

City of Williams

City Council Minutes

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

CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 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 Member 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: None.

PRESENTATION

Presentation from the UC Master Gardener Coordinator of Colusa County

Gerry L. Hernandez Master introduced herself to the City Council. Mrs. Hernandez explained they do work in the County and said unfortunately they didn't have anything in Williams. She stated that this was because they did not have a Master Gardener from Williams until recently. She said the UC Master Gardener Program is a public service and outreach program of the University of California Agricultural and Natural Resources. Mrs. Hernandez also explained that the UC Master Gardeners are volunteers trained and certified by the University of California.

UC Master Gardeners have to complete an intensive training over a period of three months. After they have completed the training UC Master Gardeners of Colusa County help the residents to become better gardeners using a variety of activities such as workshops, lectures, social media, monthly newsletters and garden hotlines. She stated that this program started in Colusa County in 2009 and currently has seventeen volunteers to help the residents of Colusa County be better gardeners.

Mrs. Hernandez said the UC Master Gardeners from Colusa County may be contacted at 100 Sunrise Blvd., Ste E, Colusa or at (530) 458-0570. UC Master Gardeners are also available throughout the year at plant clinics, Colusa County Fair, May Surprise, Arbuckle Pumpkin Festival, Colusa Harvest Festival, Colusa Farm Show, Colusa County Family Fair and at workshops around the County.

PROCLAMATION

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation Declaring the Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Williams.

DISCUSSION: Council Member Bergson made some corrections to the proclamation and Council Member Boes also pointed the date was incorrect.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boes Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Proclamation Declaring the Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Williams as corrected. Motion passed 5-0.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Troughton stated he would like to interrupt and take up item number nine.

Mayor Troughton explained that Acting City Administrator/ Police Chief Jim Saso's resignation would be effective Friday April 17, 2015 and wanted to take the time to thank him. He stated he wanted to thank him for his years of services for the City of Williams and presented him with a plaque that read "In Appreciation for Your Service, Leadership and Dedication from May 5, 2001 to April 17, 2015."

Acting City Administrator / Police Chief Jim Saso thanked everyone. He said he wanted to go back to 2006 when he became the Police Chief and thanked Mayor Don Barker for his leadership and his guidance and from then on all the Council Members. He also thanked Angie Fulcher and Pat Ash for their support and Mayor Troughton for his leadership.

As far as the Police Department he said he appreciated the loyalty shown to him. He said he hoped to leave the place better then when he got there and hopes the new Police Chief moves it forward. He always has said he would put his fourteen men department up against any fourteen men department.

PUBLIC HEARING

Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 210-15 of the City Council of the City of Williams Amending Section 2.24.020 of Chapter 2.24 of the Williams Municipal Code regarding Membership and appointment of the City of Williams Planning Commission.

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Planner Stegall would like to recommend that the City Council waive the first reading of Ordinance 210-15. Mrs. Stegall explained that this Ordinance Amendment would allow for a sixth member to operate as an alternate in the event that another Planning commissioner was absent.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a Motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui and carried unanimously, to waive the first reading of Ordinance 210-15 of the City Council of the City of Williams Amending Section 2.24.020 of Chapter 2.24 of the Williams Municipal Code Regarding membership and Appointment of the City of Williams Planning Commission. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT

Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2015.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bergson and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2015. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Investment Report and Monthly Register for February 2015.

Treasurer was absent.

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer report was provided by Finance Director Rex Greenbaum a summary of his report and the cash investments for February 2015.

Council Member Bergson had questions on the check register. One of Council Member Bergson's questions was about the check to Hoblit Motors for eighty nine thousand six hundred sixty dollars and eighty- five cents. Finance Officer Greenbaum explained that the City had recently purchased three Police vehicles, two replacements and one damaged vehicle. Council Member Bergson also had a question on the check written to Colusa County in the amount of nine thousand six hundred forty- six dollars and fifty four cents which was for some of the consultant work the County had done for the Highway 20 Project.

Finance director Greenbaum explained that the check for the thirty- eight thousand nine hundred and fourteen dollars was for the purchase of the hydro excavator. Mr. Bergson had a last question on the check written out to California Engineering Company for sixteen thousand four hundred and seventy- five dollars. Mr. Greenbaum said it was for the engineering for the Margurite Street Extension Project.

Discuss and consider authorizing 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: Acting City Administrator said that Mr. Hathaway and Mr. Wellborn were here tonight in case anyone had any question. Mayor Troughton Jr. had a concern because he represents the City of Williams and said that for him to assume that the majority of the people of the City will want this is not for him to decide. He stated he is a little hesitant to move on this item. If there was some situation where we can come to a consensus on this within the population from the City he would follow that direction whether it be for or against the State of Jefferson.

Keith Hathaway said he understands the Mayor's position and agrees with him ninety- nine percent, but asked the Council Members to consider the long term circumstances and what the long term benefits are.

Mr. Hathaway also mentioned they would like to schedule one more presentation with Steve Baird to discuss budgetary questions.

Council Member Jauregui asked if the City of Williams is in the process of receiving grants from the State of California would this affect the City of Williams. Mr. Hathaway said that would be a question for Mr. Baird he apologized for not being able to answer his questions. Council Member Jauregui would like for the Town Hall Meeting for the State of Jefferson to be in Spanish or have a translator. Mr. Hathaway said that is something they will consider.

Council Member Bergson said he would like to take Mr. Hathaway's offer of having another presentation at our next City Council Meeting. Mr. Hathaway said he could not commit to the next City Council meeting because he would need to work something out with Steve Baird and see what his schedule is like.

ACTION: Mayor Troughton suggested having this item continued in a couple of months, Council agreed with his suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve the Proposed Williams Regional Transportation Improvement Program Project List and Direct that it be forwarded for Inclusion in the Colusa County Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Administrator Frank Kennedy explained to the Council that the RTIP will be expiring soon and needs to prepare a new one for the Colusa County Transportation Commission review and approval. Assistant City Administrator said staff recommended that the City Council approve the proposed Williams Regional Transportation Improvement Program list and direct that it be forwarded for inclusion in the County's Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Council Member Bergson thanked Mr. Kennedy for presenting this to Council. Mr. Bergson said he does not understand why Fifth Street is on the list and would like to see McDonald's pothole addressed and placed on the RTIP. He mentioned the City has received many complaints.

Approve Modification of the Dispatch Services Agreement between the City of Williams and Colusa County.

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Administrator Kennedy explained the Dispatch Services Agreement between the City of Williams and the County of Colusa will be expiring on June 30, 2015. He also explained that the Sheriff's Office of Colusa County had agreed to extend current agreement with minor cost arrangements and therefore recommended that the City Council approve the modification of the Dispatch Services.

Mayor Troughton said he disagreed with this because he does not understand why one Government Agency would charge another Government Agency for their services.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Seller Jr., and carried unanimously to approve modification of the Dispatch Services Agreement between the City of Williams and Colusa County. Motion Passed 5-0.

Authorize the Acting City Administrator to Execute a Contract between the City of Williams and Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC).

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Administrator Kennedy explained that funding sources such as USDA, State Water Resources Control Board and California Financing Coordination all use median household income calculation to determine grant and loan funding levels. Mr. Kennedy said that in order to take advantage of the best possible funding from the State and Federal Agencies, the City should be rated as Severely Disadvantaged. The City would like to use RCAC to conduct a survey that could help determine the actual MHI of the City of Williams.

RCAC has provided the City two different options for conducting the survey and staff's recommendation is to authorize the Acting City Administrator to Execute a Contract between the City of Williams and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation in the amount up to fifteen thousand nine hundred and eighty- eight dollars.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boes and carried unanimously to authorize the Acting City Administrator to Execute a Contract between the City of Williams and Rural Community Assistance Corporation. Motion Passed 5-0.

California Drought and Water Conservation

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Administrator Frank Kennedy explained that California has been in a serious drought. He said Governor Brown made an announcement on April first about actions he will be taken and we will know about those actions until May sixth or seventh. Mr. Kennedy stated that the City of Williams is a small water provider which has about three thousand connections. He said that the mandates might look a little different for us, but the bottom line is the State will want us to save twenty- five percent overall. He said as of this year the City of Williams has not even come close to what we will need to save which is the twenty-five percent although we are currently not mandated to do so.

Assistant City Administrator Kennedy said himself and our City Engineer David Swartz have been working on a four tier resolution to see what it is we can and can't do when it comes to the water situation. This will help us to achieve our goal of reducing our water usage by twenty-five percent.

Mayor Troughton Jr. asked if the well levels have been dropping since the drought has been going on. Water Operator Greg White said the wells have been pretty consistent with last year's levels. Mr. White said we are in a concerned stage when it comes to well levels.

Assistant City Administrator said that this leads into the rehabilitation of Venice Park. He explained that City Council last year made a commitment to rehab that park. Mr. Kennedy said Venice Park has barely been watered this year, but he also said that this park had a very inefficient irrigation system. He said that replacing the irrigation system would reduce the amount of water that is being used now.

Mr. Kennedy stated that we needed to wait until the mandates of the Governor came out to see exactly what they imply. He wants to make sure there will not be any restrictions on new construction or rehabbing parks because he believes there might some kind of mandates regarding that.

Council Member Boes said that we should be the ones setting the example whether it is mandated or not. He said that if the City is going to impose this on all the resident the City should start one step ahead of everyone else. He also believes that if there is forgiveness for the rehabilitation of parks the City will be sending out the wrong message to all residents. Council Member Boes would like for the City to maintain the parks at the current level that they stand now, but redoing the park will not send the right message.

Mayor Troughton Jr. suggested that we start by send a message on the water bills letting customers know they need to conserve water. Mr. Kennedy did explain to Council that staff was already working on this.

Angela Fulcher a citizen and former Council Member for the City of Williams wanted to speak to the Council on this matter. Mrs. Fulcher said she understood how hard it is to put the needs of the community before your own. She said she also understands that it is important to redo the parks and the soccer fields to keep the kids active, but we really are at a very concerned state and believes it is very important that we put the priority to our community in perspective and we need to lead by example. She stated that we need to be proactive because we don't know what the next couple of years will bring.

Mrs. Fulcher said on a personal note she would like to thank Acting City Administrator for his years of service. She said his loss was devastating to this community and cannot thank him enough for all he has done for the City of Williams.

Council agreed to not rehab Venice Park until it is possible.

Council Member Bergson suggested revisiting this subject in six months, all Council Members agreed with his suggestion.

REPORTS

City Attorney nothing to report.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Council Member Jauregui attended the State of Jefferson meeting and contacted PG&E regarding the West Side of the City. He will be receiving the information via email which will explain what the possibilities there are and what the cost associated with the LED lights are.

Council Member Boes attended his regular meetings. He stated he also attended a meeting that was held by Congressman Garamendi and the County is scheduled to have one more meeting with Congressman Garamendi in early May and hopes to secure some extra dollars for our infrastructure.

Council Member Bergson reported that the Spanish/ English Committee hosted the 38th Annual Antique Show and they cleared about eleven hundred dollars possibly more. They will be giving that profit to the Sacramento Valley Museum. Council Member Bergson said the 100th Anniversary of the Williams Arch is coming up in 2017 and would like to suggest the City form a committee to have a dedication for the Arch. He believes it is not too early to start planning for this event.

He would like for staff to contact the Mosquito Abatement District and get a quote on what the cost would be to spray the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Sellers Jr. attended all of his regular meetings and the Antique Show.

Mayor Troughton Jr., met with all department heads. He said he also met with Assistant City Administrator Frank Kennedy to discuss several things. Mayor Troughton also attended his Fish and Game Commission Meeting.

STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Assistant City Administrator Kennedy mentioned that staff had been doing some improvements to the City Pool. Public Works will be painting and putting up shade structures. Staff is also thinking of modifying the hours the pool will be open this summer and is planning to have different activities out there.

Police Chief Jim Saso reported that the Police Department K- 9 Unit passed their post certifications and effective today Jacob Stadleman is on patrol with the unit. Jennifer Patterson has been cleared medically and will return to work tomorrow night and will be working with Danny Mata.

Fire Chief – Absent.

Finance Officer Greenbaum gave an update on the CDBG Housing Program. He stated that we have had several application and have sent them to be processed by the Sutter Nevada Housing Authority and they have been reviewing those applications. He is hoping to have some loans closed and getting new time home buyers loans relatively soon.

City Engineer Swartz gave an update on Margurite Street and said the bids are due next Wednesday, April 22nd and is hoping to have a Special City Council Meeting on April 29th to award the bid.

ADJOURNED to Closed Session at 7:53 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Section 54957

Title: Police Chief

ACTION: Clinton Richard Waugh was appointed as the Intern Police Chief by a unanimous decision.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Section 54957
Title: City Administrator

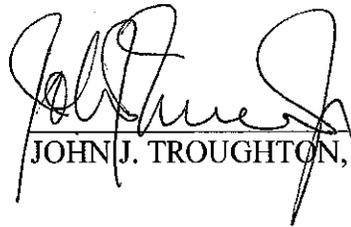
ACTION: Frank Kennedy was appointed as City Administrator by a unanimous decision.

Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov't. Code Sec. 54956.9(d) (2): one case

No Reportable Action.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 pm, Mayor Troughton adjourned the meeting.



JOHN J. TROUGHTON, JR, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Mariana Pineda, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted by Council: May 20, 2015