



SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD May 22, 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 Community Services Director Steve Soeth.

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 Soeth, Attorney Robert Hunt, Code Enforcement Officer Skip Sykes.

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

Chris Bujzlski- Parent/ Community Member

Expressed concerns with the sidewalk on Wood Street more specially the block in front of the Catholic Church. He personally has had numerous close calls with him and his son and seen multiple other children in the same situation. He requested that the City place blinking lights on the signs and better striping down on the road for a temporary fix, in long term he has requested more be done. He then introduced Suzanne Tefs (Walden Academy Co-Director at Walden Academy) She explained that the school does its best by not allowing students to cross Wood Street at that crosswalk. Yet making them go to the signal either direction that stops traffic. She also shared that she had the same concerns as Mr. Bujzlski did for the school children.

Council Member Williams shared with both Mr. Bujzlski and Mrs. Tefs that he and Council member Hansen sit on the regional transit committee and that this very issue has been brought up multiple times. After the next meeting members of the committee plan to take Caltrans to lunch and show the director some of the issues including Wood Street crosswalk.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of general checking, payroll & direct deposit check registers (35836-35890, Z09209-Z09232, 37390-37403)
- b. Approval of minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 24, 2018.
- c. Approval of minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 8, 2018.

Action:

Motion: Council Member Yoder /Second: Council Member Hansen
Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the corrections made to the April 24th meeting.

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

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Public Hearing:

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing, allowing the parcels in Exhibit A to be abated by the City of Willows Contractor. In addition, permitting those citizens who have returned self-abatement notices a 10 day extension to complete the work themselves. If after the 10 day extension period, the self-abatement parcels have not been abated, the City of Willows contractor will complete the work.

Interim City Manager/Fire Chief Peabody introduced the topic sharing that 411 notices were sent out and 137 of them have not been completed. Those who has turned in the forms will be working with code enforcement officer Sykes will receive a 10 day extension. The numbers that we have before us are similar to past and the City is expecting to complete about 40 to 60 properties. He then gave the item to council to begin the public hearing. Accepting Exhibit A to abate the listed properties. (The list of properties is attached to these meeting minutes. Please see the attachments)

Public Hearing Opened at: 7:09

No public comment was made.

Public Hearing then closed at: 7:10

Council Member Hansen gave brief kudos to Code Enforcement Officer Sykes for his work on the abatement process.

Council Member Williams also gave kudos and reminded those present that it is unfortunate that the City has to do this.

Both Council Member Yoder and Mayor Warren concurred with fellow council statements in regards to Code Enforcement Officer Sykes.

Action:

Motion: Council Member Hansen /Second: Council Member Yoder

Moved to approve allowing the parcels in Exhibit A to be abated by the City of Willows Contractor. In addition, permitting those citizens who have returned self-abatement notices a 10 day extension to complete the work themselves. If after the 10 day extension period, the self-abatement parcels have not been abated, the City of Willows contractor will complete the work.

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. Award 2018 Weed Abatement Contractor to Tony Tapia Construction.

Interim City Manager/ Fire Chief Peabody introduced the topic, sharing as advised on the 24th meeting the City went out to bid for an abatement contractor. The City received one bid from Tony Tapia Construction. The Bid is 40% higher, however, there has been no price adjustments in the last three years. So staff felt that is an acceptable request from the bid.

Council Member Hansen shared that Tony Tapia has done a great job for the City in the past with the weed abatement issue.

Council Member Williams shared that he too felt that Tony had done good work in the past. But that is unfortunate because this is not a job that the city wants to take on but we are required to for the safety of others. It is a shame that there was not multiple bidders but I do agree we should move forward with this.

Action:

Motion: Council Member Yoder /Second: Vice Mayor Mello

Moved to approve the Award 2018 Weed Abatement Contractor to Tony Tapia Construction.

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. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Willows in Opposition to the "Sanctuary Laws" enacted by the State of California in 2017."

Attorney Hunt introduced the item to Council, sharing the resolution comes before following the direction given at the April 24th meeting. The resolution before Council has been put together from reviewing approximately 18 other resolutions throughout the state. With revisions to craft what he felt is what the council had requested of him. He then explained there is no staff report on this item because of the presentation given at the last meeting. Mr. Hunt then gave the resolution to Council for consideration and adoption.

All Council Members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Hunt and thanked him for his work on the resolution.

Mayor Warren then opened the discussion for a few public remarks.

A gentlemen approached the podium wishing to remain anonymous and requested that Council pass the resolution and appreciated their importance on this matter.

Bob Faust (Willows Citizen): shared that he had some concerns for illegal immigrants that are harmful and commit crimes. However, was in support of the passage of this resolution.

Action:

Motion: Council Member Williams /Second: Council Member Hansen

Moved to approve the a resolution entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Willows in Opposition to the "Sanctuary Laws" enacted by the State of California in 2017."

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

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Council/Staff Reports/Comments:

a. Staff Reports/Comments:

Interim City Manager Peabody

- Gave Kudos to the Lamb Derby Committee for a successful event.

Community Development Services Director Soeth

- On June 4th reconstruction for Sycamore Street will begin, and is scheduled for 75 working days ending in mid-September, contractor is projecting to complete at the end of July. Staff had a preconstruction information meeting at 5 that was not well attended. He shared that he had hand delivered invites to the meeting to the businesses that would be effected by the construction. Once the City gets a detailed schedule it will go on the website.
- Community Clean-up is June 23rd.

b. City Council Reports/Comments:

Council Member Hansen:

- Attended the Glenn Ground Water Meeting- routine business and funding options were discussed. Both options discussed fall under 219, which means a possible vote in the future.
- Attended the Police & Firefighter Memorial it was a great ceremony and well done.
- Thanked Chief for the use of his vehicle for the Lamb Derby Parade.

Council Member Williams:

- Attended Lamb Derby parade.
- On May 15th attended the Police & Firefighter.
- On May 17th attended the Region transit and Glenn County Transportation Meeting, the meeting covered; the budget, bus barn is complete, and hoping to take a tour at the next meeting.

- Attended the Glenn County Waste Management Meeting: there will be a special meeting inviting county council- to discuss the transfer station, June 12th is the meeting.

Mayor Warren:

- Invited to sit in the ASB meeting today, very impressed lots of forward thinking that concurred a lot in a short amount of time.
- Attended LAFCO on the 14th
- Willows HS Thursday 31st Spring Concert is at memorial hall
- Memorial Day Services at the Cemetery on Monday.

Adjournment:

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Dated: May 23, 2018

Robyn Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments:

Weed Abatement Statistics