

MINUTES OF THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
August 26, 2014

1. Mayor Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Mello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Domenighini, Taylor-Vodden, Mello, Hansen & Mayor Cobb.

Absent: None.

4. **Agenda Review:** It was **moved** by Council Member Hansen and **seconded** by Council Member Taylor-Vodden to accept the August 26, 2014 agenda as presented. The motion unanimously passed.

5. **Presentations & Proclamations:**

- a) Mayor Cobb presented a Proclamation declaring the month of September as “Adult Literacy Awareness Month”.

6. **Public Comment/Written Communications:**

Robert Faust asked about the status of the survey that the City was conducting about dilapidated homes in the City of Willows. He was informed that the Draft Housing Conditions survey has been completed and is currently located on the city’s website for public review.

7. **Consent Agenda:**

It was **moved** by Council Member Domenighini and **seconded** by Council Member Hansen 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 (27730-27817; Z05465-Z05501; 33296-33324).

8. **Public Hearings:**

- a) TK Development, LLC Appeal of Planning Commission Action:

The City Manager stated that he was going to make this a two-part presentation. The first part pertains to the appeal and the appeal process and TK Development’s request for another continuance of this public hearing because of their inability to have the appropriate staff at the meeting to present their case. His recommendation to the Council was to conduct the continued public hearing this evening in order to hear any public testimony, and then to continue the public hearing once again to the September 23, 2014 Council Meeting.

The Mayor opened the continued Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m., and hearing not comments, he once again continued the Public Hearing to the September 23, 2014 City Council Meeting.

The City Manager then stated that the appeal is separate and apart from what he is now going to ask the Council to assist staff with. It would be his preference to have the Council appoint a 2-member subcommittee to meet with the Parent Company - not TK Development – that is responsible for the conclusion of the project as it sits. There are some items that he has discussed with the Parent Company and there are some legal ramifications for which the Parent Company is asking the City to consider an accommodation on. He believes these items may be inhibiting the ability to get through the appeal process. His hope is that the Council could appoint a subcommittee to meet with them and have some discussions on developing a possible resolution and then the subcommittee could come back before the full Council with a recommendation for a resolution, which could potentially result in withdrawal of the appeal. He stated that they are not looking to alter anything regarding what the Planning Commission’s decision was. A secondary issue with other legal requirements of the City has surfaced which are not tied to the Planning Commission at all. Rather than continuing to delay this, if the Council could get two members to meet with himself and the Developers, he believes that there is possibly an appropriate accommodation that the City could make which could resolve all of these issues and allow the project to move forward successfully to completion. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to have Mayor Cobb and Vice Mayor Taylor-Vodden to serve on the subcommittee.

9. Ordinances:

- a) Consider reading by title only and passage of first reading of an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Willows repealing section(s) 2.05-050 and amending Title II section 2.05.040 of chapter 2.05; City of Willows Municipal Code:

Recently the Council directed staff to draft revisions to Title II, Section 2.05 of the Willows Municipal Code, regarding specific language establishing a date, time and frequency of City Council Meetings. California Government Code, Section 54952 allows the Legislative Body to establish meeting regulations via a schedule fixed by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body. Therefore, staff recommends the adoption of the proposed Ordinance; as consistent with the requirements of State Law and establishing regulations for City Council meetings to be incorporated within a Resolution adopted by the City Council.

Brief Council discussion ensued and it was **moved** by Council Member Hansen and **seconded** by Council Member Domenighini to read by title only the Ordinance next in line. The motion unanimously passed. It was **moved** by Council Member Hansen and **seconded** by Council Member Domenighini to pass first reading of the Ordinance next in line entitled “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Willows repealing section(s) 2.05.050 and amending Title II section 2.05.040 of Chapter 2.05; City of Willows Municipal Code. The motion unanimously passed.

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

The City Manager reminded the Council that he will be out of the state for the next week and that Finance Director Tim Sailsbery will be the “Acting City Manager” during his absence.

11. New Business:

- a) By consensus Council will consider directing staff to remove eleven (11) Sycamore trees in Sycamore Park and then assess the site and plant replacement trees as needed:

Eleven Sycamore trees in Sycamore Park are infected with Anthracnose disease and are beyond rehabilitation. The trees will soon become a hazard as dead wood begins to fall. Staff is requesting approval to remove these eleven trees and then assess the site for appropriate locations to plant replacement trees. Brief discussion ensued and it was the unanimous consensus of the Council to have the Public Works Department remove the diseased trees and look for more resistant trees to plant as replacements.

- b) Consider the formation of a 2-person temporary Utilities Subcommittee to address several important and related issues pertaining to City water and wastewater facilities:

In order to keep the City Council informed and allow various courses of action to be vetted in an efficient manner, the City of Willows Public Works Department finds it necessary to create a temporary utilities subcommittee to address several complex, but related water and wastewater issues outlined as follows:

Water: Chromium VI removal options from the City-owned, South Willows Industrial Water System

Water: Rate Study

Wastewater: Rate Study

Wastewater: Municipal Supply Beneficial Use (MUN Use) Basin Plan Amendment

Wastewater: Biosolids (Sludge) Removal

Wastewater: Capital Improvements (Collection System & WWTP)

The last Wastewater Subcommittee was retired in 2008 following the completion of wastewater treatment plant upgrades, however, just recently the Council appointed a 2-person subcommittee consisting of Council Members Domenighini & Taylor-Vodden, to study and research the Chromium VI issue, and staff recommends that that committee extends to review these items also. Both Council Members Domenighini and Taylor-Vodden agreed that they would serve on the Utilities Subcommittee.

- c) Council to give direction to staff concerning the approval to participate in the Community Showcase Video Program via GCI Communications Inc. and assignment of a 2-person

subcommittee to work with GCI representatives on development of the Willows-specific video showcase and coordination of local business & non-profit sponsorships:

Staff was recently contacted by GCI Communication, Inc. concerning an invitation for Willows to participate in the Community Showcase Video Program. The Video production and all relative services are provided free of charge to the City. The result would become a professionally developed series of one-minute video showcase highlights of Willows' specific accomplishments; up to a total of four videos. There is also an opportunity for local businesses and non-profits to co-sponsor specific community highlights as well. Staff is recommending approval and appointment of two council liaisons to spearhead the Willows Project Development. Council discussion ensued and Council Members Hansen and Mello were appointed to serve on this subcommittee.

12. Council Member Reports:

Council Member Hansen:

- Reported that he attended the Transit and Transportation Commission meeting on August 21. He also thanked the Willows Car & Bike Show Association for putting on a terrific event.

Council Member Mello:

- Reported that he attended a Waste Management Meeting. .

Council Member Domenighini:

- Reported that he attended the most recent Library Board Meeting and he announced upcoming activities that will be occurring at the Library.

Mayor Cobb:

- Thanked Library Director Jody Meza for the tour of the Library tonight and he complimented her on the incredible job she has done operating the Library.

13. Executive Session: None

14. Adjournment: Mayor Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Dated: August 26, 2014

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City Clerk

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