

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Minutes
May 14, 2008

The City Council of the City of Williams meets this 14th day of May, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Manning, City Administrator
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney
James Saso, Chief of Police
Sgt. Ed Anderson, Police Dept.
Gail Richardson, Director of Finance
Wes Goforth, Director of Public Works
Rene Miles, City Clerk

Others:

Sally Barker, Ken Edwards, Ben Felt, Sarvan Singh,
and 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. After hearing no comment from the public, Mayor Ash closes the period of public comment.
4. Mayor Ash declares time for approval of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Barker motions to approve the Consent Agenda. 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. Ms. Monica Aguayo addresses the City Council regarding Ordinance 167-08, Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Backyard Awnings and Outdoor Dining Areas. This would amend the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the rear yard setbacks for rear yard awnings in the R-1 zoning district and allow outdoor dining areas in conjunction with a restaurant in the C-1 zoning district.

Mayor Ash opens the Public Hearing. After hearing no comments from the council or public, Mayor Ash closes the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Johnson motions to read by title only, waive further reading, and *introduce* Ordinance 167-08, as opposed to *adopting* it as read in the Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Azevedo, Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

6. Mr. Don Cole, Independent Auditor, addresses the City Council regarding the 2006-2007 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report. Mr. Cole reviewed the details of the report, as well as the Findings and Recommendations from the audit. This report will be available in the City Clerk's office once it is accepted by Council. Ms. Virginia Frias of 39 Tenth St. in Williams questions the Auditor regarding long-term debt and the City's current financial status. Mr. Cole responded to Ms. Frias' questions and concerns. Mr. Ken Edwards, 798 B St, Williams, also asks a question regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant budget. After hearing no further comments or questions from the community, Councilmember Fulcher motions to Accept the 2006-2007 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report. Motion 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. Councilmember Azevedo excuses himself from the room at this time. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding Pioneer Day, proposing a \$3,000 donation to Citizens for a Better Williams for the specific purpose of Pioneer Day activities. This money would come from the City's budget for Special Events. Mr. Ken Edwards from the Community asks several questions to the Council regarding this expenditure and expresses concern for accountability of the expenses.

Mayor Ash responded to Mr. Edwards' concerns, saying that Diana Azevedo is the contact person for the financial records concerning the expenses and that Mr. Edwards may contact Mrs. Azevedo if he has questions regarding this. Mayor Ash also responded to Councilmember Barker's question regarding what the additional funds will be used for this year. Mayor Ash indicated that the additional funds will be used to attract more public attendance at Pioneer Day, since it will be held during the same week as the County Fair this year. Ms. Virginia Frias also expressed concerns regarding the funds used for the event and suggested ideas on ways for the City to save money, such as loaning the funds as opposed to giving a donation. After hearing no further comment from the council or the public, Councilmember Fulcher motions to Approve a \$3,000 donation to Citizens for a Better Williams for Pioneer Day activities. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion is carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Azevedo due to family relation.

Councilmember Azevedo returns to the room following the vote.

8. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding awarding the contract for the Sixth Street Sewer Line Improvements, allowing the sewer line on Sixth Street from D Street to B Street to be replaced. Bids have been received and Hill & Hill Contracting, Inc. has been recommended. Councilmember Barker motions to Award the Contract for the Sixth Street Sewer Line Improvements to Hill & Hill Contracting, Inc. for the bid amount of \$209,500 as Recommended by Staff. 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.

9. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding awarding the contract for Northview Park Improvements, allowing Northview Park to be constructed. Bids have been received and RJ Heuton Construction has been recommended for the job. It is estimated that this construction will be completed by Fall 2008. Councilmember Johnson asked a question regarding Valley Vista Park and Mr. Manning responded, saying that this park will be addressed in the near future. Councilmember Barker motions to Award the Contract for the Northview Park Improvements to RJ Heuton for the bid amount of \$588,368 as Recommended by Staff. Motion seconded by Councilmember Azevedo. Motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Azevedo, Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

10. Mayor Ash declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Will be out of the office the week of May 19-23.

City Treasurer: Not present.

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

Council Member Azevedo: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Council Member Fulcher: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Council Member Johnson: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Mayor Pro-Tem Barker: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Mayor Ash: Gave updates on committees and projects.

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

City Administrator: Prop 40 updates given regarding the City's parks, pool, and the museum. Mr. Manning also mentioned that two water meters were broken in the last month. The City will be opening bids for the Police Station remodel. The City signed an agreement with a Hearing Officer, and that officer will be available in Williams quarterly for citizens to contest parking citations, etc. Mr. Manning met with Williams Community Center regarding the lease for the Old Gym and that is moving forward. In addition, the City is considering putting a stop sign at the intersection by the CFM building. Lastly, there have been reports of trucks parking on a gravel road on 6th Street, north of B Street, which has been causing problems, and the City is considering amending the Truck Route Ordinance to prevent this.

City Finance Officer: This was Don Cole's last year of his current contract, so bids will be opened soon for a new contract.

Police Chief /Code Enforcement: Gave department report.

Fire Chief: Not present.

Public Works: Gave department report and project update.

Mayor Ash adjourns the meeting at 7:45pm to reconvene in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 11th, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk