ruiz said Ms. Tucker will be painting a picture of the Historic Bridge.

7.1c Point of Information: The Town will be applying for a grant, through Arizona Public Service, for trees. Staff will apply for this for the Winkelman Flats Public Park.

7.2 Police Department Report

Chief Marquez was not present. Officer Gomez gave the August 2023 report to the Council. Officer Gomez said "Pop with a Cop" was not as successful as it was last year because they were not giving away backpacks. The plaque was stolen from the Historic Bridge. Officer Gomez said they had not located the plaque. Officer Gomez had nothing further to report.

7.3 Fire Department Report

7.3a Discussion and Possible Approval to purchase materials to build a fence around the fire station by Arizona Department of Corrections (ADOC)

No one was in attendance from the Department. Mayor Bracamonte said Chief Weber told him if the fence for the Town Yard was adequate, they could possibly park the emergency vehicles at that location. Mayor Bracamonte recommended tabling this agenda item until November 2023. Council Member Skillings made the motion to table purchasing materials for the fence at the fire station until the November 2023 Meeting. Vice-Mayor Hinojos seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes
Council Member Bravo:	Yes
Council Member Pinkard:	Yes

7.4 Municipal Report

Council Members reviewed the written report. There were no citations for the month of August 2023, and \$723.15 was collected by the Court.

7.5 Animal Control Report

Animal Control Officer Flores thanked the Hayden Police Department for their assistance in taking stray puppies and a mama dog to Gila County Animal Shelter. He was out of town. At the August 2023 Town Council Meeting, Officer Flores explained his investigation about a 4th Street resident's female dog. Officer Flores said the Mayor had tried to assist by making contact with the owner, giving the Town permission to take his dog to a veterinarian for examination. The dog was not available. Officer Flores, along with a Hayden Police Officer, made contact with the

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owner, and he signed a form, giving permission to Officer Flores to transport his dog to Globe for an examination. The results of the exam were that the dog was emaciated, but it was probably from nursing her puppies. She also has a urinary tract infection and possible Valley Fever. Clerk Ruiz explained that she, along with Mayor Bracamonte and Officer Flores, called the Town's insurance company, Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool and spoke with Mr. Ed Bantel for guidance on this matter. Mr. Bantel said that Officer Flores handled this situation correctly. If he had gone onto the owner's property and seized the dog, the Town would have been embroiled in a lawsuit. Clerk Ruiz further stated that a resident from Hayden interfered with Officer Flores' initial investigation. The Council thanked Officer Flores for doing his job professionally and preventing a lawsuit against the Town.

Officer Flores also reported that he transported a dog to Gila County that ran into Speedway. There was a complaint of a dog at large at Copper Hill, but Officer Flores has not seen it when he does his rounds. Officer Flores had nothing else to report.

7.6 Parks & Recreation

7.6a Discussion and Possible Approval of building a diversion box at the Tree Farm at the Winkelman Flats Public Park for excess water discarded by Arizona Water Company

Mayor Bracamonte explained that Arizona Water Company owns a three-inch pipe that dispenses water four times a day at the Park. This has been happening for over six years. There is standing water and mosquitoes. Mayor Bracamonte and Arthur Monterde will be meeting with representatives from Arizona Water Company at the Park to discuss this. In the event that a diversion box needs to be built, the Mayor would like permission from the Council to purchase materials to build a diversion box. Council Member Pinkard made the motion to building a diversion box at the Tree Farm for excess water discarded by Arizona Water Company. Council Member Skillings seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes
Council Member Bravo	Yes
Council Member Pinkard:	Yes

7.6b The Annual Motorcycle Event, "Riot on the River" has been scheduled for November 2-5, 2023. They have reserved the entire Park.

The motorcyclists always leave the Park clean. If they paid \$1,200.00 last year, then they need to pay more this year. Council Member Pinkard made the motion for the motorcycle group to pay \$1,500.00. Council Member Bravo seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes
Council Member Bravo	Yes
Council Member Pinkard:	Yes

7.7 Sanitation Division Report – Confidential Report

Council Members reviewed the confidential written report.

7.8 Streets Division

7.8a Discussion and Possible Approval to purchase materials to build a fence at 123 Thorne Avenue to enlarge the Town Yard

Council Member Skillings made the motion to purchase materials to build a fence to enlarge the Town Yard. Vice-Mayor Hinojos seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Council Member Bravo	Yes
Council Member Pinkard:	Yes

7.9 Wastewater Treatment Plant

Everything is running well at the wastewater treatment plant. Clerk Ruiz informed the Council Members that renewing Winkelman's permit is due in 2024.

8. Call to the Public

There were no comments made.

9. Claim No. 003, September 2023 Invoices

Mayor Bracamonte informed the Council that Mr. Frank Martinez repaired the bush mower for \$1,900.00. This saved the Town approximately \$10,000.00. Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to pay Claim No. 003, September 2023 Invoices. Council Member Skillings seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes
Council Member Bravo:	Yes
Council Member Pinkard:	Yes

10. Adjournment

With no other business at hand, Council Member Pinkard made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:05 p.m. Council Member Skillings seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

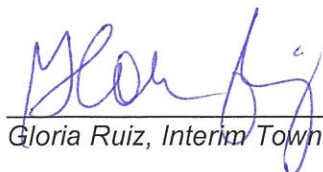
Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Hinojos:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes
Council Member Bravo:	Yes
Council Member Pinkard:	Yes

MINUTES RECORDED BY: _____


Gloria Ruiz, Interim 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, September 11, 2023. I further certify that this meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.


Gloria Ruiz, Interim Town Clerk

September 13, 2023
Date