

CITY OF WILLIAMS

City Council Minutes

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

CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018

OPEN SESSION
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bergson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present: Roberto Mendoza, Alfred Sellers Jr., Charles Bergson, Santos Jauregui and John Troughton, Jr.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Citizen Sajit Singh commented on traffic issues on 10th Street. Mr. Singh believes that there is a communication issue at some of the intersections on 10th Street. He said he knows that the City is working on evaluating but he just wanted to reiterate it again as a concerned citizen.

City Administrator Frank Kennedy clarified that, yes, the City is working on evaluating and once the funding becomes available those intersections will be high visibility crosswalks or stop signs will be installed.

Mr. Singh also commented on the tennis courts over at Venice Park. He believes it would be a great thing to remove the courts, because it will create more parking for the park, the Old Gym, and the Museum.

City Administrator said he has been working with Public Works to develop a plan.

Mayor Bergson asked if Mr. Kennedy can please bring the plan and present it to Council and to the Sacramento Valley Museum.

Council Member Troughton agrees with the removal of the tennis courts.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Receive Colusa County Grand Jury 2017-2018 Final Report.

DISCUSSION: Council Member Sellers Jr., inquired on Veterans burial rights

ACTION: No action needed at this time. Informational only.

CONSENT:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2018.

Approve Special Events Permit for Antique Bottle & Collections Show at the Sacramento Valley Museum on October 5th & 6th, 2018; Waive Fees.

Approve Special Events Permit for the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Scavenger Hunt at the Sacramento Valley Museum on September 15, 2018; Waive Fees.

Approve Special Permit for the Feast of Virgen of Guadalupe Procession on December 9, 2018; Waive Fees.

DISCUSSION: City Attorney and Council Member Sellers, Jr., had corrections on the minutes. City Attorney Siprelle stated the corrections had already been given to the City Clerk.

ACTION: Council Member Troughton, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jauregui to approve the consent agenda with the corrections on the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2018. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Council Member Mendoza, Sellers, Jr., Troughton, Jr., Jauregui and Bergson.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Receive Treasurer's Investment Report and Monthly Register for June 2018.

DISCUSSION: City Finance Officer Rex Greenbaum summarized the monthly report and register for June 2018.

Council Members inquired on the various items on the check register.

ACTION: No action needed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the modifications, changes and benefit package agreed upon with the Public Employees' Local #1 bargaining unit.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Frank Kennedy, explained that the negotiations with the Public Employees' Local # 1 Bargaining Unit had recently concluded. He explained that they have taken the approach to try and get a longer-term contract. Typically, it is a two-year contract but the one being presented tonight is a four-year contract.

Mr. Kennedy said the salary re-opener reflects believes that the future is brighter than the City's current financial state. Even though the City's financial state is fine, with new revenues coming in the future he believes it would be appropriate to share some of those future good fortunes with the employees.

Mr. Kennedy then explained the rest of the benefit package for the Public Employees' Local #1. Mr. Kennedy explained that they were very easy to work with and that the package had already been approved by the Finance Committee and it was before City Council for final approval.

Council Members had inquiries on the contract and City Administrator Kennedy answered all questions from City Council.

ACTION: City Council Member Sellers, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Council Member Troughton Jr., to approve the modifications, changes and benefit package agreed upon with the Public Employees' Local #1 Bargaining Unit. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Council Member Mendoza, Sellers, Jr., Troughton, Jr., Jauregui and Bergson.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None

Authorize the City Administrator to purchase an O'Brian Model 7040-SC 750-gallon Trailer.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Frank Kennedy explained that the Public Works Department uses a jetter to clean the sewer lines. They have been on a schedule to clean 25% of the City's sewer lines and the reality is that they have done more than the 25%. The current jetter being used is twenty years old and has far exceeded its life expectancy.

They have been exploring numerous jettors for months now. The recommendation is to go with an older model that uses a higher volume of water and less pressure. Their concern is that if they were to go with a newer model with more pressure and less volume of water it may be detrimental to the City's clay pipes. They have been happy with the jetter that they have been using.

City Administrator Frank Kennedy said it is a pricy piece of equipment but the benefit that the City will receive from it over the next twenty years is invaluable. There is a chance that the old machine can be sold to another municipality for about four to five thousand dollars.

Mayor Bergson said he didn't want too get to technical, but for sixty- seven thousand dollars to come out of the maintenance and repair fund, that is a big lump. He asked if this would be amortized over a few years. Finance Officer Greenbaum said it would be amortized in the sewer fund between seven to ten years.

ACTION: Council Member Troughton, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr., to authorize the City Administrator to purchase an O'Brian Model 7040-SC 750-gallon Trailer. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Council Member Mendoza, Seller, Jr., Troughton, Jr., Jauregui and Bergson.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Consider formation of a Light and Landscape District on the West side of the City.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bergson commented that he had raised this concern a couple years ago. There was discussion about lighting on the West side of town. He is asking staff to assess the need for lights on the West side of town. This would also help get a rough idea of how many lights are needed and what the cost would be. He would like staff to look into the need, cost and funding for Lighting on the West side of town.

City Administrator Frank Kennedy explained that if Council directs him he can work with Public Works, City Engineer and the Police Department to identify areas that could benefit from additional lighting. The cost could be prohibiting for the City to do it alone. There are many options to fund this.

Council Member Troughton, Jr. said he believes this would be a waste of money and waste of staff time.

Council Member Jauregui believes doing this study would not hurt.

ACTION: After further discussion Council directed staff to begin the study.

REPORTS

City Attorney Siprelle - nothing to report.

Council Member Mendoza – nothing to report.

Council Member Troughton, Jr. – attended regular meetings.

Council Member Sellers, Jr.- attended regular meetings.

Mayor Bergson – attended regular meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Jauregui – commented on the Mosquito abatement. He said there was a lot of people complaining to him. He also asked if there was any way to take care of the standing water on North Street.

City Administrator told Council that he would contact the Colusa County Mosquito Abatement to see if there was anything that can be done. He said that they can maybe spray more times a week, but that would also increase the cost and wanted Council to keep that in mind.

STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

City Administrator Kennedy- nothing additional to report.

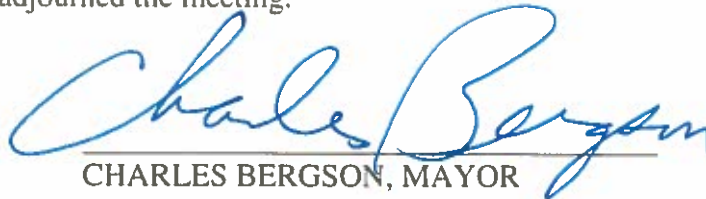
Finance Officer Greenbaum – nothing additional to report.

City Planner- gave City Council an update and said that the Planning Commission would be meeting, and Grocery Outlet was on the agenda.

Police Chief Anderson- was absent.

City Engineer Campos- gave City Council an update on pavement project.

ADJOURNED: At 7:19 pm, Mayor Bergson adjourned the meeting.


CHARLES BERGSON, MAYOR


Mariana Pineda, City Clerk

