

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WINKELMAN TOWN COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021, 7:00 P.M.  
WINKELMAN TOWN HALL  
206 GIFFIN AVENUE  
WINKELMAN, AZ 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, Jr.  
Council Member Emilia Rutledge  
Council Member Angela R. Skillings

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

Guests: Fred Ruiz  
Jesus Gomez  
Rebecca Gomez  
Barbara Bravo

4. Approval of Minutes

a) Regular Council Meeting, Monday, September 13, 2021

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to approve the minutes as recorded. 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

5. Communications & Petitions

> Clerk Kerlock requests the use of Town property at the corner of Giffin Avenue and Highway 177 on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. to hold the annual public "Fatima Rosary" prayer.

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Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to approve Clerk Kerlock's request to hold the rosary prayer at this location. 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

> Hayden-Winkelman School requests funding support to their annual "Halloween Fun Night" event. Council Member Skillings stated that this annual event is a wonderful event for the entire family. The funds raised are used by the teachers for field trips, supplies and other events during the school year.

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to approve donating \$100.00 for purchases to be made at the Superior Grocery Store in Winkelman. 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	No

6. Legal

a) Attorney Flake is to provide information on the "National Opioid Settlements"

Attorney Flake stated that when these settlements are finalized the monies are to be used for opioid treatment, prevention, and education. Once the award is reached there is a 44/56 split between the State and Local Government. Winkelman's population is so small that the percentage we would receive would not be enough to administer a program. Attorney Flake advised not to participate in this settlement.

No further action was taken by council.

b) Attorney Flake will advise on the Gomez Roofing Contract

Attorney Flake stated that a description of the work and material to be used must be included in this contract. Also, include in the contract description of what the Town will provide to Gomez Roofing. Such as the electrical service, roll-off garbage container and vehicle parking.

Mayor Bracamonte asked what is the length of time to complete the construction repairs of this building? Mrs. Gomez stated that it would take about one (1) month to complete.

Council Member Marin made the motion to have the corrections and additions made to the contract as recommended by Attorney Flake. Council Member Skillings seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

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Clerk Kerlock stated that she would rewrite the contract and include all the recommendations made by Attorney Flake. Mrs. Gomez also said that she could help in modifying the contract.

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

c) Clerk Ruiz request authorization to list all delinquent Sewer & Garbage Customers Accounts on the January 2022 Quarterly Winkelman Newsletter.

Clerk Ruiz commented that Clerk Kerlock did not like this idea, but most Council Members were in favor when it was discussed at the last council meeting. Clerk Ruiz went on to say that each fiscal year the General Find must compensate the Sewer & Sanitation Department because of the decrease in revenues that were not collected each year. Maybe the publication of customer delinquent accounts will get their attention and pay on a regular basis. Another alternative would be to file small claim legal action, on these delinquent customers' accounts.

Clerk Kerlock is concerns was that this is a small community, and some customers may be offended by the publication, and it could hurt the Town. The Town does not have an Ordinance allowing the publication of these delinquent accounts.

Attorney Flake advised that the Town Council could authorize such a publication.

After much council discussion, Council Member Marin made the motion to file small claim action on these delinquent accounts. Publication of these delinquent accounts can be decided later. 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

7. Departmental Reports

a) Administration

> Information 2020 Census Population & Census Reduction of Winkelman

Clerk Kerlock explained that this information explains the reduction of Winkelman's population, including the names of people who moved away and those who have passed away since 2010.

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b) Police Department Report – Police Chief Marquez reported that he sustained an injury and was off for several days. This injury occurred while he was volunteering at Pinal Rural Fire Station in Mammoth.

Police Chief Marquez provided an incident police report of Winkelman and Hayden. This report also provides information on all the donations and grants of police equipment the department has received. Police Chief Marquez was pleased to report that Hayden Police Department was able to participate in Task Force Badge, which allows the AZ National Guard to assist local law enforcement agencies with support. Two national guards will assist in organizing Hayden Police records and with the cooperation of the AZ Library and Archives. They will place old paper records into digital media.

c) Fire Department Report – Fire Chief Weber was not present. Council Members reviewed the submitted fire department report. Council Member Marin reported that Fire Chief Weber had asked if they could purchase eighteen (18) long sleeve shirts. Mayor Bracamonte gave authorization for this purchase.

d) Municipal Court Report – Clerk Ruiz reported that \$574.00 was collected by the court. Judge Perlman has a scheduled hearing on November 3, 2021.

e) Animal Control Report – No report was submitted. Council Member Marin stated that he often sees Officer Flores patrolling in Winkelman.

f) Parks & Recreation Report – Mayor Bracamonte reported that the Park grounds have been cleared of weeds, and the Park grounds look clean.

> Council Member Rutledge will provide an update on the Haunted House Event.

Council Member Rutledge stated that she is still working on cleaning and decorating the site. She has been contacted by many different types of vendors that want to participate in this event. She is working very hard in making sure enough lighting is provided and to be set up in the area where needed. Fred Ruiz is in charge in acquiring the two light-towers from ASARCO. Council Member Rutledge would like for the lamp pole lights on the Historical Bridge to be repaired.

Mayor Bracamonte stated that he would ask our Town Employee, Sam Polk, to repair and replace these lights.

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

h) Street Division Report – Council Member Marin commented how nice the Town streets look after they were swept by Gila County Public Works. Clerk Ruiz informed the Council that Supervisor Woody Cline had paid for the street sweeper through his budget

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

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8. Call to Public

There were no public comments to address.

9. Claim No. 004, October 2021 Invoices

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

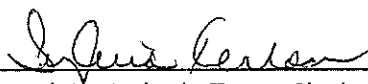
ROLL CALL:	Mayor Bracamonte	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Hinojos	Yes
	Council Member Marin	Yes
	Council Member Rutledge	Yes
	Council Member Skillings	Yes

10. Adjournment

With no other business at hand, Council Member Marin made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:40 p.m. 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

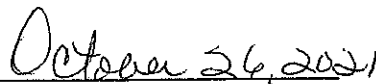
MINUTES RECORDED BY:

  
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 **Tuesday, October 12, 2021**. I further certify that this meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

  
Clerk

  
Date