

**MINUTES OF THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
JANUARY 27, 2015**

1. Mayor Domenighini called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Williams, Yoder, Mello, Hansen & Mayor Domenighini.
Absent: None
4. **Agenda Review:**
 - a) It was **moved** by Council Member Yoder and **seconded** by Council Member Hansen to approve the January 27, 2015 City Council Agenda as presented. The motion unanimously passed.
5. **Presentations & Proclamations:** None
6. **Public Comment/Written Communications:** None
7. **Consent Agenda:**

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

 - a) Approval of General, Payroll & Direct Deposit Check Registers.
8. **Public Hearings:** None.
9. **Ordinances:** None.
10. **Items introduced by City Council or Administrative Staff for discussion purposes only:** None
11. **New Business:**
 - a) Fire Chief Wayne Peabody will update the Council concerning the status of potential changes to Ambulance Service(s) in Glenn County and surrounding areas; including the possible impacts to the Willows community and public safety response times. Staff is seeking input from the Council concerning planning for future public safety contingencies:

Fire Chief Peabody explained that one of the major issues that the City is currently facing that is due to take effect March 16 is that the Enloe Ambulance Service is going to be

reduced in Colusa County, which will in turn impact the residents of Glenn County, as Enloe Ambulance is currently the main provider for ambulance services in the City of Willows and runs back-up service for the City of Orland.

Currently, the Willows Fire Department responds to roughly 800 medical aids each year between the Willows Rural & Willows City Fire Departments. Between 15 to 20% of the time the response time has been 20 minutes or more. The local Enloe ambulance responds to roughly 2500 calls per year – between transfers out of Glenn Medical Hospital and 911 calls in surrounding areas. The City also uses Westside Ambulance for back-up ambulance service in the City of Willows when the Enloe ambulance is either on a call or transferring a patient, however, Westside is based in Orland. This service has worked well for the City in the past. Times and business practices are now beginning to change and currently in Colusa County they are running roughly 1500 calls per year between 2 ambulances and Enloe Ambulance has decided to reduce 1 ambulance for a 24 hour period and 1 ambulance for a 10-hour shift. What that means is that one ambulance will run from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and after 9:00 p.m., they will only have one ambulance available to cover the entire county. When that ambulance has a call, they will move the Willows Enloe ambulance to the Williams area to cover. This means Willows will only have Westside Ambulance as a back-up to cover all of Willows, which will in turn leave Orland without an ambulance. When this occurs, between 20 to 25% of the time a person may be waiting on-scene between 40 to 50 minutes for an ambulance to respond to the area.

The other issue is that Willows Fire provides dispatch for everybody in the City and in the surrounding rural areas except Orland, Capay and Hamilton City. This means that if there is a firefighter sitting on scene of a medical aid call for nearly an hour, there will be no fire dispatching out of the South County until volunteers come back to cover the Fire Station.

Fire Chief Peabody stated that there are some alternative options and definite possibilities that the City and the County should look at to alleviate these issues. He stated that this is not just a City of Willows issue, but it is also a Glenn County issue because it will also affect the Orland area because there will be times when they will have no ambulance service available at all because everybody will be shifting around to cover calls. He believes this is a regional issue and it will affect Colusa County as well. Chief Peabody stated that his hope is that the City would talk to the County Board of Supervisors and everybody can start looking at some possible solutions. Chief Peabody stated that this is one of those situations that will have a huge impact on the community.

Council and staff discussion ensued and Mayor Domenighini asked if staff had any recommendations on how to move forward. Chief Peabody stated that his recommendation is to have the Public Safety subcommittee meet with the Board of Supervisors and discuss the issues locally and urge them to start talking regionally and he hopes all bodies can work cohesively to work through this issue which will affect the entire citizenry of the County.

Mayor Domenighini inquired whether the Board of Supervisors has any sort of a Public Safety subcommittee. City Manager Steve Holsinger stated that he did not believe that they do, but that typically what the Council might want to do is to address the Board Chair and Vice Chair and ask them to take an item before the Board for their discussion and assignment of a subcommittee.

Council gave staff direction to have the Public Safety Subcommittee meet with Chief Peabody and the City Manager and possibly members of the Board of Supervisors to begin seeking out solutions and alternatives and to report back to the Council after a meeting is held. The City Manager stated that he would talk to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors the following day and get something in the works to have a meeting.

12. Council Member Reports:

- Mayor Domenighini, Council Member Hansen and City Manager Holsinger gave an update on the Utilities subcommittee meeting that was held the previous Friday with the subcommittee, the Interim Public Works Director, the City Manager, representatives from California Water Service and representatives from the USDA. They are looking for some grant funding or loan funding options to perform necessary infrastructure improvements & upgrades to the City's water system south of town.
- Council Member Yoder gave a report on the Transit Committee meeting that he attended on January 1.
- Council Member Hansen gave a report on the Transit Committee & Transportation Commission meetings that he attended on January 1.
- Council Member Mello gave an update on his and Council Member Williams' meeting with members of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss a methodology for the City Funding of City of Willows-specific Community Events put on by the Chamber of Commerce.

13. Executive Session: Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54950 et seq., the City Council entered into a closed session at 7:56 p.m. on the topics indicated below:

- a) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION pursuant to Section 54954.5
- b) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S) pursuant to Section 54957.6
Employee Organization(s): All Unrepresented City Employees including City Manager, City Attorney, City Council and all other Elected or Appointed Members of the City of Willows Boards and Commissions.

14. Report Out from Closed Session:

The Council reconvened into open session at 9:54 p.m. Mayor Domenighini announced that no reportable action was taken by the Council and direction was given to Staff.

15. **Adjournment:** Mayor Domenighini adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Dated: January 27, 2015

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City Clerk

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