

MINUTES OF THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
November 13, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice Mayor Cobb.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Taylor-Vodden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Hansen, Taylor-Vodden & Vice Mayor Cobb

Absent: Council Member Yoder & Mayor Holvik

4. **Agenda Review:** It was **moved** by Council Member Hansen and **seconded** by Council Member Taylor-Vodden to accept the November 13, 2012, City Council Meeting agenda as presented. The motion unanimously passed.
5. **Presentations & Proclamations:** None

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

Tim Crews, Editor and Publisher of the Sacramento Valley Mirror, presented a formal written complaint to the council asking for an investigation into the behavior of Chief of Police William "Bill" Spears for his calling for the economic destruction of Mr. Crews' newspaper and a boycott of the paper's advertisers, as well as Chief Spears' unfounded accusations of criminal behavior on the part of Mr. Crews.

Keith Parrish took to the microphone and speaking directly to Mr. Crews, he began to refute Mr. Crews' complaint against Chief Spears. Vice Mayor Cobb informed Mr. Parrish that Public Comment is a time for members of the public to address the Council, and not to debate others present at the meeting.

7. **Consent Agenda:**

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

- a) Approval of General Check Register (25285-25333).
- b) Approval of Payroll & Direct Deposit Check Registers (Z03842-Z03908 & 32182-32219).
- c) Approval of four Resolutions affirming and updating the cafeteria plan terms with the City of Willows and the Willows Employees' Association, Willows Public Safety Association, Department Heads and Confidential Employees and the City Manager.

8. **Public Hearings:** None

9. **Ordinances:**

a) Hotel Users Tax:

This past June, the City Council adopted a Resolution in support of placing a measure on the ballot for the November 6, 2012, election to seek an increase in Hotel Users Tax by 2%, since City expenses over the past decade have increased by over 60%, yet there has been no consideration for increasing this potential revenue offset. Willows voters approved the Hotel Users Tax Measure during the recent election and therefore staff recommends the Council read by title only and pass first reading of an Ordinance to amend section 3.25.030 of the Municipal Code.

It was **moved** by Council Member Hansen and **seconded** by Council Member Taylor-Vodden to read by title only an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Willows amending Section 3.25.030 of the Willows Municipal Code" and that the Ordinance pass first reading. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Recreation Director Carol Lemenager announced some upcoming Recreational events.

11. **New Business:**

- a) Resolution acknowledging the matching funds portion of the previously approved use of CDBG Program Income Funds will be a committed General Fund expenditure during the Fiscal 12/13 project for replacement of the Fire Station Doors:

At the May 22 meeting the Council approved the use of \$37,000 of Program Income to replace the bay doors at the Fire Station as a Community Facilities Project. As staff continues to process the requirements set forth by the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the ultimate use of these funds, the City is required to have, in the form of a Resolution, confirmation of the amount and source of matching funds being used on the project. At project inception, it was estimated that \$1000 of General Fund dollars would be used on the project, primarily in the areas of time spent by the Fire Chief in managing the project and the City Engineer in reviewing bid documents and providing labor compliance review on the contractor selected to complete the project. Note that this is not an additional appropriation of General Fund dollars beyond the original scope of the project. The activities of the Fire Chief and City Engineer will fall under already existing approved appropriation of the General Fund. It is merely a commitment of said funds toward this project. Staff is seeking Council adoption of the proposed Resolution.

It was **moved** by Council Member Hansen and **seconded** by Council Member Taylor-Vodden to adopt a Resolution approving the use of General Fund money in support of the Program Income waiver project for fire station door replacement. The motion unanimously passed.

- b) Recruitment for Planning Commissioner replacement in anticipation of the vacancy created by Larry Domenighini's election to the City Council:

The election of Planning Commissioner, Larry Domenighini to the City Council during the recent general election will create a vacancy on the Planning Commission and staff is seeking Council authorization to begin recruitment efforts to find a replacement for the remainder of his unexpired term on the Commission. It was the consensus of the Council that staff commences recruitment to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission through the remainder of the seat's term.

12. Council Member Reports:

Council Member Taylor-Vodden reported that she attended the recent LAFCO meeting.

Vice Mayor Cobb reported that the Public Safety subcommittee recently met to review a request submitted by Chief Spears asking that the City reinstate his full salary and benefits and withdrawing from the furlough program. The subcommittee approved his request and reinstated Chief Spears' normal wages and benefits effective immediately.

Council Member Hansen advised that he would be unable to attend the November 27th meeting – which will only be the second meeting that he has missed in his four years as a Council Member. He stated that it has been an honor to serve the citizens of the city of Willows and a pleasure to work with past and present Council Members and City Staff members. He congratulated Larry Domenighini and Larry Mello for their being elected to the City Council. He thanked all of the citizens for their support of him in the last two elections. Even though he had to make some very difficult decisions from the dais, he feels confident that he has done his part to see to the betterment of the community as a whole.

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

Dated: November 13, 2012

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City Clerk

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