

MINUTES OF THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD

April 22, 2014

1. Vice Mayor Taylor-Vodden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Domenighini led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Domenighini, Mello, Hansen & Vice Mayor Taylor-Vodden
Absent: Mayor Cobb
4. **Agenda Review:** It was **moved** by Council Member Domenighini and **seconded** by Council Member Hansen to accept the April 22, 2014 agenda as presented. The motion unanimously passed.
5. **Presentations & Proclamations:**
 - a) Vice Mayor Taylor-Vodden presented a Proclamation to Barbara LaDoucer of the American Legion Auxiliary declaring the Month of May as "Poppy Month". Mrs. LaDoucer then presented the City Council with a POW/MIA flag to be flown at City Hall and she also presented City Clerk Natalie Butler with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary.
 - b) Vice Mayor Taylor-Vodden presented Officer Kelly Kuwata with a Proclamation declaring May 11 through May 17 as "National Police Week" with special recognition of May 4 & 5 as "California Peace Officer Memorial Ceremonies" and May 15 as "National Peace Officers Memorial Day".
 - c) Phillip James, Glenn County Office of Education SPARK After-School Program Coordinator, gave the City Council a brief presentation about after-school and summer programs that are offered throughout Glenn County.
6. **Public Comment/Written Communications:**

The following person(s) spoke during public comment:

Willows Resident James Lambert addressed the Council on the topic of an upcoming bond measure (Measure R) that will be on the ballot during the upcoming election in June. He spoke of the importance of this bond measure passing because the money would be used to help to upgrade and update school facilities in Willows, which is something that is long overdue. He requested that the Council consider publicly endorsing this measure.

Ernie Piper of the audience also addressed the Council and stated that he agreed with everything that Mr. Lambert stated about the bond measure and he too believes it is critical that this measure pass successfully.

7. Consent Agenda:

It was **moved** by Council Member Hansen and **seconded** by Council Member Domenighini to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion unanimously passed and the following items were approved/adopted:

- a) Approval of General, Payroll and Direct Deposit Check Registers (27264-27331; Z05162-Z05202; 33074-33093).
- b) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Mid-Year Budget Review Meeting held on March 11.
- c) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 8, 2014.
- d) Passage of second reading and adoption of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Willows adding to chapter 18.110 (General Provisions and Exceptions) of the Willows Municipal Code Section 18.110.114, Density Bonus".
- e) Approval of the renewal of the 2014-2015 contract for services between the City of Willows and 3CORE Inc.

8. Public Hearings:

- a) Unmet Transit Needs:

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) Statutes and Administrative Code of Regulations require specific actions on the part of local transportation planning agencies. As part of the regulations, annually the County holds a public hearing to receive input from citizens and City Councils regarding unmet transit needs. Specifically an "Unmet Transit Need" is found to exist when there is a reasonable need for an identifiable group within the community that has no dependable and/or affordable access to employment, medical, commercial public, or social services. Because transit needs fluctuate with variables such as unemployment, population, demographics, land use and circulation patterns, it is necessary to re-evaluate the needs annually.

Vice Mayor Taylor-Vodden opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. and hearing no comments from the public, closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. No formal action was required by the Council.

9. Ordinances: Action taken under item 7 (d).

10. Items introduced by City Council or Administrative Staff for discussion purposes only:

The City Manager announced that Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting of the new Dollar Tree will be held on Saturday, May 10. He hopes the Council will be able to attend this event. Council Member Hansen announced that he plans to be in the parade representing the City Council and he also plans to attend the Dollar Tree Grand Opening.

Council Member Domenighini stated that since the minimum wage is going up on July 1, he wondered if the City could implement the wage increases that were discussed during the mid-year budget review to be effective City-Wide on June 1. The Finance Director stated that a plan was already in place to implement the approved wage increases effective June 1. Council Member Domenighini also stated that in the future he would like to see the City change their sign ordinance. There is currently a provision in the ordinance that specifies "Campaign Signs" can be placed 60 days before an election. What he would like to see is the word "Campaign" be replaced by the word "temporary", because by specifying "Campaign Signs" it is an unconstitutional clause in the ordinance. It is hard for him to accept the City regulating political speech, which is not allowed by the courts. He stated that he would like to see that change to the ordinance occur over the course of the year.

Vice Mayor Taylor-Vodden stated that Mayor Cobb asked her if she could attend the opening ceremonies of the Relay for Life and she asked whether the City has received any notice on that yet. The City Clerk stated that the event will be held on Saturday, May 31 in which the Vice Mayor will present a Proclamation. There will also be a similar Proclamation presented at the City Council Meeting that will be held on May 27.

11. New Business:

- a) Consider Adoption of a Resolution declaring weeds, rubbish, refuse and dirt public nuisances and approve the Weed and Rubbish Abatement Schedule for the 2014 fire season:

Fire Chief Wayne Peabody presented this item to the Council stating that the initial weed abatement survey has been conducted in the City and 521 properties are slated to be noticed for weed and/or rubbish removal. Along with the notice, staff will be mailing flyers that announce the Community Clean-Up day event that is scheduled to occur on May 3 so the people who are noticed will have an opportunity to dispose of their nuisances free of charge on that day. Council discussion ensued and it was **moved** by Council Member Hansen and **seconded** by Council Member Domenighini to adopt the Resolution declaring weeds, rubbish, refuse or dirt a public nuisance and to approve the Weed and Rubbish Abatement Schedule for the 2014 fire season. The motion unanimously passed.

- b) Appoint a subcommittee of two Council Members to review applications and/or conduct interviews and make their recommendation of appointments for two members to serve on the Willows Library Board at the June 24, 2014 Council Meeting:

As outlined in Section 2-10 of the City's Municipal Code, the Library Board of Trustees consists of five members, who are appointed by the City Council. Members are appointed for three-year overlapping terms and serve at the pleasure of the City Council. The terms of current Board Members Lynn Soeth and Julie Price are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2014, and as such, staff is requesting the selection of two Council Members to volunteer to serve as a subcommittee to review applications and/or interview the applicants. Interviews are anticipated to take place

during the week of June 9 or June 16, with the subcommittee to make their recommendations to the full Council during the June 24, 2014 City Council Meeting. Council Member Domenighini and Vice Mayor Taylor-Vodden both volunteered to serve on this subcommittee with no objection from the other Council Members.

12. Council Member Reports:

Council Member Mello:

- Reported that he plans to participate in the Lamb Derby 3 mile run and he stated that if anybody can beat him in the age 60 and over category that he would wash their car.

Council Member Hansen:

- Thanked Barbara LaDoucer for all of the work that she does on a constant basis for the American Legion Auxiliary and for the Community of Willows.
- Reported that he and Council Member Domenighini attended the latest Regional Transit Committee & Transportation Commission Meeting.
- Reported that he attended a joint meeting of the Transit Committee and Glenn County Social Services Transportation Advisory Council.

Council Member Domenighini:

- Reported that he attended the latest Regional Transit Committee & Transportation Commission Meeting.

Vice-Mayor Taylor-Vodden:

- Reported that she attended a LAFCO meeting on April 14th. She reported that there will not be a LAFCO meeting held again until June.
- Reported that she attended the Ethics Training that was put on by North State Risk Management.

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

13. Executive Session: Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54950 et seq., the City Council held a Closed Session as follows:

- a) Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Section 54954.5 (f) & 54957.6

Agency Negotiators: City Council & City Manager

Employee Organization: Willows Public Safety Association

The Council reconvened into open session at 9:25 p.m.

14. Report Out from Executive Session:

No reportable action was taken by the Council and direction was provided to Staff.

15. **Adjournment:** Vice Mayor Taylor-Vodden adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Dated: April 22, 2014

NATALIE BUTLER

City Clerk

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