

# *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, MARCH 18, 2015

REGULAR SESSION  
6:00 P.M.

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

**ROLL CALL** Council Members 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:** Betty Huson stated she was here before the City Council tonight on behalf of the Williams Family Action Center. She wanted to inform the Council of the types of services her organization offers to the community. They are located at 602 Twelfth Street. She said they provide a number of services to the community members and most of the services offered are free of charge.

Last year the organization served two thousand one hundred and forty five people. She mentioned that what they are most known for is their growing start play groups which are provided for toddlers, infants, and preschoolers. She said they are designed to catch the kids that maybe fall between the gaps, ones that may not qualify for head start or for kids that cannot afford private care. These classes are offered for about four hours a week.

Other services include child passenger safety seat classes and participate in events that teach the parents how to install the seats properly for every stage of car seats. They have nutrition classes, Cal fresh, Covered California and Medical application help. Mrs. Huson said they have a variety of other services that they offer and if they can't help them they will refer them to some one that can.

Council Member Sellers Jr. said he believed that her presentation was very good and he could not believe everything they do for the community.

Julio Brincat stated he attended the meeting because he had no other option. He said he feels very strongly of keeping his application current. Assistant City Planner Stegall said she would be sending a letter out to Mr. Brincat. He said he would have liked for someone to have given him a phone call and let him know what was going on. Mayor Troughton Jr. asked Mrs. Stegall if this issue would be going to the Planning Commission and Mrs. Stegall said it would not be on the Planning Commission agenda.

Council member Bergson asked if staff could take care of this matter without having to bring it back to the City Council. Acting City Administrator Saso said that the matter would be taken care of by staff. Mr. Saso also mentioned that there had not been a denial and had spoken to Mr. Brincat the week before and he was notified of that. He also said the person who will approve this application was the City Administrator because this is the approval process, and it was approved last year and the year before that. Mr. Brincat said that his application had expired on March 15, 2015 and that is why he was concerned about keeping it current. Acting City Administrator assured Mr. Brincat that his application would not lapse.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Agenda from the Regional Water Quality Control Board

Agenda from the Colusa County Board of Supervisors meeting of February 24, 2015.

Agenda from the Colusa County Board of Supervisors meeting of March 10, 2015.

Notice from Pacific Gas and Electric Company requesting to increase the rates for the electric vehicle infrastructure and education program.

Council Member Troughton had a comment on the Notice from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company he does think there should be a different way to fund the electrical vehicle infrastructure. He would like for this item to be back on the next meeting's agenda.

**CONSENT:**

Special Event Permit, for the Christian Men's Fellowship Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Special Event Permit # 24, for the Williams Unified School District Annual Fun Run and Walk on May 09, 2015.

Special Event Permit # 25, for the Sacramento Valley Museum Political BBQ on Friday, April 17, 2015.

Special Event Permit # 26, for the Sacramento Valley Museum Pioneer Unit Field Day of Friday, May 08, 2015.

Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of January 13, 2015.

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 21, 2015.

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 18, 2015.

Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of February 18, 2015.

**DISCUSSION:** Council Member Bergson made corrections on the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2015. He said the word "sighted" on page two of the minutes was used incorrectly and the correct spelling was "cited." One more correction was made on page five

which was the motion to amend the subsidy to eight teams and one referee and the correct word was to suspend the subsidy.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boes and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as corrected. Motion Passed 5-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Treasurer's Investment Report and Monthly Register for December.

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

Council Member Bergson had questions on the check register. His question was on the payment that was made to BJ's Concrete for a little over 40,000 dollars. He wanted to know what this payment was for and Assistant City Administrator Frank Kennedy said it was for work that was done to sidewalks on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and E Street. Acting City Administrator also stated that Council had previously approved this item.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discuss and authorize the signature of the Declaration and Petition to the California State Legislature for the withdrawal of the City of Williams from the State of California and to form the State of Jefferson.

DISCUSSION: Council Member Bergson stated he thought the presentation that was given at the previous February 18, 2015 meeting was valid and was very significant in what was presented to Council. He believes there are issues about the lack of representation in northern California.

Council Member Bergson did not agree with the Declaration of Petition that was presented to them at this time because of the language that is being used. He supports the fact that the State of Jefferson is trying to bring back the representation back to Northern California.

Council Member Boes stated the Keith Hathaway, a representative for the State of Jefferson called him letting him know that they will be holding a public forum in Williams on March 28<sup>th</sup> and he thought it might be appropriate to table the authorization of the petition until the next City Council meeting. He suggested this so that all interested residents can attend the forum and get the information they need and can come back to the next meeting and contribute to the Council's discussion. Mayor Troughton Jr. agreed with Council Member Boes suggestion.

Mayor Troughton Jr. asked Mark Marshall Chairman of the Board of Supervisors if he had any comments that he would like to make in regards to this issue. Mr. Marshall said that at this point the County had not taken a position on this issue.

ACTION: Council decided to table this item to the next City Council Meeting.

#### Discuss and consider the appointment of Alisia Carmona and Sajit Singh to the Planning Commission, effective immediately.

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Planner explained to Council that the Planning Commission has currently two vacancies. She stated that City staff had advertised these vacancies in the Colusa Sun Herald, City Hall, Post Office and our City website. The City received four applications, one of the applications was not eligible due to the applicants residency being outside the City. Assistant City Planner Stegall and Mayor Troughton interviewed the three applicants and staff is recommending the appointment of Alisia Carmona and Sajit Singh to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Troughton said that it was he who would be making these appointments but made it clear that he would not go against the rest of the City Council Members if they did not agree with these appointments.

Council Member Boes said he had a conversation with Don Parsons, one of the applicants that was interviewed. He said Don is very interested in being involved more with the City and he believes he would be a great addition to the Commission. Council Member Boes also said he had a conversation with the Assistant City Planner and Mrs. Stegall came up with the idea of having an alternate position in the event that one of the members is absent.

City attorney Ann Siprelle told the Council she would look into this matter.

ACTION: Mayor Troughton Jr., appointed both Alisia Carmona and Sajit Singh as the new Planning Commissioners.

## REPORTS

City Attorney stated she is in the process in looking into an Assessment District to fund Parks and Recreation programs.

## COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Council Member Jauregui wanted to thank Frank and the staff from Public Works for the work that they have done out on Valley Vista Park. He also mentioned the grinding down of the bumps on our streets. He said he would like to see the crosswalks painted on 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Acting City Administrator Saso said that he would be meeting with the School District and he said they will address it with the School District. Council Member Jauregui attended the Fire Board meeting and he also attended the School Board Meeting. He would like for staff to contact PG&E to see if there is any way they can help improve the street lighting.

He also mentioned there has been a group of people that have approached him with the idea of putting up a volleyball net, and he would like to know if the City would be able to put one up at Valley Vista Park. He stated he also has been contacted by a lot of people about the soccer league that is ran by the City. Mr. Kennedy informed Council that staff is preparing for soccer now.

Council Member Boes attended his regular meetings and had nothing to report. He asked about the donation of the striping, Acting City Administrator Saso explained that it had been completed. He stated that Assemblyman Bill Dodd contacted him and would like to invite all Council Members to attend on April 17, 2015 at the Sacramento Valley Museum. Council Member Boes also stated that he would like to review the rules of order and make amendments or adopt a new set of them. He believes that is something Council could clean up a bit.

Council Member Bergson said the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Williams Antique Show would be taking place this weekend at the Old Gym. He would like to schedule the ribbon cutting for the new water tank. Council Member Bergson would also like at the next Council meeting to bring up the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan and what will be submitted to the County. He mentioned Sixth Street, Seventh Street, E Street and sidewalks are major projects that need to be done. He would like to also see the Youth Soccer Program started and advertised. He advised the Council that he would be attending a State funding fair on behalf of the City in the month of May.

Mayor Pro Tem Sellers Jr., attended all of his regular meetings. He mentioned that the activities that had been held at the Williams Community Center had been successful. He also advised the Council of the Youth Art Show on March the 28<sup>th</sup> also taking place at the Williams Community Center.

Mayor Troughton Jr., attended a School Board Meeting, interviewed for the Planning Commission vacancies and he also attended the Fire Board Meeting.

#### STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Acting City Administrator Saso held a budget meeting with staff and will be bringing that item back at the April regular meeting. Mr. Saso said he had also met with the Miscellaneous Employee Association representatives. Venice Park will not be mowed due to the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt which was approved tonight he said. He will be on vacation April 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Assistant City Administrator Kennedy had a CIP meeting. Mr. Kennedy said he hopes to have the two new Public Works employees start in the next couple of weeks. He also advised that the Public Works Department has been allowed to go to a 4/10 schedule. They have alternated their days off for coverage and the department will be open Monday thru Friday.

Police Report was given by Sergeant Anderson stating he would like to update Council on the fire that happened at Denny's. He told Council there had been an investigator onsite because initially they thought the origination of the fire to be suspicious. He said that he attended the School Board Meeting last week. The Police Department deployed two officers for the DUI saturation patrol last night for St. Patrick's Day. Sergeant Anderson attended the Emergency Medical Care Committee Meeting and they talked about various emergency response resources. The hours of the Enloe ambulance have been modified, Williams will still have an ambulance 24 hours a day, however in Colusa the ambulance will only be there 10 hours a day seven days a week. This will begin on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Chief – Absent.

Finance Officer Greenbaum met with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to try to find other grant monies to possibly put in a well at the water tank site. He said that it looks like we will be able to qualify for a portion of the funds.

City Engineer Swartz gave an update on Margurite Street. He said they had held a pre-bid meeting last week at City Hall. He also said they are still on schedule for bid opening on March 25<sup>th</sup> and award on April 1, 2015.

Ron Simmons thanked the City for grinding down the bumps.

Mark Marshall Chairman of the Colusa County Board of Supervisors would like to invite everyone to attend the Joint Cities and County Meeting that will be held at the Steel Head lodge on April 29, 2015.

Acting City Administrator Saso wanted to take a minute to recognize our Building Director Debbie Rich. He said she will be retiring next Friday after twelve years of dedicated service to the City.

Building Director Debbie Rich thanked the Acting City Administrator and said it had been an honor to be working for the City and she said she will miss all staff.

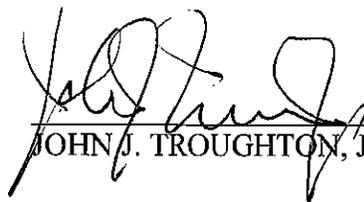
ADJOURNED to Closed Session at 6:58 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

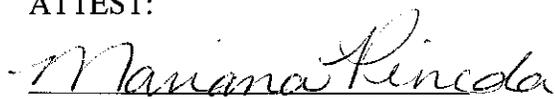
1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Section 54957  
Title: Police Chief

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:23 pm, Mayor Troughton adjourned the meeting stating there was no reportable action.

  
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JOHN J. TROUGHTON, JR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Mariana Pineda, Deputy City Clerk