

City of Williams

City Council Minutes

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

CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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.

Acting City Administrator Saso presented plaques to outgoing Mayor Ash and Council Member Plachek-Fulcher for their dedication and hard work in making Williams the best it could be.

Mayor Ash commended Acting City Administrator Saso for his outstanding leadership and improving staff morale when it was at its lowest. She thanked Assistant City Administrator Kennedy for the work he has done, stating he has been a great addition to the City.

ISSUANCE OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY AND RE-ELECTED OFFICERS

Deputy City Clerk Kittle administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Council Member Alfred Sellers and newly elected Council Members Charles Bergson and Santos Jauregui.

HOLD ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui nominating Council Member Troughton Jr. as Mayor.

Mayor Pro-Tem Boes made a substitute motion nominating Council Member Sellers as Mayor. He stated in the past, Council selected the Mayor based on rotation and that Sellers would be the next senior member to be Mayor. He added that Council Member Troughton Jr., had been Mayor in the past. There was no second, therefore the motion died.

Acting City Administrator Saso confirmed the motion made by Council Member Bergson, seconded by Council Member Jauregui nominating Council Member Troughton, Jr., as Mayor for 2015. All were in favor, with no opposition. Motion passed 5-0.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui nominating Council Member Sellers as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Agenda from the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on December 1, 2014

Agenda from the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on December 9, 2014

Agendas and Minutes of the Williams Unified School District Board of Trustees Meetings

Notice of Chamber Election from the Colusa County Chamber of Commerce

Notice of City Council Reorganization from the City of Colusa

DISCUSSION: Council Member Bergson made a verbal correction to his December 18th letter of Resignation from the City Clerk, stating the date should reflect December 17th, 2014.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers to approve Written Communications, as stated. Motion passed 5-0.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Notice to Adjust Rates for the 2015-2017 Energy Saving Assistance and California's Alternate Rates for Energy Programs

Waste Collection Service Rate increase effective January 1, 2015

CONSENT

Resolution 14-17 " A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Declaring the Results of the General Municipal Election Held on November 4, 2014 and Setting Forth a Statement of the Election Results"

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers to approve the resolution declaring the results of the General Municipal Election and setting forth a statement of the election results. Motion passed 3-0 with Council Member Jauregui and Council Member Bergson abstaining.

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 19, 2014.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bergson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Investment Report and Monthly Register for October

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer Carmona provided a summary of his report and the cash investments for October 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Deputy City Clerk to the position of City Clerk for the remainder of the vacated term which will expire in November 2016.

DISCUSSION: Acting City Administrator Saso explained the current Deputy City Clerk Pineda, who is a resident of Williams was interested in serving as City Clerk for the remainder of the expired term. Saso gave his recommendation to appoint her.

ACTION: With no public comments, Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers and carried unanimously to appoint Deputy City Clerk Pineda to the position of City Clerk for the remainder of the vacated term which will expire November 2016. Motion passed 5-0.

Expenditure for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Nitrate Probe.

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Administrator Kennedy explained the State requirements of having ten mg/L of nitrates in the discharge. Pace Engineering recommended purchasing the probe to monitor the levels on a constant basis so that the City would always be in compliant and not at risk for monetary fines. The cost of \$24,323 includes the installation of the probe and connection to the SCADA. Mayor Troughton Jr. explained what could happen if the nitrate levels were too high. Sewer Operator Garcia answered questions from Council and defined what nitrates were.

ACTION: Council Member Sellers made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bergson and carried unanimously to approve the expenditures for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Nitrate Probe. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Event Permit # 21 for the Williams Antique Show held by SPENCOW on March 21-22, 2015; Waive Fees.

DISCUSSION: Acting City Administrator Saso stated SPENCOW (Spanish/English Committee of Williams) requested a waiver of fees and would not require any staff time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Plachek-Fulcher asked if Council Members Bergson and Jauregui needed to recuse themselves because they both serve as SPENCOW officers. Citizen Ash added that Bergson wrote the permit and she had to recuse herself when she wrote her permit.

City Attorney Siprelle explained there was no legal conflict but it was the city's policy for a Council Member to recuse themselves if they were an officer in the organization. Siprelle confirmed there would be no personal financial gain.

Mayor Troughton stated Council Members Bergson and Jauregui needed to recuse themselves.

ACTION: With no other public comments, Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers to approve the Special Event Permit # 21 for the Williams Antique

Show held by SPENCOW on March 21-22, 2015; and waive the fees. Motion passed 3-0 with Council Members Jauregui and Bergson abstaining.

REPORTS

City Attorney stated she has nothing to report.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Council Member Boes reported that the Transit & Transportation Commission, approved the purchase of five new busses, a fare increase effective January 1st, an additional service extension and seven new routes. There will be a Special Meeting next Tuesday and Williams will need a representative. Mayor Troughton Jr. appointed Acting City Administrator Saso to attend the meeting.

Council Member Sellers, Jr. provided updates on meetings he attended.

Council Member Bergson requested Council (in the near future) address the following:

1. Parks & Recreation programs.
2. 10-year capital improvement plan
3. Prepare the fields and,
4. A dedication for the new water tank.

Council Member Jauregui commented on the article in the Pioneer newspaper relating to his services as City Treasurer from 2006-2008. He stated, at his acceptance as City Treasurer, he was advised there would be no duties or responsibilities and that it was not mandatory to attend the meetings. He was also advised, at that time, he didn't need to provide any financial reports.

Mayor Troughton, Jr. requested a workshop so Council could plan for the upcoming year and cover the requested items from Council. He will also make council appointments at that time. There was consensus from Council and Staff to hold the workshop on January 13th at 2:00 pm.

STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Acting City Administrator Saso stated there would be limited staff due to holidays and vacations. Assistant City Administrator Kennedy said he has been working on the Activity Report. All the departments throughout the City will have a matrix to fill in. He stated Council will have the January statistics at the February City Council Meeting.

Police Chief Saso said there were some things going on at the Police Department.

Fire Chief - absent

Finance Officer – nothing to report.

City Engineer Swartz reported the plans on the Marguerite extension were 100% approved and would be going out to bid in mid-January.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dixie LaGrande commented on the wonderful contributions Patricia Ash and Anglela Plachek-Fulcher made to the City while serving on City Council. She congratulated the new Council Members and was looking forward to the future. She suggested to Council Member Boes to add the (530) area code to the schedule. And, she would like to see the Antique Show become a larger event.

Ron Simmons inquired about the rate increase on the waste collection. Acting City Administrator Saso stated it was 1.3%. Simmons inquired about the proceeds from the Antique Show. Council Member Bergson said they were a non-profit so he would like the proceeds to either go back to the Antique Show, the City or the Museum.

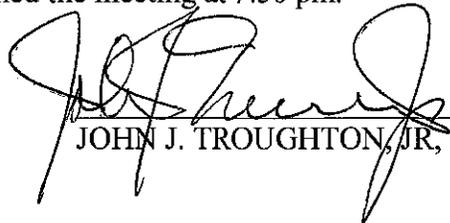
ADJOURNED: Mayor Troughton adjourned the regular meeting at 6:41 pm and requested a recess before going into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Section 54957
Title: City Administrator
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(2): Three cases

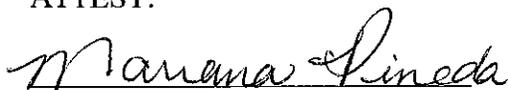
REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: Council voted unanimously to reject the claims of Shawn Flynn and Sandra Flynn and directed Staff to research a possible settlement on a workers compensation claim.

ADJOURNED: Mayor Troughton Jr. adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.



JOHN J. TROUGHTON, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:



Mariana Pineda, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted by Council: January 21, 2015.