

# CITY OF WILLIAMS

## *City Council Minutes*

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

CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015

REGULAR SESSION  
6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Troughton Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL** John Troughton, Kent Boes, Alfred Sellers, Santos Jauregui and Charles Bergson were all present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Troughton invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Joe Lauwersijessen, resident of Arbuckle, stated he was here on behalf of the State of Jefferson. State of Jefferson is in an effort to split fifteen to twenty counties off the north state. He mentioned that the new state did not have to be called State of Jefferson, it could be any other name. This is being considered because of the low representation that Northern California has in the State Assembly and Senate. Northern California is considered one third of California and we only have six representatives out of the one hundred and twenty. Mr. Lauwersijsen asked the City Council Members to please educate themselves on this particular subject and give their opinion and agree that the time has come to form a new state.

Keith Hathaway resident of Colusa and a member of the committee from Colusa which represents the State of Jefferson, said that the night before they gave a presentation to the City Council of the City of Colusa. He said they are very encouraged by it because the City Council from Colusa was very excited to listen to their presentation and they are expecting a declaration from them. We need more representation from Sacramento to give the Northern State more of a voice. He informed the City Council that he would like to submit a request to give a presentation at the next City Council meeting.

Lew Manor said he is not a resident of Williams at this time but he was for many years. Mr. Manor told Council that he wanted to get then interested in this movement. He mentioned that he had some information that he could drop off at City Hall for the City Council Members. The State of Jefferson is not a light matter to them because there is really no other way out of being represented. The State of Jefferson is also a state of mind because Thomas Jefferson believed in low taxation and local control. California is the fourth highest taxed state in the United States and this is causing business to leave the state. Mr. Manor thanked the Council for their time.

## WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Agenda from the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on December 16, 2014

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

Letter of Resignation from the Planning Commissioner Joel Sanders

ACTION: No Action needed.

## CONSENT

A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Williams Honoring Bertha Belmontes Smith Upon Her Retirement from the County of Colusa Sheriff's Department.

Minutes of the Regular and Special Council Meetings of December 10, 2014 and December 17, 2014.

Adopt Resolution 15-01, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Authorizing the City Council Members, Acting City Administrator, and the Assistant City Administrator to Sign Checks Drawn on U.S. Bank and the Finance Officer and Accounting Specialist III to Make Inquiries on the Account.

Approve the Proposed two-year Operating and Capital Budget Schedule for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and 2017.

Council Member Bergson made corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2014. He wanted the minutes to reflect Ordinance 153-06 which he stated Council Jauregui had cited in his Council Report.

Council Member Bergson also had questions on the proposed budget schedule. He asked City Administrator Saso where on the schedule the Public Hearings were going to take place. City Administrator Saso told Council Member Bergson that the Public Hearing would be done at the Regular April City Council Meeting.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui to accept the Consent agenda as amended. Motion passed 5 - 0.

## OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Investment Report and Monthly Register for November.

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer Carmona provided a summary of his report which included the cash investments for November 2014.

Council Member Bergson had questions on the check register. He wanted to become familiar with it and his questions were on the larger checks. Finance Officer Greenbaum explained that one was for the Margurite Street Extension and the other was part of the funds to reimburse the draw down loan for the Senior Apartments. The last question was for Sycamore Environmental which Assistant City Planner Monica Stegall explained related to the environmental study for Highway 20.

**Approve Plans and Specifications as Submitted and Approved by Cal Trans for Margurite Street, and Approve the Lift Station Plans Submitted by CEC, and Authorize Staff to Advertise the Project for Bidding Upon Receipt of the E-76 Authorization.**

DISCUSSION: City Engineer David Swartz explained to Council that at the last Special Meeting he had a workshop to familiarize the Council with this item. The bidding process will begin once we have received the final authorization from Caltrans which is the E-76 form. Swartz stated that the City had met all the requirements with Caltrans and that he had received an email from them to notify him that all the processing for the authorization had been sent out to headquarters. He is now asking Council for permission to request bids as soon as we receive the E-76 form. After strategizing with City Administrator Saso and Assistant City Administrator Kennedy, they came up with some tentative dates. These dates are January 30, 2014 for the request of bids, March 9, 2015 for bid opening, and the awarding bid will be scheduled at the regular City Council meeting of March 17, 2015.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bergson to Approve Plans and Specifications as Submitted and Approved by Cal Trans for Margurite Street, and Approve the Lift Station Plans Submitted by CEC, and Authorize Staff to Advertise the Project for Bidding upon Receipt of the E-76 Authorization. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Introduce and Waive the First Reading of Ordinance 209 - 15 Amending 10.32.100 of the Williams Municipal Code Regarding Designated Street- Parking Prohibited along Margurite Street.**

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Planner stated land designated along Margurite Street is zoned high density residential south of E street along Margurite Street. Most developers will be required to provide onsite parking. In an effort to prevent overflow parking along Margurite Street, which could become a problem in the future, staff is recommending we prohibit parking along Margurite Street.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council member Sellers Jr. to waive the First reading of Ordinance 209-15 Amending 10.32.100 of the Williams Municipal Code Regarding Designated Street - Parking Prohibited along Margurite Street. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Adopt Resolution 15-02, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Supporting the construction of the Sites Reservoir.**

DISCUSSION: City Council Member Troughton Jr. said this Reservoir would be good for the future in this Valley because of the drought that has been going on in the last couple of years.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui, approving Resolution 15-02 Supporting the Sites Reservoir. Council Member Boes voted no. Motioned passed 4 - 1.

**Assign Council Members as Representatives**

Mayor Troughton Jr., Provided the following:

- City Administrator Saso will serve on the Colusa County Transportation Commission.
- Council Member Sellers Jr., primary and Council Member Bergson will serve as the alternate for Colusa County One-Stop.
- Mayor Troughton Jr., and Council Member Jauregui serve on the Williams Fire Protection Authority and Council Member Sellers Jr., will serve as the alternate.
- Mayor Troughton Jr., and Council Member Boes will serve on the Finance Committee.
- Mayor Troughton Jr., and Council Member Sellers Jr., will serve on the Personnel Committee.
- Council members Boes and Bergson will serve on the Capital Improvement Committee.
- Council Member Jauregui will serve as primary on the Williams Unified School District.
- Council Member Bergson will serve on the Sacramento Valley Museum.
- Council Member Sellers Jr., will serve on the Colusa County Regional Medical Center.
- Council Member Boes will serve on the Colusa County Board of Supervisors.
- Council Member Sellers Jr., will serve on the Gang Task Force.
- Mayor Troughton Jr., will serve as the Primary on the League of California Cities.
- Council Member Bergson will serve as primary on the Regional Water Resources Board.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bergson to approve the Council Assignments to Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Liaisons.

**Approve Subsidy for Adult Basketball**

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Administrator explained that we are starting a Men's Basketball League. There will be eight, ten, or twelve teams and the major expense would be to use the gym because the school does not charge for youth but they will for adults. Another major cost is the referees. He also stated that this matter had been brought up at the December Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and the Commission did not agree with subsidizing.

Council Member Bergson requested to subsidize the league so the total cost per team would be four hundred dollars. On an eight team league we would subsidize a total of about twenty-three hundred dollars. In response to his question, the City Administrator was informed that we do charge more for nonresidents.

Sara Kaba, Vice Chair on the Parks and Recreation Commission stated this item was brought up at the last Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and it was a very long discussion. The Committee doesn't have a problem subsidizing youth activities, but they were strongly against paying for grown men to play basketball.

Mayor Troughton Jr., said that if the City Council decides to approve the subsidy, there will be rules put in place as for conduct. He was very hesitant on whether this activity should be subsidized.

Council Member Bergson stated the obvious benefits of having recreation programs included health and fitness. The increased activity also brings additional tax dollars to the City. He believes that the City needs good recreation programs for the youth as well as the adults.

Assistant City Administrator explained that the City does not have an assessment district and this money would be coming out directly from the general fund. Staff will develop a budget for residents and nonresidents he said.

Citizen Pat Ash said she did not agree with paying referees and that if Council was to subsidize it should be for the youth and not the adults.

Council Member Boes said he does not understand why the City would have a Parks and Recreation Commission if City Council is not going to support the decision they make. He believes that if they will not be supporting their decision, Council should just dissolve the commission and have City Council make all of the decisions.

Council Member Jauregui stated that if the City has enough money to subsidize this activity, they should because anything that has to do with sports is good for the community. He believes the City should establish rules and if they are not followed, the participants should be disqualified. He believes this a good idea and is in favor of subsidizing even if it is for adult activities.

Council Member Boes suggested that Council revisit this item in the future once the budget is balanced. He also wants to see the youth activities subsidized first after the budget is balanced and only then subsidize adult activities if there is any money left over.

Angela Fulcher, resident of Williams, thinks that kids should have priority because they have to be engaged in activities that will help them develop skills like team work. If the adult basketball is subsidized, kids will get the back seat and not be given the chance to do any activities.

Council Member Bergson recommended a motion to suspend the subsidy to eight teams and one referee.

Council Member Boes made a motion to support our Parks and Recreation Commission's decisions and not subsidize basketball and let staff work it out to make it a wash where we don't have to subsidize.

Council Member Boes amends his motion, seconded by Mayor Troughton Jr., to support the decisions of the Parks and Recreation Commission and not subsidize basketball. Motion did not pass.

AYES: Council Member Boes, Mayor Troughton Jr.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Council Member Bergson, Jauregui, Sellers Jr.

ABSENT: None.

Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boes to bring back this item during budget discussions. Motion Passed 5-0.

Council member Boes made a request to have staff look into a Park and Recreation Assessment and sending it to a Proposition 218 stating if this is what the citizens want and are willing to pay for, that is how we should fund it.

### **Approve Reappointment of two of the Planning Commissioners.**

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Planner Stegall explained to the City Council that at the end of December 2014, four of our Planning Commissioners terms ended and two of those Commissioners expressed their interest in re-appointment. The two Commissioners are Nancy Marshall and Ed Davis. Staff is recommending that the Mayor reappoint them as they have served well during their terms. Mrs. Stegall also explained that the other two positions on the commission are vacant and they already have submitted for advertisement in the newspaper, post office and at City Hall.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boes to reappoint Nancy Marshall and Ed Davis to the Planning Commission. Motioned passed 5 - 0.

### **REPORTS**

City Attorney stated she has nothing to report.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Council Member Jauregui attended the Fire Board Meeting.

Council Member Boes had nothing to report but wanted to make a comment. Wes Goforth worked for the City of a long time and the City was going to recognize him at his retirement and that fell through. He requested to bring something back next meeting at the pleasure of the Mayor to rename Redinger Park after him as Wes Goforth Memorial Park or something along those lines.

Council Member Bergson stated Williams Antique thirty-eighth anniversary will be on March 21-22, 2015 at the Old Gym He took the time to explain and correct a comment on the Sun Herald that stated the City had given the Williams Community Center sixty thousand dollars when that money came from the County. He also reminded the Council Members that in 2017 it

would be the anniversary of the Williams Arch and would like to start planning an event to recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Council Member Sellers Jr. attended CRMC Meeting, One Stop Meeting and Council Workshop on January 13, 2015.

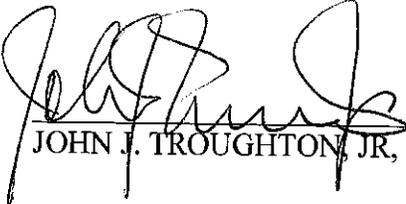
Mayor Troughton Jr., attended the Fire Board Meeting.

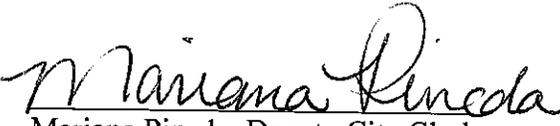
STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Acting City Administrator Saso stated the City was recruiting for a maintenance worker.  
Assistant City Administrator Kennedy said he has been working with City Engineer on a project resolving some Waste Water Treatment Plant issues with Pace Engineering.  
Police Chief Saso said they are doing street light inventory.  
Fire Chief - absent  
Finance Officer he is working on the last draw down for the Water Project.

ADJOURNED: Mayor Troughton Jr. adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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JOHN J. TROUGHTON, JR, MAYOR

  
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Mariana Pineda, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted by Council: March 18, 2015.