

# *City of Williams*

## *Council Meeting Minutes*

---

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

CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

At 6:00 pm, Mayor Troughton Jr., called the meeting to order.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Council Members John Troughton Jr., Alfred Sellers Jr., Charles Bergson and Santos Jauregui were present. Council Member Kent Boes was absent.

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

### **ISSUANCE OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW POLICE CHIEF**

Interim Police Chief commented positively on the last six months working for the City of Williams and stated the new Police Chief John Osbourn would be a great asset to the community. Mr. Osbourn took his Oath of Office, administered by Deputy City Clerk Kittle. Police Chief Osbourn introduced his family, thanked Council and stated he looked forward to working with everyone.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Agenda from the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on August 25, 2015.

Agenda from the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on September 8, 2015.

Letter from Comcast Cable Communications Management.

Letter from Recology regarding rate increase.

**DISCUSSION:** Council Member Bergson requested the letter from Recology be agendaized for the next Council Meeting so the public would have an opportunity to provide their input. Mayor Troughton Jr., added Article 16 of their agreement with Recology be included on the agenda.

City Administrator Kennedy said he would request a representative from Recology to be present at the next meeting.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Conduct a Public Hearing and adopt Resolution 15-13, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams approving the City of Williams Business Assistance Program Guidelines.

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Planner Stegall reported on the Housing and Community Development (HCD) update, stating HCD requested that all jurisdictions adopt their new template, by resolution in order to move forward with issuing business loans.

PUBLIC HEARING was OPENED and CLOSED at 6:10 pm with no public comments.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui to adopt Resolution 15-13 approving the City of Williams Business Assistance Program Guidelines. Motion passed 4-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Sellers Jr., Bergson, Jauregui and Troughton Jr.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Boes.

#### Sign Code Update and Related Amendments

- A. Introduce and waive the First reading of Ordinance 212-15, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Williams Amending Chapter 17.11 of the Williams Municipal Code Related to Signs.
- B. Introduce and waive the First Reading of Ordinance 213-15, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Williams Amending Chapter 17.06, Section 17.06.320 of the Williams Municipal Code Related to and Adding New Subsections 17.01.030.10 Enabling Overlay Zones and 17.01.030.11 related to creating a New Highway Overlay Zone.
- C. Adopt Resolution 15-14, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Amending the City's Design Review Manual to Include Sign Design Standards and Guidelines.

DISCUSSION: Assistant City Planner Stegall explained details of the new update which included a stream-lined review process. She also explained the Ordinances and the Resolution.

PUBLIC HEARING was OPENED and CLOSED at 6:18 pm for the two Ordinances and the Resolution with no public comments.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers to waive the first reading of Ordinance 212-15, amending Chapter 17.11 of the Williams Municipal Code Related to Signs, waive the first reading of Ordinance 213-15, amending Chapter 17.06, Section 17.06.320 of the Williams Municipal Code Related to and Adding New Subsections 17.01.030.10 Enabling Overlay Zones and 17.01.030.11 related to creating a New Highway

Overlay Zone and adopt Resolution 15-14, amending the City's Design Review Manual to Include Sign Design Standards and Guidelines.

Motion passed 4-0 with the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Sellers Jr., Bergson, Jauregui and Troughton Jr.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Boes.

### CONSENT

Adopt the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 29, 2015.

Adopt the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 19, 2015.

Approve Special Event Permit # 28 for the Citizens for A Better Williams, The Forties in the Fall on October 10, 2015; waive fees.

Approve Special Event Permit # 29 for the Sacred Heart Parish, Feast of Guadalupe on December 13, 2015; waive fees.

Accept Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget.

Adopt Resolution 15-15, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams clarifying the authority of the City Administrator, Interim City Administrator, or their designees to execute documents related to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

DISCUSSION: Council Member Bergson asked that the word "unfreeze" be added to complete the motion under Item 11 of the July 29<sup>th</sup> minutes. And, under Item 10, of the August 19<sup>th</sup> minutes, the "Motion passed 3-2" be corrected to "Motion passed 3-0-0-1". He stated there were three ayes, one abstained and one absent.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson then made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui to approve all of the items on the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-0 with the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Sellers Jr., Bergson, Jauregui and Troughton Jr.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Boes.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Treasurer's Investment Report and Monthly Register for July 2015.

City Treasurer Carmona provided a summary of his report and the cash investments for July 31, 2015. No action was needed from Council.

## NEW BUSINESS

Authorize the City Administrator to Execute a Contract between the City of Williams and Pace Engineering for Professional Engineering Services, adding additional sewer line replacement to the West Williams Community Sewer and Water Rehabilitation Project 13-CDBG-8945.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Kennedy explained why 3,100 feet of sewer line running parallel to the new water line of this project was in need of repair. He discussed the state regulations and provided figures on the replacement. He stated the funds would have to be come out of the Sewer Impact Fees.

Mayor Troughton Jr., commented on using their camera to determine the condition of the pipes on future jobs. Council Member Bergson commented on negotiating the \$119,000 engineering/design cost. City Administrator Kennedy explained why the new line couldn't be installed without replacing the sewer line.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui to authorize the City Administrator to Execute a Contract between the City of Williams and Pace Engineering for Professional Engineering Services, adding additional sewer line replacement to the West Williams Community Sewer and Water Rehabilitation Project 13-CDBG-8945. Motion passed 4-0 with the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Sellers Jr., Bergson, Jauregui and Troughton Jr.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Boes.

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: City Administrator Kennedy stated representatives from the State of Jefferson and Keep it California were present and would like to address Council with their points of view.

Kennedy informed Council of the two proposed declarations, one was from the State of Jefferson and the other was an alternate declaration, still in support of Jefferson but had different language.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Cindy Ellsmore, from Sierra City introduced "Keep it California" explaining the organization was formed on April 7, 2015 to advocate better representation for rural counties and to oppose the State of Jefferson.

She explained her opposition to the State of Jefferson and said splitting the state was not the right answer. She asked for an opportunity to make a presentation to Council at a future meeting.

Mayor Troughton Jr., explained why he was in favor of the State of Jefferson.

Sue Gallagher, from Tehama County and the Coordinator for “Keep it California” distributed a pamphlet, informational sheet and business card to Council. She discussed the education concerns with the State of Jefferson.

Richard Cray, from Yuba City opposing the State of Jefferson asked Council to do their due diligence in investigating the financial proposals and discuss with the City’s Department Heads how their budgets would be affected.

Lew Manor with the State of Jefferson addressed education. He stated California was not doing their job on education. He stated they want to get government down to the local levels. He said within the State of Jefferson there would be less regulations and less problems.

Steven Baird with the State of Jefferson quoted Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution. He stated the State of Jefferson would create a framework where there would be local representation. He asked the City of Williams to join the people of the Northern State and become part of Jefferson.

Joe Lauwerijsson, citizen of Arbuckle said the State of Jefferson would simplify our lives and asked to support the State of Jefferson.

Council Member Bergson said he supports the movement but recommended the alternative resolution and pointed out the differences in the resolutions.

Council Member Jauregui expressed his concerns with the State of Jefferson on State Agencies funding, taxes and discrimination of the Hispanic Community. Steven Baird with the State of Jefferson addressed his concerns. Cindy Ellsmore with “Keep it California” discussed revenues and questioned how the State of Jefferson would allow corporations to pay zero taxes.

Council Member Sellers Jr., expressed his concerns about disconnecting from California and becoming part of Jefferson. He requested full presentations by both “Keep it California” and “State of Jefferson”.

Mayor Troughton Jr., asked City Administrator Kennedy to read the alternative resolution in full.

Richard Cray commented on “request to redressed of grievance” noted in the alternative resolution. It was further discussed between Mr. Cray and Council on how future lawsuits would be handled.

Cindy Ellsmore, with “Keep it California” commented on a sentence she said was incorrect in the alternative Declaration. She stated “Property taxes would stay in the county and not go to the State”.

**ACTION:** Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Jauregui to approve the Alternative Declaration titled “Declaration and Petition to the California State Legislature for and in Support of Movements for the Redress of Grievances for Rural and Frontier Counties in California.

Motion passed 4-0 with the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Sellers Jr., Bergson, Jauregui and Troughton Jr.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Boes.

Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Proclamation Declaring the Month of September as Español De Williams Soccer Club Appreciation and Awareness Month in the City of Williams.

Council Member Jauregui presented the Williams Soccer Club with a Proclamation declaring September as Español De Williams Soccer Club Appreciation and Awareness Month in the City of Williams. The team donated their trophy to the City of Williams. The team also presented Council with shirts.

**REPORTS:**

City Attorney had nothing to report.

**COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Council Member Jauregui – nothing to report.

Council Member Bergson asked for a representative to attend the Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Organizational Meeting for the Williams Antique Show. He will address a Financial Master Plan for Williams at the next council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Sellers Jr. attended his regular meetings.

Mayor Troughton Jr., also attended his regular meetings.

**STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

City Administrator Kennedy talked about the dangerous potholes on Husted Road and said he had to make the decision to close the road on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Because of the emergency, they didn't have time to go through the RFP process. He said the work would be completed by end of the week. The price was \$10.75/per square foot.

Kennedy provided an update on the median household income survey, stating 207 responses have been received and they need a total of 350. To date, the average was \$32,000/per household. He explained how this survey would help the City obtain more grant money.

Police Chief Osbourn provided a safety update on Husted Road and that the police recruitment would close on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Finance Officer Greenbaum provided a report on the Community Block Grant.

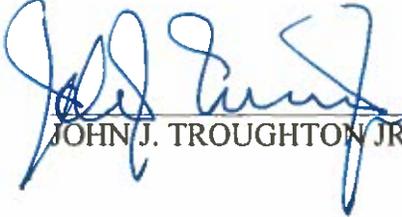
City Engineer Swartz gave a report on the condition and options for Well 9 that was down. He provided an update on the Marguerite Street project, stating they were two months ahead of schedule and was still below the \$100,000 contingency. He informed Council of the Federal Government requirements to have a written ADA transition plan for all public facilities in the City and be in compliance with ADA.

**ADJOURNED:** At 8:08 pm, Mayor Troughton Jr., adjourned the regular meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

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

**ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION:** At 8:25 pm, Mayor Troughton Jr., stated there was no reportable action taken.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN J. TROUGHTON JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Shelly Kittle, Deputy City Clerk