



SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD May 8, 2018

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Mayor Warren called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sheriff Warren.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Council Members Yoder, Williams, and Hansen, Vice-Mayor Mello and Mayor Warren.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Wayne Peabody, Administrative Services Director Tim Sailsbery, Community Development Services Director Steve Soeth, City Engineer John Wagner, City Attorney Robert Hunt.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS (Proclamations, Recognitions, Awards)

Reading of a Memorial Day Proclamation of the City of Willows.

Reading of a Proclamation declaring the month of May as “Poppy Month”.

Public Comment/ Written Communications: No public comments or written communications.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of general checking, payroll & direct deposit check registers (35776-35835, Z09135-Z09160, 37360-37389)

Action:

Motion: Council Member Williams /Second: Council Member Yoder

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented above and the following item(s). The motion passed unanimously 5/0 carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Hansen, Yoder, Williams, Vice-Mayor Mello, Mayor Warren

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Regular Business:

- a. Receive the preliminary Annual Engineer’s Report as prepared by Coastland Civil Engineering; adopt the Resolution of Intention to levy and collect assessments; and set the required Public Protest Hearing time and date for the City of Willows Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District.

City Engineer Wanger introduced the topic, sharing with Council this is the second of three part process. Before you tonight is the preliminary report for review and commentary.

Mr. Wanger then briefly explain that with this report there are two zones covers Burch Street Village and the other covers Walmart. With this year minor he pointed out a couple of minor changes; For Zone A (Burch St) the assessments are slated to be increased thirty eight dollars and sixty-four cents a year. Over the last fiscal year 14-15 the assessments from zone A have fluctuated below 118 and a high of 194. What that means is the district is doing exactly what it’s intended to do, helping to balance out the expenses. Zone B is projected to go down quite a bit; the reasoning is the knock down fund. Last year was the last year the City needed to fund that and so it will increase funds about 5,000.00, which in return decreases the zone overall. In terms of reserves, Zone is where it needs to be and Zone B we are beginning to build a reserve again.

Following his explanation of changes, Mr. Wanger gave the item to Council for commentary and adoption of the resolution before them. Adopting the resolution will set the Public Protest Hearing in June, which is the final part in the process.

Council Member Williams, asked if Mr. Wanger would elaborate on the information on pg. 27: 17-18 and 18-19 more specifically if he would explain the difference.

Mr. Wanger explained that over the years the reports and costs have been pretty consistent. And part of this assessment goes toward recovering the cost and state requirement. In combination with the knock down funds the total expenditures went down once split between the two zones.

Council Member Hansen then shared with Mr. Wanger he is doing an excellent job.

Action:

Motion: Council Member Hansen /Second: Council Member Yoder

Moved to approve the preliminary Annual Engineer’s Report as prepared by Coastland Civil Engineering; adopt the Resolution of Intention to levy and collect assessments; and set the required Public Protest Hearing time and date for the City of Willows Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District.

The motion passed unanimously 5/0 carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Hansen, Yoder, Williams, Vice-Mayor Mello, Mayor Warren

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

- b. By Motion, consider the approval of...
 - i. A Recreation Coordinator Position in the City Employ as a Non-Represented, Non-exempt, Full Time Position, with employment benefits associated with Management and Non-Represented Positions.
 - ii. Establishment of salary range of \$3,930-\$4,711 per month.
 - iii. Termination of Recreation Director position effective June 2, 2018.

Administrative Services Director Sailsbery introduced the topic, sharing that staff had come to you in a past meeting asking for your direction and where you would like to go with the Recreation Department. This motion falls in line with the suggestions made to Council. Before Council tonight is establishment of the position itself and salary.

Council Member Williams then asked Mr. Sailsbery what the cost savings would be.

Mr. Sailsbery explained that the saving would all depend on the health coverage of the individual who was hired. The City could potentially net \$11,000.00 or \$8,000.00 if the employee has dual coverage and a family would be about \$3,000.00

Council Member Hansen shared a brief comment concluding the comments that the reorganization falls in line with the City plan that was approved previously.

Action:

Motion: Council Member Yoder /Second: Council Member Hansen

Moved to approve the a Recreation Coordinator Position in the City Employ as a Non-Represented, Non-exempt, Full Time Position, with employment benefits associated with Management and Non-Represented Positions with the establishment of salary range of \$3,930-\$4,711 per month and the termination of Recreation Director position effective June 2, 2018.

The motion passed unanimously 5/0 carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Hansen, Yoder, Williams, Vice-Mayor Mello, Mayor Warren

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

- c. Presentation and discussion of sanctuary cities in California.

City Attorney Hunt gave an informative presentation on Sanctuary Cities to Council to begin the discussion of sanctuary cities. Following the presentation, Attorney Hunt gave Council options for potential actions that the City could take, he listed; take no action, become a sanctuary or welcoming City, adopt a resolution for support of US Laws, join Trump's law suit, the possibility of filing an amicus brief or you can sue California directly. He then gave the item to Council for questions and discussion.

Mayor Warren then opened the item to the public for comments.

Kyle Clemens approached the podium, sharing that the Council could talk pros and cons on this matter, although it amounts to nothing. He then shared that he starting coming to Council meetings because he did not like what was happening in this town. He then expressed that it bothered him that this discussion was happening and that he felt there was more important stuff that could be addressed.

He then made claims that Attorney Hunt had read his presentation directly from Fair US (a website that is pro sanctuary law). He took the bolts, he didn't read the actual sb54, he then expressed it was slightly bias.

No other public comment was made; Mayor Warren then opened commentary for Council.

Council Member Williams began conversation with the reasoning as to why he brought the matter up. He shared he had been following the news and noticed that a lot of Cities and Counties have been opting out. Mr. Williams then stated that he felt this had nothing to do with race but rather everything to do with following the law. He then shared a disclaimer that his son in law is half Hispanic. He then shared that we have an immigration policy and he feels it is important to be followed.

He then said that it has an effect on law enforcement and that he wanted to ask the sheriff to share some of his profession opinions.

Sheriff Warren then shared with Council that this topic has been addressed at many meetings, explaining it has tied our hands when it comes to dealing with criminals. It has also resurfaced arguments with ICE. What this has done is brought immigration agents into our communities. He then shared he appreciates the partners that they work with, however, he did not want more of their agents in our community. Stating he is accountable with people within this community and they are not and that creates problems.

Sheriff Warren concluded with that both Legislators and Council need be accountable to the people they serve, pointing out if bad law is made it should be recognized.

Council Member Yoder then shared his background from law enforcement. He believed this was about criminality, criminals are the ones we want to be put away. He shared he wanted to help detain criminals holding them accountable for what they have done. He then shared he agreed with the sheriff and his thoughts towards other agencies such as ICE coming into our community. We need to be accountable for Federal Law. Concluding his thoughts that he is all for it.

Council Member Hansen started by thanking Mr. Clemens for sharing his thoughts. He then shared brief personal feelings relating to Mr. Clemens thoughts. However, Mr. Hansen then explained that he felt this was a different issue that pertains to safety. He then shared that

he agreed with Sheriff Warren as well and that this is bad law. Saying that he has and others who serve have taken oath of faith. Going on to say that it is time for Cities and Counties to take a stand against this law. Mr. Hansen then asked the City Attorney what he suggested for defending their position as he did not want to make this a large expense to the City.

Vice Mayor Mello then expressed he wanted to add to Attorney Hunt's presentation, sharing more information the SB54 law and expressing that nowhere in this law does it state the illegal which bothered him. He then shared that it's our States issue and he did not have an opinion.

Mayor Warren then concluded the Council comments with Glenn County did pass this unanimously to be a Non-Sanctuary County. She then asked if the staff wanted to table the item or make a recommendation.

Attorney Hunt then asked for final remarks, beginning with Mr. Clemens he stated that he had read all laws that pertain to this subject and this presentation if based off of those. He then continued with more information pertaining to his presentation. Making a final point, in regards to Council Member Hansen's request, sharing the City is in a unique situation in that the City does not have law enforcement.

Mr. Clemens (Willows Citizen then approached the podium) with some clarifications on the impact to law enforcement with the sheriff. More conversation was had on the Sanctuary City and in conclusion by consensus Council requested that staff draft a resolution supporting the county sheriff to fulfil his obligation of his oath and the federal laws.

Council/Staff Reports/Comments:

a. Staff Reports/Comments:

Interim City Manager Peabody:

- Lamb Derby has started tonight, starting with the penny carnival that had lots of participation.
- April Monthly Report will be distribute through email to Council tonight.

b. City Council Reports/Comments:

Council Member Hansen:

- Willows Museum- will be open on the Saturday of Lamb Derby from 1-4.

Council Vice Mayor Mello:

- May 5th he participated in honor guard salute honoring the death of Bob Wrinkle.
- Bayliss community Library will be open Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the request of the community.

Council Member Williams:

- April 28th- Grand Opening for business center in Orland and on the same day he attended the steak and oyster feed, it was excellent.

- On the 29th, he attended welcome home celebration and ice cream social for Andrew Licea. Sharing that one thing that individuals forget is that the military is volunteer now not drafted. He then thanked all the veterans that put the event on. Including Sherberts in Chico for selling the ice cream at ½ price to Lloyd and Diane Lombard for provided the ice cream
- Thursday former mayor's Jeff Cobb will retire, that will be his last day.
- Vice Mayor Mello birthday is on the 14th.

Mayor Warren:

- Shared that the fire and law enforcement memorial will be held on Tuesday the 15th at 6:00 at memorial hall.

Adjournment:

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Dated: May 9, 2018.

Robyn Johnson, City Clerk

Attachment:

-Sanctuary City Presentation