

**WINKELMAN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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  
  
Absent: Council Member Nicholas Pacheco  
  
Staff: Deputy Town Clerk Gloria Ruiz  
Attorney J. Dee Flake  
Animal Control Officer Rafael Flores  
Fire Chief Dennis Weber  
  
Audience: Jose Hernandez  
Fred Ruiz
4. *Election by Council Members for Mayor to serve a 2-year term*  
Clerk Ruiz handed out voting ballots to all Council Members to choose a Mayor. Town Attorney Flake tabulated the votes and declared Louis C. Bracamonte as the unanimous winner. Town Attorney Flake administered the "Oath of Office" to Mayor Bracamonte. Congratulations!
5. *Election by Council Members for Vice-Mayor to serve a 2-year term*  
Clerk Ruiz handed out voting ballots to all Council Members to select a Vice-Mayor. Town Attorney Flake tabulated the votes and declared a tie between Vice-Mayor Hinojos and Council Member Rutledge. Attorney Flake said this has not occurred in the past. Since Council Member Pacheco is absent, staff can have him vote and place his ballot in a sealed envelope to be opened at the January 2023 Town Council Meeting. Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to table the selection of a Vice-Mayor for the January 9, 2023 Council Meeting. Council Member Skillings seconded it, and it passed unanimously.  
Mayor Bracamonte: Yes  
Vice-Mayor Hinojos: Yes  
Council Member Rutledge: Yes  
Council Member Skillings: Yes
6. *Town Attorney will administer the "Oath of Office" to the elected Mayor and Vice-Mayor*  
Town Attorney Flake administered the "Oath of Office" to Mayor Bracamonte. The voting for Vice-Mayor resulted in a tie. The office for Vice-Mayor will be decided at the January 9, 2023 Town Council Meeting.

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7. Approval of Minutes

a) *Regular Council Meeting, Monday, November 14, 2022*

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

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

8. Communications and Petitions

a) *Ms. Vicky Peacey, Acting Project Director for Resolution Mine, will provide an update on the Copper Mine Project.*

- Mr. Dave Richins appeared on behalf of Resolution Copper Mine. He said the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) should be published in 2023. There will be no surface impacts for ten (10) years. He said Resolution is using the same water over and over, and they have banked acres of water.
- Resolution Copper has been a good neighbor to the surrounding communities by issuing scholarships, sponsoring the Hayden-Winkelman Little League, being a part of the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce and donating toys for Winkelman's Christmas Event.
- Mayor Bracamonte asked about the tailings in Dripping Springs. Mr. Richins said not much is being done, but Resolution has purchased most of the private land in Dripping Springs. There will be a slurry line twenty (20) miles long.
- There is a rumor that a company in China purchased Resolution Copper. Mr. Richins denied this.

9. Sale of Town Vehicles – Open Sealed Bids

a) *1968 International Water Truck*

- Mayor Bracamonte opened the only sealed bid that was submitted for the 1968 International Water Truck. It was submitted by Pete Gallego for \$525.00.

b) *2016 Trail-Wagon (ATV)*

- Mayor Bracamonte opened the two (2) sealed bids that were submitted for the 2016 Trail-Wagon ATV. One was from Sam Polk for \$725.00. The other was from Susan Middaugh for \$827.00. Per Town Attorney Flake, it is the discretion of the Town Council to select the bidder. The Council decided to award the bid to purchase the Trail-Wagon ATV to Sam Polk. Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to accept the \$525.00 bid for the 1968 International Water Truck from Pete Gallego and the \$725.00 bid from Sam Polk for the 2016 Trail-Wagon (ATV). Council Member Rutledge seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

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

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10. *Resolution No 183-2022, Intergovernmental Agreement for the formation of a Public Transportation Authority with Gila County*

Mr. Flake read Resolution No 183-2022. Council Member Skillings made the motion to accept Resolution No 183-2022, Intergovernmental Agreement for the formation of a Public Transportation Authority with Gila County. Vice-Mayor Hinojos seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

11. Legal

a) Authorize and appoint new business signer for the Town's checking account

- Mayor Bracamonte recommended tabling this agenda item. Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to table this agenda item. Council Member Rutledge seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

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

12. Old Business

a) *Request to consider monetary compensation to Fred Ruiz in the amount of \$300.00 for hosting the Haunted House Event*

Mr. Ruiz and Ms. Rutledge always do a great job organizing the Haunted House. Without them, Winkelman would not have this event. Council Member Skillings made the motion to compensate Fred Ruiz in the amount of \$300.00 for hosting the Haunted House. Vice-Mayor Hinojos seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

13. Departmental Reports

a) *Administration Report*

- *Authorize a monetary Christmas gift for seven (7) Town Employees*

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to give a \$100.00 Christmas gift for seven (7) Town Employees. 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

- *Auditors will be conducting Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Town Audit on December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*

This is a point of information for the Council Members.

b) *Police Department Report*

- No one was present to give a report.

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c) *Fire Department Report*

- Fire Chief Weber will provide information on the extra CDBG funding available and purchases made – There was an extra \$16,866.00 left from the grant. They purchased hoses, nozzles, tools and other items. The Wildland Fire Truck is complete, and they do not have to pull items from the other fire trucks.
- Jose Hernandez is the Assistant Fire Chief, effective December 12, 2022.
- There are currently sixteen (16) firefighters. They also started a Junior Firefighter Program and have three (3) members. They are all seniors.
- Jose Hernandez will be conducting a CPR-First Aid training.
- A battery for the car is needed. They will purchase one at Eddie's Tires.

d) *Municipal Report* – There were no citations for the month of November 2022, and \$356.00 was collected by the Court. Council Members reviewed the written report.

e) *Animal Control Report*

- Animal Control Officer Flores said two (2) cages have been loaned out. He has had seven (7) calls regarding dogs at large, but when he arrives on scene, the dogs are gone. He has received calls about Victoria "Toya" Scott's dogs running at large. Council Member Rutledge said her dogs are eating cats. Officer Flores said he has not seen evidence of this.
- J.D. Romero still has his dog, despite it attacking another dog on Copper Hill Lane. Hayden Police Department took the report.

f) *Parks & Recreation Report – Discuss what official action can be enforced by the Town to ban certain people from our Public Park*

- Per Town Attorney Flake, do not use the word "ban". Just ask the people to leave the Park and keep asking them to leave. Staff has the authorization to do this. People can be charged with Trespassing if they do not leave.
- The Town will be purchasing six (6) trees at \$40.00 each to plant inside the Ramada.
- Clerk Ruiz said that Kearny Police Department has been dropping off homeless people at the Park. Mayor Bracamonte said he will speak to the Kearny Mayor about this.

g) *Sanitation Division Report*

- No delinquent residents have made a payment in December.

h) *Street Division*

- Council Member Skillings mentioned making Giffin Avenue into a one-way road. Mayor Bracamonte said he will talk to the people this will directly affect and place it on the January 2023 agenda.

i) *Wastewater Treatment Plant*

- There have been problems with the Bacti being elevated. This has been occurring because the sewer plant backs up, causing a plug.

14. Call to the Public – Mr. Fred Ruiz asked why there is no crosswalk on Highway 177 and Randall Avenue. Council informed him that the highway is ADOT's property.

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15. Claim No. 006, December 2022 Invoices

Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to pay Claim No. 006, December Invoices. 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

16. Adjournment

With no other business at hand, Vice-Mayor Hinojos made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Rutledge seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

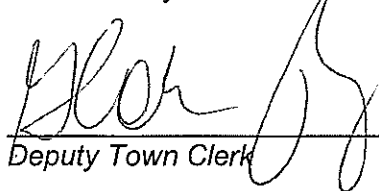
Mayor Bracamonte: Yes  
Vice-Mayor Hinojos: Yes  
Council Member Rutledge: Yes  
Council Member Skillings: Yes

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 Tuesday, December 13, 2022. I further certify that this meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

  
Deputy Town Clerk

December 16, 2022  
Date