

Williams City Council Minutes

810 E Street / P.O. Box 310, Williams, CA 95987

Minutes
March 12, 2008

The City Council of the City of Williams meets this 12th day of March, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. PRESENT: Councilmembers Mark Azevedo, Don Barker, Eddie Johnson, Angela Fulcher, and Patricia Ash, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Manning, City Administrator
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney
Sergeant Ed Anderson, Police Dept.
Rene Miles, City Clerk

Others:

Sally Barker, K. Hopkins, Dixie LaGrande, Ben Felt, Kelly Ornbaun, Lynda Reynolds, Gricelda Orozco, Sarvan Singh, Carlos Velasquez, Teresa McKnight, Paul Lopez, Lorena Lopez, Pete Rodrigues, C. Temple, Santos Jauregui, Enrique Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Jose Luis Estrad, Alfredo Pinedo, Ramon H., C. Covarrubias, Jesus Mendez, Roberto Vazquez, other Williams citizens.

2. Mayor Ash opens the meeting at 6:00pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Ash declares time for a period of public comment.

Mr. Ben Felt of Colusa presented an example of another City in California which is a General Law City that permits use of the Design-Build process. Mr. Felt gave the City a copy of Government Code, Section 5956 which outlines the ability for General Law Cities to use Design-Build. Mr. Felt asked that the Council review the material. City Clerk will make a copy for each Council Member for review. City Attorney was given the material for review at this time.

After hearing no further comment from the public, Mayor Ash closes the period of public comment.

4. Mayor Ash declares time for approval of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Azevedo motions to approve the Consent Agenda, Items a-d as is. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

Consent motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Azevedo, Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

5. Tom Indrieri from the Colusa County Chamber of Commerce gave a Special Presentation. Mr. Indrieri gave the City an update regarding the Chamber's membership drive, reviewed the different events that the Chamber is involved with during the year, and explained the new services being offering by the Chamber. Mayor Ash offered assistance and support to the Chamber.

6. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding the second reading of Ordinance 164-07, Amendment to Chapter 10.40, Truck Routes, of the Williams Municipal Code. Approval of this ordinance would result in a change of the truck route designation for 7th Street north of D Street. After hearing no comments from the council or the public, Councilmember Fulcher motions to approve Ordinance 164-07. Motion is seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Azevedo, Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

7. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding Ordinance 165-08, adding Chapter 13.06 to TITLE 13 of the Williams Municipal Code Regarding Storm Drainage Fees. Mr. Manning explained the history behind the need for this Ordinance. Mr. Carlos Velasquez asked a question regarding the fees, and Mr. Manning responded. Councilmember Barker motions to read by title only, waive further reading and introduce Ordinance 165-08. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Azevedo, Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

8. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding Ordinance 166-08, Amending Sections 15.04, 15.08, 15.12, 15.16, 15.20, 15.24, and

15.26 in their entirety through Adopting by Reference the 2007 Edition of the California Building Standards Code (CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24); Incorporated in the 2007 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE; THE 2007 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE; THE 2007 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE; THE 2007 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE AND THE 2007 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE; and Adopting by Reference the 1997 Edition of the UNIFORM HOUSING CODE; and the 1997 Edition of the UNIFORM CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS. Mr. Manning states that this Ordinance will need to be adopted through a Public Hearing at the next regular Council meeting in April. Councilmember Barker motions to read by title only, waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance 166-08. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fulcher. Motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Azevedo, Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

9. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding authorizing the City's Public Work Director to submit a work plan for Proposition 1B funding. This would cover streets within the City that need serious work. Councilmember Azevedo motions to authorize the Public Works Director to submit a work plan for Proposition 1B funding, enabling the City to receive a \$400,000 grant for a road maintenance project from Proposition 1B. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Azevedo, Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

10. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding preparation of a Hydraulic Water Model. This would authorize the City Administrator to contract with EcoLogic to develop a hydraulic water model of the existing water supply system. Councilmember Azevedo motions to adopt Resolution 08-06. Motion seconded by Council Member Barker. Motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers, Azevedo, Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

NOTE: Item Numbers 11-14 intentionally left out.

14. Mayor Ash declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Ms. Siprelle gave a response to Mr. Felt's information presented during the Public Comment period relating to the Government Code Section 5956 that is in regard to General Law Cities using the Design-Build process. Ms. Siprelle states that this is a very limited statute that applies to public infrastructure projects that utilize fees. Ms. Siprelle does not recommend using this statute in this City's case, as there is only one other city that has used it successfully.

City Clerk: Attended Nuts & Bolts City Clerk training seminar up in Redding. Seminar included information on Elections, Records Management, FPPC Regulations, the Brown Act, and more.

City Treasurer: Not present.

15. Mayor Ash declares time for Council Reports and Committee Updates:

Council Member Azevedo: Gave updates on committees.

Council Member Fulcher: Gave updates on committees.

Council Member Johnson: Gave updates on committees.

Mayor Pro-Tem Barker: Gave updates on committees.

Mayor Ash: Gave updates on committees.

16. Mayor Ash declares time for Staff General Reports and Discussion.

City Administrator: Mr. Manning gave updates on vandalism at Venice Park, new Police station, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Migrant Housing, Northview Park, City/County meeting this coming Friday evening, and Valley Vista Park.

City Finance Officer: Not present.

Police Chief /Code Enforcement: Gave department report.

Fire Chief: Not present.

Public Works: Gave department report.

Before adjourning the meeting, Mayor Ash opens another period of Public Comment, as there appeared to be some confusion among the gallery about when they could speak.

Mr. Daniel LaGrande, 930 H Street, Williams, presents observations regarding the challenges the City is facing regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Specifically, Mr. LaGrande is concerned about fixed-income and low-income property owners. Mr. LaGrande offered suggestions regarding competitive bidding for the project and utilizing all available resources.

Mr. Carlos Velasquez hands out a page entitled "Questions from concerned citizens after majority protest to the creation of assessment district to pay for improvements to sewer treatment plant". Mr. Velasquez went over each question and got responses from the Council and Mr. Manning.

Jean Terkildsen of Williams speaks on two subjects. First, regarding the proposed Cortina Rancheria Landfill. Ms. Terkildsen suggests that the Council consider a new resolution opposed to the Landfill. Second, Ms. Terkildsen mentions that the Old Gym does not have a refrigerator, and with the Antique Show coming up, it would be nice to have a way to refrigerate items, and asks that if anyone has a refrigerator that they would like to donate to the Old Gym, it would be much appreciated.

After hearing no more comment from the public, Mayor Ash closes the period of public comment.

Mayor Ash adjourns the meeting at 7:00pm to reconvene in Regular Session on April 9, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk