

**WINKELMAN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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 6:01 p.m.

2. Salute the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Louis C. Bracamonte  
Council Member Nicholas Pacheco  
Council Member Emilia Rutledge  
Council Member Angela Skillings

Absent: Vice-Mayor Anita Hinojos

Staff: Town Clerk Sylvia Kerlock  
Deputy Town Clerk Gloria Ruiz  
Attorney J. Dee Flake  
Winkelman Fire Chief Dennis Weber  
Animal Control Officer Rafael Flores  
Hayden Police Chief Brian Marquez

Audience: Hayden Mayor Dean Hetrick  
Hayden Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith, Sr.  
Hayden Fire Chief Angel Gonzales  
Jose Hernandez, Winkelman Fire Captain  
Nicholas Gaona, Winkelman Firefighter  
Pablo Acuña, Winkelman Firefighter  
Ryan Chiquete, Winkelman Firefighter  
Randall Laughlin, Winkelman Firefighter

4. Approval of Minutes

a) *Regular Council Meeting, Monday, September 12, 2022*

Council Member Skillings made the motion to approve the minutes as recorded.  
Council Member Pacheco seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte:	Yes
Council Member Pacheco:	Yes
Council Member Rutledge:	Yes
Council Member Skillings:	Yes

5. Communications and Petitions

a) *Town of Hayden Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith will address the Town Council with his concerns in reference to both Hayden & Winkelman Volunteer Fire Department policies & procedures.*

- This entire matter began when Winkelman Fire Chief Weber asked if Hayden Fire Department or Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District had liability insurance to cover shooting of fireworks. Both entities thought they had the proper coverage. Both later found out that they had to have supplemental insurance that costs up to \$2,400.00 for each show and depending on the number of fireworks.

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- Mayor Hetrick and Vice-Mayor Smith did not appreciate the comments that were posted on Facebook against the Hayden Fire Department.
  - Both Towns and Departments need to work together, especially when there is a fire. Captain Hernandez explained that the first department on a first responder scene is in command. There has to be accountability to prevent liability. This is crucial. Captain Hernandez explained when there was a house fire in Winkelman a couple of years ago, he was inside the structure. Hayden Fire Department did not know and poured water on the fire. The water ended up causing part of the roof to collapse, and Captain Hernandez had to jump out of the way to avoid injury. Had there been communication between the two departments, this would not have occurred.
  - Both Town Mayors and Fire Chiefs will meet to come to an agreement in working together for the good of both communities and the surrounding areas.
- b) *The Town received information from Brian Hedespeth, owner of Watts Manufacturing. He reported that our new Wildland Fire Truck will be delivered on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.*
- We received the new wildland fire truck this evening, and the Chief and Firefighters were test driving it. Mr. Hedespeth drove it from Kansas to Winkelman.
  - The truck still needs official tires and a circuit board. They are on back order.
6. *Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) "Economic Development Grant" between Gila County and the Town of Winkelman, supporting the Haunted House event.*
- Gila County Supervisor Woody Cline agreed to support Winkelman's Haunted House V with a donation of \$1,000.00 from Gila County and forwarded an Intergovernmental Agreement.
  - Mayor Bracamonte and Town Attorney Flake signed the Economic Development Grant IGA.
7. Legal
- The Town of Winkelman received a Claim Form Packet from an attorney's office for the accident that occurred during the Easter Community Event. A copy of the packet was given to Town Attorney Flake,
  - A copy was mailed to the Town's insurance company, and they will be taking care of this.
8. Old Business
- a. *Membership enrollment into the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce*
- The fee is \$100.00 to join the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Pacheco made the motion to pay \$100.00 to join the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Skillings seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.  
Mayor Bracamonte: Yes  
Council Member Pacheco: Yes  
Council Member Rutledge: Yes  
Council Member Skillings: Yes
- b. *Authorization to become a Junior Chamber Sponsor*
- Council Member Rutledge said the sponsorship for each student is \$80.00. This will pay for their meeting meals, t-shirts and other expenses. Council Member Skillings made the motion to sponsor two Junior Chamber Members. Council Member Pacheco seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.  
Mayor Bracamonte: Yes  
Council Member Pacheco: Yes  
Council Member Rutledge: Yes  
Council Member Skillings: Yes

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*c. Discuss further designating 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Ray Avenue as One-Way Streets*

- Staff informed the Council that some residents were against making 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Ray Avenue one-way streets. Perhaps the Town can place "No Parking" signs on Giffin Avenue to deter parking on this narrow street.
- This item will be tabled until the next meeting. Council Member Rutledge made the motion to table this item. Council Member Skillings seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte: Yes  
Council Member Pacheco: Yes  
Council Member Rutledge: Yes  
Council Member Skillings: Yes

*d. The Ordinance that was discussed disallowing storing of used tires on commercial or private property; staff is working on the format summary.*

- Update: Staff is working on this ordinance.

9. *Authorize a pay rate increase for all the Winkelman Firefighters*

- Council Member Pacheco stated that the Town of Winkelman has been paying firefighters \$10.00 per meeting and \$20.00 per fire since the 1990s. The Town has to increase pay to keep our firefighters.
- Chief Weber said that \$10.00 per meeting was fine, but he recommended the pay for fighting fires needs to increase.
- After much discussion the Council agreed to pay firefighters \$12.80 per hour to fight fires. Council Member Rutledge made the motion to increase the pay to respond to fires from \$20.00 per fire to \$12.80 per hour, with Chief Weber determining the hours per fire callout. Council Member Pacheco seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Bracamonte: Yes  
Council Member Pacheco: Yes  
Council Member Rutledge: Yes  
Council Member Skillings: Yes

10. Departmental Reports

a) *Administration Report*

- *Vice-Mayor Hinojos will set a date and time to interview for the position of Administration Office Clerk.* – Vice-Mayor Hinojos was not in attendance; however, Mayor Bracamonte said she has coordinated this with staff.
- *Town's Financial Summary ending September 30, 2022, point of information* – Council Members reviewed the information.

b) *Police Department Report*

- Chief Marquez gave the September 2022 Hayden Police Department report to Council Members. He reported that there were 27 incidents in Winkelman, with one report of a stolen car from the Winkelman Flats Public Park. It was recovered in New Mexico.
- Hayden Police Officers took students to their annual "Shop with a Cop".
- Staff said they had received calls from residents who said DPS were pulling over drivers in Winkelman. Chief Marquez said that DPS called them and said there would be "saturation enforcement" in Winkelman just for today (October 12, 2022).

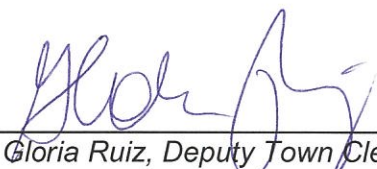
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- Chief Marquez has a concern. He said there needs to be an Emergency Operations Plan for a coordinated response for the Towns of Winkelman and Hayden and Hayden-Winkelman Unified Schools. There is no plan in effect. Council Member Skillings is employed with Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District and said she will reach out to the proper personnel to help resolve this.
  - Thorne Avenue is a public road, and there are two signs with conflicting information. One reads "15 MPH" at all times. The other reads "15 MPH when children present". Chief Marquez wants to know which is enforceable. Council agreed that the sign that reads "15 MPH" should be the enforceable sign.
- c) *Fire Department Report*
- Winkelman received the new brush truck that can be used for wildland fires.
  - The truck does not have the actual tires. They should have them in 6-8 weeks.
  - Firefighters have to be properly trained before being able to drive the new truck.
  - Council Member Skillings said that alarms at the school sound off every time there is a power outage, and the fire department is called. She asked that since she lives near the school, on Lobo Lane, can she just call someone on the department, letting them know it is a false alarm? Chief Weber agreed and said he would give her contact phone numbers.
- d) *Municipal Report* – There were no citations for the month of September 2022, and \$816.00 was collected by the Court. Council Members reviewed the written report.
- e) *Animal Control Report*
- Winkelman Animal Control Officer Flores said he impounded four dogs. This should help the dog issues on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- f) *Parks & Recreation Report*
- *Council Member Rutledge will provide an update on the Haunted House event.*
    - Council Member Rutledge said donations have been received from ASARCO, Norm's Grocery, G&J Restaurant and others. The Haunted House is almost done. Clerk Kerlock said that if help is needed to finish, let staff know. Council Member Rutledge said she will be needing help setting-up the day of the event.
  - *The annual motorcycle event, "Riot on the River" has been scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. They have reserved the entire Park.*
    - Clerk Kerlock stated that the motorcyclists will be paying the Town \$3,000.00 for use of the Park.
  - Council asked about Brenda Garcia driving one of the vehicles to collect camping fees. Staff stated that Ms. Garcia does not have a valid driver's license.
- g) *Sanitation Division Report*
- Clerk Ruiz gave a written report to the Council. This is confidential information.
- h) *Street Division*
- *ADOT will be Stripping and Thermoplastic and setting RPM from October 31 to November 14, 2022, from the Junction of 77 and 177 to MP 137 ADOT is requesting for no vehicles to be parked on Highway 177 in Winkelman on October 31<sup>st</sup>, which should only take one day. This is a Point of Information to the Council.*
- i) *Wastewater Treatment Plant*
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant is running well. There are no complaints.

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11. Call to the Public – No comments were made.
12. Claim No. 004, October 2022 Invoices  
Council Member Pacheco made the motion to pay Claim No. 004, October Invoices. Council Member Rutledge seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
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| Mayor Bracamonte:         | Yes |
| Council Member Pacheco:   | Yes |
| Council Member Rutledge:  | Yes |
| Council Member Skillings: | Yes |
13. Adjournment  
With no other business at hand, Council Member Rutledge made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:50 p.m. Council Member Pacheco seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.
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| Mayor Bracamonte:         | Yes |
| Council Member Pacheco:   | 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 Wednesday, October 12, 2022. I further certify that this meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

  
Deputy Town Clerk

October 18, 2022  
Date