

CITY OF WILLIAMS

City Council Minutes

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

CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016

OPEN SESSION
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Troughton Jr. invited everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Edgar Lampkin, the new superintendent for the Williams Unified School District introduced himself to City Council. He looks forward to meeting with City Council individually and as a group to work together and address the needs of the students in the community. He is also excited to collaborate with the County.

Mr. Lampkin spoke a little bit about himself and told Council he is a former resident of Colusa.

Mr. Lampkin thanked the City Council for their support and is very excited to collaborate with the City.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation from Woodland Community College.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Frank Kennedy said this was a presentation from the college campus located here in Williams.

President of Woodland Community College Michael White, Executive Dean Annette Lee and Outreach Specialist Bruno Sabatier gave a presentation on the Colusa County Campus.

At this time the representatives from Woodland Community College, Colusa County Campus took the time to answer question from City Council.

Council inquired as to whether City of Williams could be incorporated into their Campus name.

PROCLAMATIONS

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation declaring the Month of July 2016 as Español de Williams Soccer Club Appreciation and Awareness Month in the City of Williams.

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation Declaring the Month of July 2016 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Williams.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Frank Kennedy explained there were two proclamations. The first was to the Español de Williams Soccer Club, but they could not be present. Mr. Kennedy said he would like to move it to the August meeting or September. The second Proclamation is for Sexual Assault Awareness. Every year we receive a request from Casa de Esperanza to proclaim July as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. City Administrator said by signing this proclamation, it would show the City's support in combating Sexual Assault.

ACTION: No motion was needed. All City Council members were in consensus to authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamations.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Agenda from the Colusa County Board of Supervisors meeting of June 14, 2016

Agenda from the Colusa County Board of Supervisors meeting of June 15, 2016.

ACTION: No action needed.

CONSENT:

Adopt Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 15, 2016

Adopt Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of June 29, 2016.

Approve Special Event Permit # 38 for Mexico's Independence Day Celebration by the Spanish/English Committee on September 18, 2016; waive fees.

Approve First Amendment to the City Administrator's Employment Agreement.

DISCUSSION: Council Member Bergson said there a representative here from the Spanish/English Committee to present item number eight.

Robert Mendoza, resident of Williams explained to Council about the event they will be having at Venice Park in September. Mr. Mendoza said this event is in celebration of Mexico's Independence Day. There will be food vendors and a soccer tournament. Mr. Mendoza is asking for the City Council to waive the fees related to this permit.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boes to approve item eight from the Consent agenda. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Council Member Bergson made corrections to item number six which are the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 15, 2016.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui to approve the remainder of the Consent agenda as corrected. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Investment Report and Monthly Register for May 2016.

DISCUSSION: City Finance Officer Rex Greenbaum provided the summary of the monthly report and register for May 2016.

City Council Members Bergson and Council Member Sellers Jr., inquired on some items on the check register.

ACTION: No action needed from Council.

Adopt Resolution 16-10, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Amending the Conflict of Interest Code.

DISCUSSION: City Attorney Ann Siprelle explained the Political Reform Act requires all agencies to review their Conflict of Interest Code every two years and make any updates if needed. She said Resolution 16-10 recommends City Council to adopt the amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code. In this case, the only change to the Code is the title from "Assistant Planner" to "City Planner."

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr., to adopt Resolution 16-10, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Amending the Conflict of Interest Code. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the Appointment of City Treasurer.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Frank Kennedy told Council the appointment of a new City Treasurer was needed because the previous treasurer has moved out of City limits.

City Finance Officer Rex Greenbaum said Jorge Carmona had moved out of city limits but had found an individual who had expressed his interest in serving as the City Treasurer. He said this individual is Cristian Villa who is also the owner of Williams Hardware. Mr. Greenbaum said if Council wishes to they can consider appointing someone else to the position. City Administrator Kennedy said he would like to note this position is coming up on the November ballot.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui to appoint Cristian Villa as the new City Treasurer and fulfill the unexpired term. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Member Bergson, Boes, Jauregui, Sellers Jr., Troughton Jr.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Authorize staff to move future Public Hearing meeting on Proposed Rate Increase to Water and Sewer Fees from Regularly Scheduled Meeting in August of 2016 to the Regularly Scheduled Meeting in September 2016.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Kennedy said this item was to ask City Council for more time for staff to prepare all the required noticing for the rate increases.

Council Member Boes asked if the numbers were still the same and Finance Officer said that was correct.

ACTION: After a brief discussion and consideration, City Council concurred with the recommended action which was to move the Public Hearing from the Regularly scheduled meeting of August to the Regularly scheduled meeting in September.

Designate City Council Delegate and Alternate for the League of California Cities Conference Long Beach in October 2016.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Frank Kennedy said the League of California Cities ask for the City Council to designate a voting delegate to attend the conference. Mr. Kennedy said he is not aware that the City has sent someone in recent years,

Mayor Troughton said he is opposed to this because he believes it is a waste of money. Council Member Bergson believes it is in the City's best interest to designate a voting delegate, and suggested the City send somebody.

Council Member Boes asked if the designated delegate can vote even if they don't attend the conference and the answer was no the designated delegate must be present to vote.

Council had further discussion on this item and took a vote to send a Council Member to the conference. It was decided to not send anyone to the conference. Council Members voted as follows:

AYES: Council Member Bergson, Jauregui

NOES: Council Member Boes, Sellers Jr., Troughton Jr.

Decertify the Williams Employee Association and Recognize the Public Employees Union, Local # 1 as the exclusive representative of the Miscellaneous Unit.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Kennedy said this had been going on for several months now and this is the final step in officially recognizing Local #1 as the exclusive representative of the Miscellaneous Employees Association.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr., to decertify the Williams Employee Association and Recognize the Public Employees Union, Local # 1, as the exclusive representative of the Miscellaneous Unit. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Member Bergson, Boes, Jauregui, Sellers Jr., Troughton Jr.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Adopt Resolution 16-11, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Initiating Assessment Proceedings, Declaring the Intent to Levy Assessments and Setting a Public Hearing date for Landscape and Lighting District No. 97-1

DISCUSSION: Finance Director Rex Greenbaum explained to Council that every year the City is required to complete the steps to approve an annual assessment in the Williams Landscape and Lighting Assessment District. Mr. Greenbaum said we would not be adopting a new engineers report because we are not required as long as we don't expand our boundaries.

Mr. Greenbaum said staff recommends that City Council approve Resolution 16-11 Initiating Assessment Proceedings, Declaring the Intent to Levy Assessments and setting a Public Hearing date for Landscape and Lighting District No. 97-1 which would be set for next month's meeting.

The amount of the increase is four dollars and forty- eight cents. This would bring the total from one hundred seventy- one dollars and thirty-eight cents to one hundred seventy- five dollars and eighty- six cents.

Council Member Boes said one thing that he noticed and had not noticed in previous years and feels that if he doesn't say something he is a bit of a hypocrite. He said one of his big arguments against Recology and their Consumer Price Index (CPI) against the City was the fact that they used the San Francisco Bay Area Index. He asked why the City of Williams is unfairly using the San Francisco / Oakland CPI for the citizens here. Mr. Greenbaum said the City uses this CPI because this was the one designated in the Engineers report back when the report was done.

Council Member Boes asked if Council could re-designate and City Administrator said that would call for a new Engineers Report.

Mayor Troughton asked Mr. Greenbaum if the full amount had to be increased or if it could be less. Mr. Greenbaum said the way the report reads it states it shall be increased by the CPI designated. Council Member Boes then asked what if Council decided they did not want to increase it. What would happen then?

Council Member Bergson asked City Attorney if she could look into this and for now the Council would set the public hearing for the meeting in August and make a decision then.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion seconded by Council Member Jauregui to adopt Resolution 16-11, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Initiating Assessment Proceedings, Declaring the Intent to Levy Assessments and setting a Public Hearing date for Landscape and Lighting District No. 97-1. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Member Bergson, Boes, Jauregui, Sellers Jr., Troughton Jr.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Adopt Resolution 16-12, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Delegating Authority to make Disability Determinations to the City Administrator.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Kennedy said this was also a technicality with the Public Employees Retirement System. They require the City designate somebody to officially say whether a safety personnel is in fact retired or needs to be retired due to an industrial disability. He said the City currently has a Peace Officer who is going to be retired out on disability. The Public Employees Retirement System needs for the City to have this Resolution in place.

ACTION: Council Member Bergson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr., to adopt Resolution 16-12, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Delegating Authority to make Disability Determinations to the City Administrator. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Member Bergson, Boes, Jauregui, Sellers Jr., Troughton Jr.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Accept the Margurite Street Extension Project as complete and authorize the City Administrator to record a Notice of Completion.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator is happy to report that the Margurite Street Extension Project is complete. The sidewalks are in conformance. He said there were two letters, one from the previous City Engineer and one from PACE Engineering certifying that everything is in compliance. Mr. Kennedy asked City Council to accept it as complete. He said that after everything is set and done, the project will still come in under the approved budget.

ACTION: Council Member Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr. to accept the Margurite Street Extension Project as complete and authorize the City Administrator to record a Notice of Completion. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Member Bergson, Boes, Jauregui, Sellers Jr., Troughton Jr.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

REPORTS

City Attorney Ann Siprelle had nothing to report.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Council Member Jauregui took the time to thank Public Works staff for the work they did at the parks.

Council Member Boes attended regular meetings with nothing major to report.

Council Member Bergson attended the GSRMA Board Meeting in Willows and had nothing to report. He also attended the Sacramento Valley Museum Board Meeting and he told the City Administrator they had mentioned the windows. Council Member Bergson said at a previous meeting, Planning Consultant Gary Price, mentioned the eligibility for grants would be greater if a member of the City was on the Sacramento Valley Museum Board.

Council Member Bergson also reported on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency Meeting. He also asked if in the next couple of months, City Attorney Siprelle can report on the Park Assessment or Sales Tax that has been discussed. City Attorney said she would definitely have a report on that issue.

Council Member Sellers, Jr., announced there will be a professional artist at the Community Center teaching acrylic painting on July 21, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Council Member Troughton, Jr., said he had gotten a three-year extension on the right of way into the water tank. The Mayor also met with Mr. Greenbaum and Mr. Kennedy and his regular committee meetings.

STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

City Administrator Frank Kennedy said for several months now he has been talking about sludge removal and notes that it has now started. He stated that the West Williams Water and Sewer Project has been moving along. The water lines are in and they will begin to hook up the laterals in the near future. The sewer part has been a little slower than anticipated which will put the project three to four weeks behind the initial completion date of late August.

City Planner Monica Stegall said the Planning Commission will be holding its meeting on Monday, July 25, 2016. They will be considering the design review of a housing project which consists of twenty single family homes on existing lots in the Valley Ranch Area. Mrs. Stegall said this is a part of a self-help housing program. They will be also holding a Housing Element Update workshop and solicit some public participation.

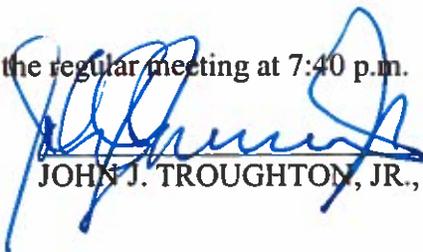
Council Member Boes asked if the self-help housing is when owners help build their own home and the answer was yes. He also asked if this was going to be low income and Mrs. Stegall said they did have to qualify and they would use the work that the owner puts into the home as their down payment.

Fire Chief Gilbert said he was here to explain and answer any questions on the annexation on the Rural District. He said the annexation will not affect the City at all. The Williams Fire District decided to do the annexation so they would be able to charge their assessment on future developments.

Chief Gilbert gave City Council a quick report on what has been going on with the Fire Department. He said they have used Margurite Street twice in the last month to land the Air Medical Services. He cannot explain why, but in the last couple of months, the Fire Department has been exceptionally busy. He said they normally run sixty to seventy calls a month and in May of this year, they ran one hundred and four. He mentioned that this it is not due to the Hospital closure, but that the 911 calls were legitimate. He also reported that the Fire Department has all of the engineering done for the Fire Station on the East side of town.

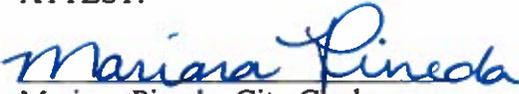
Finance Officer had nothing additional to report.

ADJOURNED: Mayor Troughton Jr. adjourned the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m.



JOHN J. TROUGHTON, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:



Mariana Pineda, City Clerk