
CITY OF WILLIAMS

City Council Minutes

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

CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2015
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: At 5:56 pm, Mayor Troughton called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: All Council Members were present: John Troughton, Jr., Alfred Sellers, Jr., Kent Boes, Charles Bergson and Santos Jauregui.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Ron Simmons requested an earlier time for watering. City Administrator Kennedy replied, stating the City merits the state regulations.

Citizen Don Parsons expressed concern over the re-pavement work on Husted Road. City Administrator Kennedy stated the road was structurally sound, but agreed with Mr. Parsons' stating the City ended up receiving a discount from the contractor.

PROCLAMATION

Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month Awareness Month in the City of Williams.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui to authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Agenda from the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on September 22, 2015.

Agenda from the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on October 6, 2015.

Agenda from the Central Valley Regional Water Control Board Meeting held on October 1-2, 2015.

Letter from Colusa County Department of Agriculture Water Resources.

Letter from Comcast Cable Communications Management.

DISCUSSION: Council Member Bergson commented on Comcast's letter terminating video services in the City of Williams on or about December 31st.

CONSENT

Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of September 16, 2015.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr., approving the minutes. Council Member Boes stated he was absent and therefore would abstain. Motion passed 4-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

ABSTAIN: Boes

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Sign Code Update and Related Amendments

Cancel the Second 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.

Cancel the Second 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 Definitions and Adding New Subsections 17.01.030.10 Enabling Overlay Zones and 17.01.030.11 Related to Creating a New Highway Overlay Zone.

Receive direction from the City Council regarding suggested amendments noted in the letter received by Stott Outdoor Advertising.

DISCUSSION: City Planner Stegall explained the concerns noted in the letter from Stott Outdoor Advertising regarding the draft Ordinances. Their concerns were the prohibition of digital signs and the language contained in the section on "Non-Conforming Signs". They requested language be added on "customary maintenance" of billboards and to increase the installation time to 12 months.

Council Member Bergson inquired if a maintenance performance standard could be added to the Ordinance and if the City could have Public Service Announcements on the billboards. Assistant Attorney Nelson stated he would research those questions and report back to Council.

PUBLIC HEARING opened at 6:15 pm with the following comments:

Jim Moravee with Stott Outdoor Advertising commented on digital signage and the maintenance issue on the casino sign located at the south end of town. He also commented that public service announcements could be added when space was available. He introduced his Associate, Greg Redeker.

PUBLIC HEARING closed at 6:25 pm with no further comments.

ACTION: The consensus of Council was that Staff would bring back the revised Ordinances for the next Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Finance Director Greenbaum provided a summary of the treasury report and the cash investments for August 31, 2015. No action was needed from Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway 20 connection update.

DISCUSSION: Finance Director Greenbaum provided a summary of the total costs and expenditures to date, on the project. He explained why the total budget was higher than the net costs and the amount of the expected reimbursements.

City Engineer Swartz provided a construction update. He said the biggest hurdle was getting PG&E to hook up power for the street lights. Mayor Troughton Jr. suggested keeping the road closed until the street lights were working. Council concurred.

ACTION: With no public comments, Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boes to approve the amended (increased) highway construction budget. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Consider Establishing a Business Advisory Committee for the City of Williams.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Kennedy reported on Council Member Bergson's suggestion to have a Business Advisory Committee. Council Member Bergson discussed topics and committee responsibilities. Council Member Boes requested that the Chamber of Commerce be included.

Assistant Attorney Nelson explained the Brown Act requirements for a committee. After further Council discussion, it was decided to form an Ad Hoc Committee in which the Brown Act requirements would not apply.

ACTION: With no public comments, Council Member Bergson and Council Member Boes volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Explanation of Waste Collection Service Rate Increases Effective January 1, 2016

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Kennedy introduced Ed Farrell and Tom Norris from Recology to explain the rate increase. Mr. Norris explained the 5.8% was comprised of three components: the consumer price index (CPI), fuel costs and the disposal costs. Mayor Troughton Jr., stepped out of the Chambers at 6:46 pm because his son works for Recology. At 6:48 pm, Mayor Troughton Jr., returned since Council would not be taking action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Don Parsons said he doesn't need a 96 gallon tote and would like the option of having a smaller tote. He commented on the lack of service, and that their trucks leak hydraulic fuel throughout the city.

Mayor Troughton Jr., asked Assistant Attorney Nelson if he should refrain from asking Mr. Parson's questions. Nelson replied, he didn't need to refrain because there was no conflict, confirming that Mayor Troughton Jr.'s son was not his dependent.

Ed Farrell, Recology Group Manager for the Northern California Region commented on the level of service, the variable can sizes and maintenance of their trucks.

Citizen Angela Fulcher commented on the can size and why the City of Williams CPI was based on San Francisco's CPI.

Citizen George Pence, resides at 600 8th Street stated his garbage has not been picked up the last few times and requested a credit from Recology.

ACTION: Assistant Attorney Nelson explained Council could provide staff direction without taking action. City Administrator Kennedy said he would setup a meeting with Recology to discuss options and bring back to Council.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

Authorize CDBG Loan Letter of support.

Authorize budget for CDBG housing and economic development loans.

DISCUSSION: Finance Officer Greenbaum reported on the potential new ownership of the Oddfellows Building. He explained the City's use of the Program Income and requested Council's approval for an additional \$500,000. He stated that would cover the current and a few future projects under the housing and economic development programs.

ACTION: With no public comments, Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boes authorizing a CDBG loan letter of support on the Oddfellows Building and authorizing \$500,000 for the CDBG Program Income Budget.

REPORTS

Assistant Attorney Nelson didn't have anything to report.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Council Member Jauregui didn't have anything to report.

Council Member Bergson attended his regular meetings. He commented on Husted Road and RTIP. He announced the Williams Antique Show would be the third week in March. He asked about the Lighting District memo. He said he would provide the City Administrator Kennedy a list of pot-holes around town that need repair.

Council Member Boes attended his regular meetings. He recommended adding a weight limit on Husted Road due to the condition of the road.

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 provided an update on the Median Household Income Survey, explaining the benefits of being a Severely Disadvantage City. He reported the Public Works Department has been working on the storm drains.

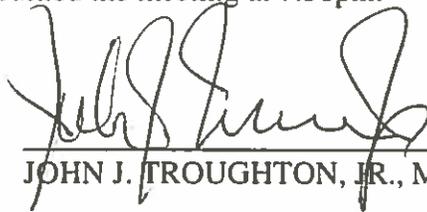
Police Chief Osbourn provided statistics on his monthly report from his department.

Fire Chief was not present.

Finance Officer Greenbaum provided his report earlier.

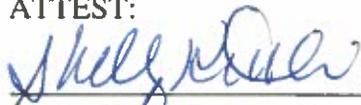
City Engineer Swartz provided a memo on Well 9 and explained the repair costs.

ADJOURNED: Mayor Troughton Jr., adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm.



JOHN J. TROUGHTON, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:



Shelly Kittle, Deputy City Clerk