

MINUTES OF THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
July 28, 2015

1. Mayor Domenighini called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Barbara LaDoucer, of the audience, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Williams, Yoder, Mello, Hansen & Mayor Domenighini.
Absent: None
4. **Agenda Review:**
 - a) **M/S – Hansen/Yoder** to accept the July 28, 2015 City Council agenda as presented. The motion unanimously passed.
5. **Presentations & Proclamations:**
 - a) Barbara LaDoucer, President of the Jefferson L. Winn Unit 98 American Legion Auxiliary, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the City Council and the Citizens of Willows in recognition and appreciation of outstanding service and assistance which contributed to the advancement of the American Legion Auxiliary programs and activities.
6. **Public Comment/Written Communications:**
 - Vince Holvik, City of Willows' Representative on the Glenn County Mosquito and Vector Control District Board, gave the Council an update on mosquito activity in the County. He reported that there are currently 3 human cases of West Nile Virus in Glenn County. He also reported that of the 40 mosquito-fish ponds in the County, 14 of them tested positive for the virus. He stated that sitting on this Board has been very interesting and he expressed his gratitude to the Council for appointing him to serve as the City's representative on the Board. Lastly, Mr. Holvik suggested that the City consider building or installing a standing podium for people to address the Council, as he stated that the current table where people have to sit down to address the body can tend to be intimidating.
7. **Consent Agenda:**

M/S – Hansen/Mello to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion unanimously passed and the following items were approved:

 - a) Approval of General Checking, Payroll Checks & Payroll Direct Deposit.
 - b) Approval of City Council Minutes of the June 23, 2015 Regular City Council Budget Meeting.

- c) Approval of appropriation of additional County Library Funding of \$4900 total to the Willows Branch (\$3773; Fund 338.4030.120), the Bayliss Branch (\$490; Fund 338.4030.121) and to the Elk Creek Branch (\$637; Fund 338.4031.122).
- d) Passage of second reading by title only and final adoption of an Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWS AMENDING TITLE II SECTION 2.10.100 OF CHAPTER 2.10; CITY MANAGER, OF THE WILLOWS MUNICIPAL CODE”.
- e) Passage of second reading by title only and final adoption of an Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWS ADDING SECTION 15.55.025 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO EXPEDITED PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR SYSTEMS”.

8. Public Hearings:

- a) Weed Abatement Public Hearing:

On April 28, 2015 the Council adopted a resolution declaring rubbish, refuse and weeds to be a public nuisance and that the City Fire Department had made a survey of the areas in town that had nuisances and notified the property owners that they must remove the nuisances or the City would perform the task and bill the property owner accordingly.

In accordance with the California Administrative Code, a hearing is required prior to the adoption of the resolution confirming cost of weed abatement and declaring those costs a lien against those properties on which work was performed. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the cost of abatement only. The hearing on protesting and ordering abatement was previously held on May 26, 2015.

Properties that the City Contractor abated will be billed to the property owner plus a 25% administration fee. For the property owners that do not pay their abatement bill, a lien will be placed against their property and will appear on their tax statement from the county.

Mayor Domenighini opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. David Connelly of 801 Tamarack Way spoke during the public hearing. Mr. Connelly stated that he had received an abatement notice for a nuisance in his front yard and that he abated that nuisance; however, the City’s abatement contractor abated his back yard and he then received an invoice from the City for \$763.48 which he is disputing. Fire Chief Wayne Peabody presented before and after photographs of Mr. Connelly’s property which showed the nuisance that had been abated by the Contractor. Chief Peabody also advised the Council that even though the original abatement notices that are mailed to property owners may specify a particular area, essentially the abatement notices are attached to the entire parcel, not just a portion, and that over the months that the abatement season is ongoing, other nuisances may appear on noticed properties and those nuisances, if not self-abated, will be abated by the contractor. Mayor Domenighini closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. Council discussion ensued and the Council was satisfied that the abatement of Mr. Connelly’s property was warranted; however, due to the misunderstanding of

what the original notice stated versus what was abated, the Council agreed that they would waive \$152.70 which was the 25% Administrative Fee.

M/S – Williams/Mello to amend the charges for 801 Tamarack Way from \$763.48 to \$610.48. The Motion unanimously passed. **M/S – Hansen/Yoder** to adopt a Resolution confirming costs of the abatement and declaring them a special assessment, with an amendment to reduce the fee from \$763.48 to \$610.48. The motion unanimously passed.

9. **Ordinances:** Action taken under items 7 (c) & (d).

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

The City Manager announced that he would be on vacation beginning July 29 through August 9 and during his absence Finance Director Tim Sailsbery will be the acting City Manager. He also announced that it was brought to his attention that three Council Members will be absent for the next meeting scheduled on August 11. It was the unanimous consensus of the City Council to cancel the regular meeting of August 11 due to lack of a quorum.

Council Member Mello stated that he liked Mr. Holvik’s suggestion about having a podium in the Council Chambers for members of the public to address the Council. Other Council Members concurred and it was the unanimous consensus of the Council to direct staff to get a podium for the Council Chambers. Council Member Mello also stated that he wished the City could do something about the old dilapidated Tower Theatre building that is across from the Post Office because it is an eye sore.

11. **New Business:** None scheduled.

12. **Council Member Reports:**

- Council Member Hansen reported that he attended the July 16 Transportation Meeting and that the Transit Meeting had been cancelled.
- Mayor Domenighini reported that there is a LAFCO meeting scheduled for August 10. He also announced that Adrienne Haylor indicated that she plans to resign from the Library Board of Trustees in December.

13. **Executive Session:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, the public had an opportunity to directly address the legislative body on the items below prior to the Council convening into Closed Session. No members of the Public spoke and the City Council convened into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the following:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Section 54957(b)1
Title: City Manager

14. **Report out from Executive Session:** The Council entered back into open session at 8:58 p.m. with Mayor Domenighini reporting that direction was given to staff to continue with the recruitment process for the City Manager. No formal reportable action was taken by the Council.

15. **Adjournment:** Mayor Domenighini adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Dated: July 28, 2015

NATALIE BUTLER

City Clerk

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