

# *Williams City Council Minutes*

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council  
October 8, 2008  
Minutes

The City Council of the City of Williams meets this 8th day of October, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT:

James Saso, Chief of Police  
Jeff Gilbert, Fire Chief  
Wes Goforth, Public Works Director  
Rene Miles, City Clerk  
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney

Others:

Sally Barker, Nancy Parriott, Ben Felt, Sarvan Singh, Alfred Sellers.

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 Items a-d. Councilmember Barker motions to approve the Consent Agenda as is. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Azevedo due to absence from September 10, 2008 meeting.

5. Police Chief Saso addresses the Council regarding appropriation of the 2008/2009 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) monies. Chief Saso requests that the monies be used to fund police officer salaries, allowing continued funding of two additional patrol officers, maintaining a six-person patrol officer allocation.

Mayor Ash opens a Public Hearing for the 2008/2009 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund and Authorization of SLESF Disbursement for Police Personnel Front-line Services.

Councilmember Johnson asks for clarification as to whether the funds will be used to add two new officers or whether the money is being used for officers already employed. Chief Saso responds by letting Mr. Johnson know that these funds are being used to supplement current staffing, not to add new police officers to the department.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Mayor Ash closes the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Johnson motions to Appropriate the 2008/2009 SLESF monies for use by the Police Department for police officer salaries, and to accept the Treasurer's SLESF report for the prior year expenditures. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

6. Mr. Manning addresses the Council regarding the need for Purchase of a Service Vehicle for use by both the Water and Sewer Departments, as identified by the Public Works Director, Wes Goforth. Instead of purchasing a new vehicle, Mr. Manning confirmed with the City Attorney that it is appropriate for the City to attempt to purchase a vehicle from Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, as long as it is considered to be a fair purchase price. Councilmember Fulcher inquires as to exactly what type of truck would be purchased and Mr. Manning responds. Councilmember Johnson also inquires regarding available funds for a street cleaner and whether the City had considered purchasing this type of vehicle at auction. Mr. Goforth responds that the City has researched this previously; however because of the poor condition of street cleaners at previous auctions, he had not been successful with a purchase. Mr. Alfred Sellers, of 423 Franklin Dr., Williams, again asks for clarification of what type of truck was being purchased and Mr. Manning responds. Mr. Sarvan Singh addresses the Council to inquire regarding availability of funds for this purchase. Councilmember Barker then responds that this purchase would come from the water and sewer fund and the City

has budgeted for this purchase. Mr. Singh expresses his opposition to the City spending money on this at this time.

After hearing no further comments or questions from the Council or public, Mayor Ash asks for a motion. Councilmember Fulcher motions to Authorize the Public Works Director to Purchase a Service Vehicle from Ritchie Brothers Auction for an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000. 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.

7. Nancy Parriott from the Colusa County Department of Health and Human Services addresses the Council regarding the proposed City's participation and funding for the Colusa County Sharps Program. Ms. Parriott reports that the City of Colusa and Colusa County both voted to support this program. Also, a multi-county grant application was prepared by a professional grant writer and has been submitted to the State, to include Glenn, Tehama, Butte, and Colusa counties. If this grant is awarded, Ms. Parriott reports that there will be some additional funding available to help cover some of the initial expenses associated with this program.

There was discussion by Council and the public surrounding the program in general, as well as cost issues and inside versus outside drop boxes. Ms. Parriott reports that inside drop boxes are significantly less expensive than the drop boxes that are placed outside, due to security issues. Ms. Parriott also reports that the tentative location for the drop box in Williams is inside the building at Urgent Care, which will be available during business hours.

After hearing no further comments or questions from the Council or public, Mayor Ash asks for a motion. Councilmember Barker motions to Approve Participation and Funding for the Colusa County Sharps Program. 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 Council regarding the Road Striping Project. The recent completed paving of many of the City streets brought this issue to the forefront. The City received two bids which were around \$100,000, with the lower being from Apply-A-Line, Inc. at \$99,125.16. Staff recommends to award contract to this bidder for the bid amount of \$99,125.16. This project will be funded from the Traffic Safety Fund, which has adequate funds for this project. Mr. Manning

reports that this is a fairly comprehensive plan, which will include striping along most of the City's major roadways, stop bars, cross walks, parking lines, and more. It will also include the use of thermoplastic, which has a longer life than regular traffic paint and provides for increased safety.

Mr. Alfred Sellers inquires regarding the use of lighted stop signs versus regular stop signs, and Mr. Wes Goforth, Public Works Director, responds by stating the need behind the single current lighted stop sign in Williams and explains the prohibitive cost associated with the lighted signs.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Fulcher motions to Award the Contract for the City Road Striping Project to Contractor as Recommended by Staff. 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.

9. Mr. Manning addresses the Council regarding the North Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station. A total of twelve bids were received, ranging from \$56,980 to \$144,610, with the lowest being from Fletcher's Plumbing. Mr. Manning reports that the City has sufficient funds in the Sewer Connection Fund for this project. After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Azevedo motions to Award the Contract for Improvements to the North Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station to Fletchers Plumbing in an amount not to exceed \$56,980. 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 Council regarding a request from Linda Hodges, Client Services, of Casa de Esperanza, proclaiming October 2008 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month by passing a proclamation supporting increased efforts for public awareness of the issue. Councilmember Johnson asked if the City could display a purple ribbon in support of Domestic Violence Awareness month, and also asked if the City could please display a pink ribbon in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Mr. Manning responded that the City will do both. Mayor Ash added that she is also in full support of this proclamation. After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Azevedo motions to Proclaim October 2008 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to Authorize the Mayor to sign

a proclamation in support of this program. 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.

11. Mr. Manning addresses the Council regarding Resolution 08-15, Opposing Proposition 7 at the November 4, 2008 Election. All pertinent materials, submitted by Ayodeji Taylor with Californians Against Another Costly Energy Scheme, were given to Council. Councilmember Barker stated his opinion in opposition of Proposition 7. After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker motions to Adopt Resolution 08-15 in Opposition of Proposition 7 at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Election. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fulcher. Motion is carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Azevedo.

12. Mr. Manning addresses the Council regarding the project to make Repairs to the Williams Swimming Pool. After proper notice, one bid was received by the bid closing date on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Lauff's Pools & Supplies submitted a bid for \$139,425. If this project progresses as expected and no additional work is required, Mr. Manning recommends adding the replacement and expansion of the perimeter fencing to the project, for an estimated cost of \$25,472 per the contractor. There would be sufficient funding from the Prop 40 grant and in the City Park Fund to provide for the expanded scope of work.

Mr. Sarvan Singh addresses the Council to inquire regarding public viewing of the bids and confirmed with Mr. Manning that the projects were advertised in a public place.

Councilmember Barker also addressed the public to advise that this project was being funded through Prop 40 funding and that any matching funds have been accounted for in the City's budget.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Fulcher motions to Award Contract for Repairs to Williams Swimming Pool to Lauff's Pools & Supplies for an amount not to exceed \$139,425.00 and Authorize the City Administrator to amend the Contract to include the Replacement of the fence if adequate funding is available. 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.

13. Mayor Ash declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Nothing to report.

City Treasurer: Not present.

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

Councilmember Azevedo: Gave updates on committees and projects. Also thanked Mr. Manning and Police Chief Saso for a wonderful job with the new police station. Also thanked Fire Chief Gilbert for an amazing effort at the recent bus disaster. Also thanked Mr. Goforth for street improvements. Requested that the Police Chief consider an awning on the back of the police station.

Councilmember Fulcher: Gave updates on committees and projects. Also, attended League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Councilmember Johnson: Gave updates on committees and projects. Announced that the third Wednesday this month is Game Day. Also, the fourth Wednesday is Movie Day. In addition, the county fairgrounds will be hosting a Chef's Dinner this coming Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm for the public.

Mayor Pro-Tem Barker: Gave updates on committees and projects. Also, reported that he has received several phone calls regarding construction, and water and sewer rates.

Mayor Ash: Attended Museum Board Meeting and League of California Cities

Annual Conference. Next Light Parade meeting will be Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Light Parade is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Mayor Ash also commended the Fire Chief and the Dispatcher's incredible efforts in the recent bus disaster.

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

City Administrator: The City received the draft pre-design for the WWTP. Estimate was not more than what has been anticipated; it is similar to the City of Colusa's WWTP. There will be a Public Hearing on November 12 regarding the increase in water and sewer rates. Also gave updates on current projects: Office of Education, Woodland Community College, Salary Survey for Miscellaneous Employees, Road Projects, Northview Park, and Valley Vista park.

City Finance Officer: Not present.

Police Chief /Code Enforcement: Gave department report.

Fire Chief: Gave department report, including review of recent bus disaster, and weed abatement update. Chief Gilbert also publicly thanked the Council for their efforts with the City's progress in regards to completion of projects in the last 1-2 years.

Public Works: Gave department report.

Mayor Ash adjourns the meeting at 7:27pm to reconvene in Regular Session on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk