

# *City of Williams*

## *Council Meeting Minutes*

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

CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

At 6:00 pm, Mayor Troughton called the Regular Meeting of the Council to order.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Council Members Present: John Troughton, Jr., Alfred Sellers, Jr., Kent Boes, Charles Bergson.

Council Member Santos Jauregui is absent

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Lew Manor resident of Colusa wanted to give the City Council an update on the state of Jefferson. He mentioned the City of Colusa signed the petition couple of months ago. He said they spoke to some of the business owners here in the City of Williams and he said they found out that many of them were concerned with the taxation. He would like to know if the City Council would like to once again look at the petition and go to the State of California.

Mayor Troughton asked the Council if they would like to revisit this issue at the September Meeting. Council Members all agreed to revisit this issue at the September 16, 2015 meeting.

### **PROCLAMATION:**

Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Proclamation Declaring the Month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Williams.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Frank Kennedy explained to City Council that the City had been approached to sign a Proclamation making September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, and seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr., and carried unanimously to; authorize the Mayor to Sign the Proclamation Declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Williams. Motion passed 4-0.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Receive Agenda from the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on July 28, 2015.

Receive Agenda from the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on August 11, 2015.

Receive Letter from Cortina Rancheria. Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians.

DISCUSSION: Council Member Bergson had a comment on the agenda from the Board of Supervisors from their meeting of August 11<sup>th</sup>. He said the Board of Supervisors had recognized employee milestones and wanted to know if the City of Williams could do the same once a year.

ACTION: No action needed.

**CONSENT:**

Approve the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of June 29, 2015.

DISCUSSION: No comments.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr., and carried unanimously to; approve the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of June 29, 2015. Motion passed 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Receive Treasurer's Investment Report and Monthly Register for June 2015.

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer Carmona provided a summary of his report and the cash investments for June 2015.

No comment from City Council Members.

ACTION: No action needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discuss nuisance caused by migratory birds and recommend potential actions to be taken.

DISCUSSION: Finance Director Rex Greenbaum explained to City Council Members that this item was brought forth to Council for them to discuss and decide what they would like to do so that the issue with the Egrets won't happen in the future.

Mayor Troughton said with the consent of the rest of the Council he would like John Benson to meet with Joshua Bush, the Biologist for the Fish and Game Commission to discuss what the City can do about this issue. Mayor Troughton said he had spoken to Mr. Bush at the Fish and Game Commission Meeting and he made some suggestions. He also mentioned that he had been told by Mr. Bush that the City could not do anything until they are done nesting. He stated that

one of the suggestions was after the birds were done nesting the City could go in and tear down the nests. He said that if this didn't solve the issue then there were other measures that could be taken and wanted Mr. Bush to explain these measures to John Benson.

Mayor Troughton stated that the Public Works Department had picked up over nine hundred dead birds.

Council Member Sellers Jr. asked for clarification on the recommendation to get rid of them. Mayor Troughton said that they would tear down the nests after the birds are gone and then if there were any other measures that needed to be taken then they would discuss them.

Receive Public Comment and Adopt Resolution 15-10, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Approving the Application for Grant Funds for the California Cultural and Historical Endowment's Museum Grant Program".

DISCUSSION: Consultant Gary Price said himself and Kathy Manor the Director of the Sacramento Valley Museum had been working together on the grant application for improvements to the museum building and grounds. He stated that the grant application was now ready to be adopted by the City Council by resolution and added that the application was due September 1, 2015. Mr. Price said there had been a significant public outreach to assemble a list of improvements for the Museum. There was two public workshops held and it was decided that we would only be asking for sixty- two thousand dollars and if they get the grant the first round the they will be asking for another sixty- two thousand dollars the second year.

Mr. Price mentioned that if the Museum was to receive the 2014-15 round of the grant they would be putting in a new elevator, plumbing repairs, electrical repairs, and replacing the rear fire doors and front and rear stairways. He also explained to the City Council Members that there were only 1.4 million dollars for the entire State of California and there are about one hundred and forty Museums in California that may be eligible. If the funding is split between the one hundred and forty Museums each would only receive nine thousand dollars. He also said that 100 percent of local match funds are required and they can be public, private, or in- kind.

Mr. Price stated that most likely there were only going to be ten grants awarded in 2016, therefore the City should not expect to receive the funding in the first round.

Kathy Manor the Director of the Sacramento Valley Museum said that they want the sewer lined replaced because they are in the process of renovating the old school house. She said the sewer lines needed to be replaced so that they can make all of their restrooms functional.

They would like to have school kids come and tour the Old School House so they can experience an Old Time classroom of the mid-1800s. She hopes that by doing all these renovations the Museum can generate enough funds to be self-sustained.

Mrs. Manor said the Museum is committed to do anything they can to make this happen. She said there are friends and family who will volunteer to do the in- kind work. The museum has committed forty- two hundred dollars for the cash match part of the project.

Mr. Price stated that during the process they have received a number of letters in support from various agencies.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr., and carried unanimously to, Adopt Resolution 15-10, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Approving the Application for Grant Funds for the California Cultural and Historical Endowment’s Museum Grant Program. Motion passed 4-0.

Consider and adopt Resolution 15-11, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Consenting to Inclusion of Properties within the City’s Incorporated Area in the California Home Finance Authority Community Facilities District No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy) to Finance Renewable Energy Generation, Energy Efficiency, Water Conservation and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Improvements.”

Consider and adopt Resolution 15-12, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Consenting to Inclusion of Properties within the City’s Incorporated Area in the California Home Finance Authority Property-Assessed Clean Energy (“PACE”) Program to Finance Renewable Energy Generation, Energy and Water Efficiency Improvements and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Approving Associate Membership in CHF.”

DISCUSSION: Finance Director Rex Greenbaum said items nine and ten were brought forth to City Council to join with the California Home Finance Authority. They are a joint powers public entity which will make it easier for certain residents to apply for energy efficient loans such as replacing a roof, water efficiency upgrades and replacing windows so that their homes are more energy efficient. He said residents who apply have to have at least fifteen percent equity in their home in order to qualify.

Mayor Troughton asked Finance Director what the cost to the City would be on this issue. Mr. Greenbaum said there was no cost to the City.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr., to approve Resolutions 15-11 and 15-12. Motion passed 3-0:

AYES: Council member Boes, Sellers Jr., Troughton Jr.

ABSTAIN: Council Member Bergson

ABSENT: Council Member Jauregui

### **REPORTS:**

City Attorney had nothing to report.

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

Council Member Jauregui was absent.

Council Member Boes attended regular meeting with nothing to report.

Council Member Bergson said he had been working on a budget stabilization fund and has some drafts which he would like on the agenda for the next City Council Meeting. Council Member Bergson also asked City Administrator if the City's RTIP had been submitted and Mr. Kennedy responded that yes it had already been submitted.

Mayor Pro Tem Sellers Jr. attended his regular meeting nothing major to report.

Mayor Troughton Jr., also attended his regular meetings.

**STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

City Administrator Frank Kennedy said we have been monitoring our well levels very closely and at our lowest peak they are five feet lower than they were last year. Secondly he wanted to share how the pool did this year after the shade structures had been put out there. He said the attendance went up significantly, Last year there were about twenty three hundred people that attended and this year from July to now there had been over thirty- seven hundred people.

Police Chief was absent.

Fire Chief was absent.

Finance Officer made his report earlier in the meeting.

City Engineer was absent.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7: 09 pm, Mayor Troughton adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

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JOHN J. TROUGHTON, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Mariana Pineda, City Clerk