

City of Williams

City Council Minutes

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

CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015

REGULAR SESSION
6:00 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL Council Member John Troughton, Alfred Sellers, Santos Jauregui and Charles Bergson were present.

Council Member Boes was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PROCLAMATION

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation Declaring the Month of July as Colusa County Rugby Football Club Appreciation and Awareness Month.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Frank Kennedy explained to the Council that the Colusa County Rugby Football Club has had a long connection with the City of Williams. Mr. Kennedy said they have recently won two important championships which are the California Division 3 Championship and California State Championship. He said the City would like to recognize the month of July as the Colusa County Rugby Football Club Appreciation and Awareness Month.

Council Member made a correction on the Proclamation which he wanted it to read as follows:

Whereas, CCRFC participants are respectable and active representatives of our community, including fundraising for nonprofits such as Toys for Tots;

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation Declaring the Month of July as Colusa County Rugby Football Club Appreciation and Awareness Month. Motion passed 4-0.

City Administrator invited the members of the Rugby Team that were present to come forward and receive the Proclamation.

On behalf of the Colusa County Rugby Football Club City Council received a signed Rugby Ball.

PUBLIC HEARING

Hold a Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution 15-09, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Approving Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Levy of Assessments for Landscape and Lighting District No. 97-1.

DISCUSSION: Finance Director Rex Greenbaum explained to City Council that this item was before Council because of the increase in the assessment by the CPI. He also explained that all proper noticing completed prior to this Public Hearing. He stated the assessment would increase by 2.84 percent.

Mayor Troughton opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Troughton closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr. and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 15-09, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Approving Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Levy of Assessment for Landscape and Lighting District No. 97-1. Motion passed 4-0.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Agendas from the Board of Supervisors Meetings that were held on June 16, 2015 and June 30, 2015.

Annual Notice of Automatic Increase in Legal Services Rates based upon CPI from Best Best and Krieger.

Letter from Sacramento Valley Basin wide Air Pollution Control Council.

Letter from the Sacramento Valley Museum.

Council Member Bergson wanted to pull item seven for discussion. Item seven is the letter received from the Sacramento Valley Museum thanking the City of Williams for their initiation in pursuing the California Natural Resources Agency Museum Grant Program. Council Member Bergson also said that the Museum had offered to pay twenty- five hundred dollars to retain the Services of Gary Price. Mr. Bergson also mentioned he had attended the first workshop that had been held at the Museum and said he looked forward to work with the Museum.

Mayor Troughton Jr. also attended the workshop and said it had been a very productive meeting.

ACTION: No action needed.

CONSENT

Adopt the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 17, 2015.

DISCUSSION: Council Member Bergson had clerical corrections to the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 17, 2015.

Approve Special Event Permit Application for the Williams Unified School District Freedom Run and waive fees.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as corrected. Motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

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

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer Carmon was absent. Treasurer's report was given by the City's Finance Director Rex Greenbaum. Mr. Greenbaum provided a summary of his report and the cash investments for May 2015.

Council Member Bergson asked about the checks written to Pacific Ecorisk and Sycamore Environmental. Assistant City Planner Monica Stegall explained the Sycamore Environmental check was written out for environmental work done for the High Way 20 Project. Finance Director Greenbaum said he would report back to City Council on the check written to Ecorisk.

Council Member Sellers Jr. asked about the check to SPG Solar Facility X LLC. Mr. Greenbaum said it is for the solar plant out at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

ACTION: No action needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and accept the attached schedule of budgetary adjustments and provide any input on other potential budgetary changes.

DISCUSSION: Finance Director Rex Greenbaum said this was before council without changes from staff prior to the meeting. He said this item continues from last month's meeting. He said he would like to make any changes that City Council Members may have or items that they would like to add to the list of the budgetary adjustments.

Mayor Troughton Jr. said he had a comment and he knew that this had been brought up at the previous meeting. He said he would like the City to set aside twenty- five percent or one hundred thousand dollars whichever is greater once the Margurite Street Extension Project starts to produce revenues. He would like for this money to go into a fund that the City would use only in case of an emergency.

Council Member Bergson said he would like to submit adjustments and one of them being the Vacation buy backs for the employees. He would like to unfreeze the vacation buy backs. Secondly Council Member Bergson would like to pay down the City's storm drain deficit and also consider paying down the Police Department's facility, with that said Council Member Bergson made the recommendation that City Council adopt the budgetary adjustments as amended to unfreeze the vacation buy backs.

Mayor Troughton Jr. asked Finance Director Greenbaum if he had anything to add.

Finance Director Greenbaum said when staff met with the Finance Committee there was others measures discussed to try and close the gap. Furlough days were brought up during this meeting he said. He also mentioned that if the City had to go on furlough days this would be in conjunction with the vacation buy backs. He said this would allow the employees to still be able to use their vacation time just not cash out their time and of course this was up to City Council's discretion.

Mayor Troughton asked Council Member Bergson if his desire was to unfreeze the vacation buy backs and Council Member Bergson said that was correct. He also commented that he does not agree with the employees having to sacrifice their vacation buy backs.

Council member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui and carried unanimously, to accept the schedule of budgetary adjustments with the amendment to unfreeze the vacation buy backs. Motion passed 4-0.

Authorize the City Administrator to increase irrigation of Valley Vista Park and Town Square Park from two days per week to four days a week.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator said as we all know soccer is a big thing in the Williams Community. He said that earlier today he had been out at Valley Vista Park looking at the field and it is totally burnt out. He told Council there is soccer games and practice being held at the park almost every day of the week. He mention that the City has been on track with conserving the twenty- five percent the governor had asked for earlier this year due to the drought. Mr. Kennedy said that even if the City increased their irrigation to four days a week we would still be meeting the twenty- five percent reduction requirement.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sellers Jr. made a motion, seconded by Council member Bergson and carried unanimously, to authorize City Administrator to increase irrigation of Valley Vista Park and Town Square Park from two day a week to four days a week. Motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS

City Attorney nothing to report.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Council Member Jauregui would like for the City to inform the community why City Council allowed the forty- one homes to be built in Williams. He said he had some people ask him why they had approved this project. He suggested for a press release to inform and explain to the

residents of Williams why this project was allowed. Council Member Jauregui stated he also attended a School Board Meeting.

Council Member Boes was absent.

Council Member Bergson asked City Administrator Kennedy if the City's RTIP had been sent out. Mr. Kennedy responded it had been sent out. Council Member Bergson requested to have a Capital Improvement Project meeting in August. He also mentioned that a couple of years ago there had been a ten year Financial plan put together and he would like for that to be updated. He would also like for report on the solar plant out at the Waste Water Treatment Plant along with a detailed project budget on the Margurite Street Project. Council Member Bergson said he agrees with Council Member Jauregui about the press release explaining why the forty- one homes were approved by City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Sellers Jr. attended all of his regular meetings.

Council Member Bergson mentioned that a youth soccer team from Williams had won a regional championship. Council Member Jauregui said that this team was led by David Lopez. Both Council Members said the City Should do something to recognize the soccer team.

Council Member Jauregui requested for the City Council Meetings be moved to seven o'clock. Mayor Troughton said this item would be brought to council at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Troughton Jr. said he wanted to make sure the public understood why the City Council approved the forty- one homes project. He said that the reason they City Council had to approve this project was because the applicant met all of the standards in our Housing Element.

One resident thanked the City Council for explaining to the public why this project had been approved. She said that now they now the reason why Council approved it and it was because it was basically imposed on the City.

Assistant City Planner told the public that these lots were already zoned for single family homes and like it was said by the Mayor the applicant met all of the City's requirements. She also stated that the City could not have any input on who and how these homes would be occupied or how they would be funded.

ADJOURNED to Closed Session at 7:05 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov't. Code Sec. 54956.8)

Property: APN 005-104-008

Agency negotiator: Frank Kennedy

Negotiating parties: City of Williams and Arco

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

ACTION: No reportable action.

Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov't. Code Sec. 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Frank Kennedy and Dick Waugh
Unrepresented employee: Police Chief

ACTION: No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 pm, Mayor Troughton adjourned the meeting.

JOHN J. TROUGHTON, JR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mariana Pineda, City Clerk