

**MINUTES OF THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD**  
**May 14, 2013**

1. Mayor Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Former City Council Member Vince Holvik led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**  
  
    Present: Domenighini, Taylor-Vodden, Mello, Spears & Mayor Cobb  
    Absent: None
4. **Agenda Review:** The City Manager requested that, in the interest of time, item 11 (a) be moved up on the Agenda to item 5.5. It was **moved** by Council Member Domenighini and **seconded** by Council Member Taylor-Vodden to approve the May 14, 2013 agenda with the aforementioned change. The motion unanimously passed.
5. **Presentations & Proclamations:**
  - a) Mayor Cobb presented former City Council Members & Mayors Vince Holvik, James Yoder & Gary Hansen with Awards of Appreciation and thanked them for their service and dedication to the Community and to the Citizens of Willows.
- 5.5 **Resolution of intention to levy and collect annual assessments, preliminarily approve the Engineer's Report for FY 2013/2014 for the City of Willows Landscaping & Lighting Assessment District and setting June 11, 2013 as the date of the Public Protest Hearing:**

Prior to this item being introduced, the City Manager recused himself and exited the chamber, as he is a property owner within the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District. The City Engineer, John Wanger introduced this item to the Council explaining that the Lighting and Landscaping Assessment District was set up to take care of two areas. One area is Birch Street Village (Zone A) and the other is the Wal-Mart (Zone B) area. What the assessment district does is collect fees from property owners in those locations to help to maintain the landscaping and the street lighting in those areas. Each year the City has to go through a three-step process and this is the second step. What is being proposed this year is that the assessments will remain the same amount as last year in the Birch Street Village area and the assessments for Wal-Mart will be decreasing this year compared to last year. The assessment district collects a little over \$11,000 per year to take care of the lighting and landscaping in both of these areas. What is being proposed to the Council this evening is to adopt a Resolution of intention to levy and collect these annual assessments, to preliminarily approve the Engineer's Report and to set a public protest hearing to take place on June 11, 2013. Brief Council discussion ensued and it was **moved** by Council Member Taylor-Vodden and **seconded** by Council Member Domenighini to adopt a Resolution of intention to levy and collect annual assessments, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 for the City of Willows

Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District and setting the time and date of the public hearing. The motion unanimously passed.

The City Manager then re-entered the chambers and rejoined the meeting.

6. **Public Comment/Written Communications:** None

7. **Consent Agenda:**

It was **moved** by Council Member Domenighini and **seconded** by Council Member Spears 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 (25967-26030; 32518-32560; Z04233-Z04301).
- b) Approval of the Minutes of the Willows City Council Regular Meeting held March 26, 2013.
- c) Confirm the re-appointment of Russell Melquist to serve as the City's Representative to the Glenn County Mosquito and Vector Control District for a two year term to run from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

8. **Public Hearings:** None

9. **Ordinances:** None

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

Recreation Director Carol Lemenager updated the Council on upcoming recreational programs, activities, events, and fundraisers going on in the Recreation Department.

11. **New Business:** New Business was heard under item 5.5 earlier in the meeting.

12. **Council Member Reports:**

Council Member Domenighini reported that he attended the last Library Board meeting that was held at the Bayliss Library.

Council Member Taylor-Vodden reported that she recently attended a Farmer's Market Committee Meeting and she stated that the committee was very appreciative of how the City Council handled the relocation of the bus stop on Sycamore Street. She also stated that there would be a Business Expo in conjunction with the Farmer's Market on the first Wednesday of each month that the Farmer's Market is held.

Council Member Mello reported that while he was attending the Willows Lamb Derby, he had several people share very positive comments with him about how clean the City streets and parks were. He asked the City Manager to pass that compliment to Public Works Director, Skyler

Lipski. He also stated that he wished to thank former Council Members Hansen and Holvik for their always having been willing to assist him when he had any questions.

Council Member Spears reported that he attended the Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony. He also attended the Lamb Derby Parade and the festivities at the park and he agrees that Jensen Park looked exceptional. He plans to take part in the upcoming "Row Row Row Your Boat" fundraiser put on by the Recreation Department to seek donations for the City pool. Finally, he congratulated Council Member Mello for winning first place in the Lamb Derby run.

Mayor Cobb reported that he attended the Peace Officer & Firefighter Memorial Ceremony and he found it to be very well and professionally done. He also stated that he attended the Lamb Derby festivities and it was a very pleasant atmosphere, although he believed attendance may have been down from previous years. He also stated that Council Member Spears will be unable to attend the next Transportation Meeting, therefore, he would attend in his place.

Council Member Taylor-Vodden reported that she received some correspondence from the group that is trying to eradicate the egrets and herons and they are having some success and they are continuing to move forward with their efforts.

**13. Adjournment:** Mayor Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Dated: May 14, 2013

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City Clerk

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