

# CITY OF WILLIAMS

## *Council Minutes*

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810 E Street/P.O. Box 310, Williams, CA 95987

CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

REGULAR SESSION  
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Ash called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL - Patricia Ash, Kent Boes, Alfred Sellers Angela Plachek-Fulcher and John Troughton were all present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Ash invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen Noel Bautista announced a fundraiser July 31<sup>st</sup> at Concert in the Park. All proceeds will go into Alex Jauregui's account through "Home for Our Troops".

Citizen Arturo with Aly's Furniture commented on a reduction in his business due to the sign restrictions.

Citizen and Treasurer Carmona also commented that his business has decreased due to the sign restrictions.

Citizen Bertha Franco said her signs have been out front of her store for the past 21 years.

Mayor Ash said the Sign Ordinance was adopted in 1995. There was one change in 2007 and one in 2012. There was Council consensus to agendaize this item for the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for further discussion. Citizen Pam Garrison asked for clarification on what businesses should do with their signs until the June 18<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Acting City Administrator Saso granted a 30-day extension to the businesses on their signs. Saso said the code enforcement officer will contact the business owners by the end of the week with a date for a workshop.

Citizen Singh expressed his confusion regarding the cost of the business license for his rental units. Finance Officer Greenbaum explained the amount used to be based on their gross receipts, however, to streamline the process, it's now a flat \$15.00/ unit. Mayor Ash said Council will meet with Finance Officer Greenbaum and will table this item for the next meeting.

Citizen Jauregui asked Council what they could do about the holes in the ground at Venice Park.

City Administrator Saso said he spoke to Adolfo Davalos who said Venice Park was a great location for the upcoming soccer leagues. Mayor Ash explained the moratorium on water and that the City cannot spend money on new sod and not be able to water it.

Council Member Plachek-Fulcher requested this item be agenzized for the next City Council meeting. Mayor Ash asked Mr. Jauregui to come back with a plan and Council will try to come up with something as well with the Public Works Director.

Citizen RaJesh Patel who owns a gas station commented on the gross receipts for business licenses. Mayor Ash asked if he could provide some additional information to Council at the next meeting.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Receive Agenda from the Board of Supervisors Meeting that was held on April 22, 2014.
2. Receive Agenda from the Board of Supervisors Meeting that was held on May 6, 2014.
3. Receive Letter from the Board of Supervisors Concerning the Placement of an Informational sign at the Williams Community Center.

ACTION: No action was needed.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

4. Hold Public Hearing to approve Ordinance 207-14 Adopting the Revisions to the Williams Floodplain Management Regulations.

DISCUSSION: Acting City Administrator Saso stated this was the second reading. He pointed out the changes and said those changes would benefit the City of Williams.

PUBLIC HEARING opened and closed 6:32 pm with no public comments.

ACTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Troughton and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 207-14 adopting the revisions to the Williams Floodplain Management Regulations. Motion passed 5-0.

#### CONSENT

5. Approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 16, 2014.
6. Approve the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of April 22, 2014.
7. Approve the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of May 05, 2014.

ACTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Plachek-Fulcher and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Items. Motion passed 5-0.

#### OLD BUSINESS

8. Approve Resolution 14-05 A Resolution of the City of Williams to Support Construction of the Sites Reservoir Project.

DISCUSSION: Council Member Plachek-Fulcher, Mayor Pro-Tem Boes and Mayor Ash expressed their concerns approving the resolution. Council Member Troughton stated the Water Districts, the Water Alliance, the County and others support the construction of the Sites Reservoir project. He explained to Council that the water would go back to the delta. Troughton said he received a letter from Senator Nielson and Assemblyman Logue, who both were in favor of the water storage and said it would help everyone. Mayor Ash would like to see more information. Council Member Troughton said it would be a mistake if the City of Williams didn't end up supporting this project.

Citizen Steven Marsh invited Council to attend any of the upcoming water district meetings where they could obtain more information about the water situation. He stated Myers Marsh Mutual Company was a proponent of this resolution.

Citizen Jonathan Franco expressed his opposition until there was more information.

ACTION: Council Member Troughton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers to adopt Resolution 14-05. Motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Troughton, Sellers.

NOES: Plachek-Fulcher.

ABSTAIN: Ash and Boes.

9. Receive Treasurer's Investment Report and Monthly Register for March.

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer Carmona provided a summary of his report and the cash investments as of March 31, 2014. There were no questions of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Authorize Acting City Administrator to Contract with City of Colusa's Planner for Temporary Planning Services.

DISCUSSION: Acting City Administrator Saso reported the City of Colusa's Planner, Bryan Stice has agreed to work for the City of Williams during the time Assistant City Planner Stegall is out on maternity leave.

ACTION: Council Member Plachek-Fulcher made a motion, seconded by Council Member Troughton and carried unanimously to authorize the Acting City Administrator to contract with City of Colusa's Planner for Temporary Planning Services. Motion passed 5-0.

11. Authorize the Acting City Administrator to Execute a Contract Between the City of Williams and Sycamore Environmental for Professional Environmental Consulting Services.

DISCUSSION: City Attorney Siprelle reported on Assistant Planner Stegall's behalf. Siprelle read the background information from Stegall's report, stating staff recommends executing a contract with Sycamore Environmental in the amount not to exceed \$215,755 for professional environmental consulting services for a potential commercial development.

Jeff Little, Vice President with Sycamore Environmental introduced himself to Council.

**ACTION:** Council Member Plachek-Fulcher made a motion, seconded by Troughton and carried unanimously to authorize the Acting City Administrator to execute a contract between the City of Williams and Sycamore Environmental for Professional Environmental Consulting Services in the amount not to exceed \$215,755. Motion passed 5-0.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Council Member Boes attended his regular meetings.  
Council Member Plachek-Fulcher said the Highway 20 project was moving forward.  
Council Member Sellers, Jr. attended his regular meetings.  
Council Member Troughton, Jr. attended his regular meetings.  
Council Member Ash attended her regular meetings.

#### STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Acting City Administrator Saso introduced the two new City employees: Frank Kennedy, Management Analyst and Ben Padilla, Parks and Recreation Director.

Saso provided an update on the Highway 20 project, stating Cal Trans signed the right-of-way certificate for the access. The allocation of the STIP money will be on the June 25<sup>th</sup> State Transportation Commission agenda and the County submitted design plans for 95% completion.

Police Sergeant Anderson provided a monthly status of the police department.

Public Works Director da Rosa expressed his concern on the unexpected 17 foot drop in water.

Finance Officer Greenbaum reported construction was 85% completed on the Water Project.

ADJOURNMENT- At 7:17 pm, Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting to Closed Session.

#### CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov't. Code Sec. 54956.8)  
Property: APNs 016-070-044; 016-070-055, 016-070-101  
Agency negotiators: James Saso and Monica Stegall  
Negotiating parties: City of Williams and V&R Land Investments, LLC  
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Section 54957  
Title: City Administrator

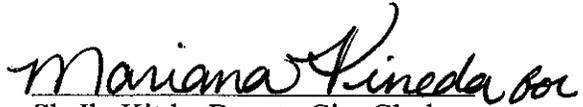
CLOSED SESSION REPORT

At 8:17 pm, Mayor Ash announced that there was no reportable action.

APPROVED:

  
PATRICIA ASH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Shelly Kittle, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted by Council: June 18, 2014