

# *Williams City Council Minutes*

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

Minutes  
October 10, 2007

The City Council of the City of Williams meets this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007 at the hour of 7:00pm.

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail Richardson, City Finance Officer  
Jim Manning, City Administrator  
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney  
Jim Saso, Williams Chief of Police  
Wes Goforth, Public Works Director  
Rene Miles, City Clerk

Others:

Monica Aguayo, Sally Barker, Ben Felt, Ken Edwards, and other Williams citizens.

2. Mayor Barker opens the meeting at 7:00pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Barker declares time for a period of public comment.

Ben Felt, 400 Main St., Colusa, speaks regarding the Colusa Heritage Foundation and mentions that he is seeking support.

Ken Edwards, 798 B Street, Williams, inquires regarding how the city is doing on Items 2 and 3 of the city-wide policies. He also mentioned a recent water issue. He requested that the City Council address his concerns and reply in a timely manner.

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

4. Mayor Barker declares time for approval of the Consent Agenda.

It is moved by Council Member Azevedo, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda items a-c as follows:

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2007
- b. Approval of Treasury Report for August 2007
- c. Approval of Warrants for September 2007

Consent motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

- d. Council Member Ash and Mayor Barker made a special presentation, translated in Spanish by Patty Cervantes, to honor Juan Roman Loza for his Service to the City of Williams and the United States of America.

5. Monica Aguayo addresses the Mayor and City Council regarding Ordinance 159-07 – Amendment to Sign Ordinance to Provide Additional Signage for Large Retail Stores. She clarified that the signage would include outdoor poles and signs in addition to the building itself. Council Members Ash and Fulcher also asked for clarification of signage regulations. Council Member Azevedo expressed his favorable opinion. A public hearing is opened by Mayor Barker. Mr. Ken Edwards spoke in favor of this new ordinance. After hearing no further comments, Mayor Barker closes the public hearing. Council Member Azevedo motions to adopt Ordinance 159-07, seconded by Council Member Johnson, allowing additional signage for large retail stores. Motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

6. Monica Aguayo speaks regarding Ordinance 160-07 – Adoption of Downtown Business District Parking Overlay Zone. This proposal involves maximizing street parking and acquiring land for adequate public parking. A Public Hearing is opened by Mayor Barker. Council Member Azevedo inquires regarding whether this will affect truck routes, with a response given by Mr. Manning. Council Member Ash inquired as to whether this can be changed according to future needs, including when new businesses come to town, with responses given by Mr. Manning. Community Member Rex Mayes, 2668 Husted Rd, inquired regarding this ordinance, with response given by Mr. Manning. After hearing no further comments, Mayor Barker closes the Public Hearing. Council Member Azevedo motions to adopt Ordinance 160-07,

establishing a Downtown Parking Overlay Zone. Motion seconded by Council Member Johnson. After hearing no further comment, motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

7. Mayor Barker opens a Public Hearing for the matter of 2007/2008 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund and Authorization of SLESF Disbursement for Police Personnel Front-line Services. Chief Saso speaks regarding how funds will be spent. After hearing no further comment, the Public Hearing is closed by Mayor Barker. Council Member Azevedo motions, seconded by Council Member Ash, to appropriate the 2007/2008 SLESF monies for use by the Police Department for police officer salaries and benefits; and to accept the Treasurer's SLESF report for the prior year expenditures. Motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

8. Mr. Manning speaks regarding Ordinance 161-07 – Amendment to Chapter 2.18, City Finance Officer, of the Williams Municipal Code. Virginia Frias, 39 Fifth St., Williams, inquires regarding the reason for this ordinance, and Mayor Barker responded, saying that he would not discuss this issue in detail, only that it was a recommendation. After hearing no further comments, motion by Council Member Azevedo to read by title only, waive further reading and introduce 161.07. Motion seconded by Council Member Ash. Mr. Edwards inquired who our Human Resource Director is, and Mayor Barker responded that it is our City Finance Officer. After hearing no further comment, motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

9. Mr. Manning introduces Ordinance 162-07 – Amendment to Chapter 10.40, Truck Routes, of the Williams Municipal Code, and shows on the map what this ordinance would entail. Council Member Azevedo states opinion regarding modifying the truck route. Council Member Ash inquires regarding whose responsibility it would be to determine routes. Chief Saso responded regarding this issue. Mr. Edwards then addressed the Council on this issue, stating that he uses these affected routes and expressed his concerns. After hearing no

further comment, it is moved by Council Member Azevedo and seconded by Council Member Fulcher, to read by title only, waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance 162-07. After hearing no further comment, motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

10. Mr. Manning introduces Ordinance 163-07 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Williams, California, amending section 5.04.290 of Chapter 5.04 OF Title 5 of the Williams Municipal Code to Allow Business Inspections. It is moved by Council Member Azevedo and seconded by Council Member Ash, to read by title only, waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance 163-07. After hearing no further comment, motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

11. Mr. Manning speaks regarding the proposal received to prepare an Environmental Impact Report and details concerning cost, stating that its cost was reasonable and that staff recommends that the Council Authorize the City Administrator to Contract with Raney Planning & Management, Inc. to prepare the General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report. Rex Mayes, community member, asks regarding what the remaining steps are in regards to the General Plan Update. Mr. Manning responded that the Environmental Impact Report is the final step. Mayor Barker also mentioned that the General Plan team will meet regarding this and the Planning Commission will also be involved. After hearing no further comments, it is moved by Council Member Ash and seconded by Council Member Azevedo to authorize the City Administrator to contract with Raney Planning & Management, Inc. to prepare the General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report. Motion is then carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

12. Mr. Manning speaks regarding establishing a Rate of Pay for a Temporary Employee – Administrative Assistant. Mayor Barker asked Mr. Manning to speak regarding how this will be funded. Mr. Manning discussed this issue. It is moved by Council Member Azevedo and seconded by Council Member Ash to establish a pay rate of \$19.00

per hour for a Temporary Employee – Administrative Assistant. After hearing no comment, motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

13. Mr. Manning speaks regarding the Proclamation of the City of Williams Honoring October 2007 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the importance of supporting the organization Casa de Esperanza. It is moved by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Azevedo to adopt the Proclamation honoring October 2007 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. After hearing no comment, motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

14. Chief Saso speaks regarding the need for Take Home Patrol Vehicles. He states that the topic has been researched and it has been determined that allowing Sworn Employees of the Police Department, who Reside within 15 minutes of the City Limits, to have Take Home Patrol Vehicles would be better for our community, and he discussed the reasons why. Mayor Barker stated that the presence of take-home patrol vehicles shows the community the presence of law enforcement, but he asks Chief Saso to monitor fuel usage and give a report regarding how much fuel is being used after this is put into effect. He also states his concern that these vehicles are not to be used for personal reasons. Council Member Johnson also states that he agrees with this concept and supports this idea. Council Member Azevedo states that he believes it will make for a better response time from officers. Rex Mayes, community member, inquires regarding the requirements for city police officers living in Williams versus elsewhere in the county, and both Chief Saso and Mayor Barker responded. Community Member, Jean Terkildsen, 5177 Freshwater Road, Williams, asked for clarification regarding whether this will be written to say “15 minutes” or “15 miles”. After discussion, it is determined that the specification will be 15 miles. It is moved by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Azevedo to authorize the Police Department to allow its non-probationary, sworn officers, who live within 15 miles of the city limits to have take-home patrol vehicles. After hearing no further comment, motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

15. Gail Richardson introduces Resolution No. 07-13 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Adopting the City of Williams Program Income Reuse Plan. Council Member Johnson asked for clarification regarding what the reuse plan is and Ms. Richardson responded. It is moved by Council Member Azevedo and seconded by Council Member Johnson to adopt Resolution 07-13 adopting the City of Williams Program Income Reuse Plan. After hearing no further comment, motion is carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Ash, Azevedo, Fulcher, Johnson,  
and Mayor Barker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

16. Mayor Barker declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Nothing to report.

City Treasurer: Not present.

17. Mayor Barker declares time for Council Reports and Committee Updates:

Council Member Azevedo: Gave Fire Dept report.

Council Member Fulcher: Nothing to report.

Council Member Johnson: Gave Williams Community Center update.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ash: Stated meetings attended and project updates.

Mayor Barker: Stated meetings attended and projects involved with.

18. Mayor Barker declares time for Staff General Reports and Discussion.

City Administrator: Wastewater Treatment Plant update, forming Assessment District.  
Water and Sewer Rate Study update.

Emergency Response Update.  
Sewer Line will be fixed this week.

Website will be live soon.  
Received letter from Parks & Recreation – new contact person.

Met with Office of Education.  
Development in Industrial Park – new business. Rex Mayes inquires regarding what the land can be used for. Mr. Manning states that roads and sewer lines have not been approved yet for this land.

City Finance Officer:

Reuse plan update.

Police Chief:

Events report (see attached report). Bought a K-9, starts training this month. New officer in field soon. Wally Herger has shown interest in our K-9 program. Met with Judy Rossi, new school superintendent.

Code Enforcement update.  
Oddfellows building update.  
Council Member Johnson inquired responsibility of abandoned houses in Valley Ranch. Chief Saso responded.

Code Enforcement Department:

Given by Police Chief.

Fire Chief:

Not present.

Public Works:

See attached Report.

Mayor Barker adjourns the meeting at 8:50pm to reconvene in Regular Session on November 14, 2007 at the hour of 7:00pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Don R. Barker, Mayor

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