

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Minutes
November 14, 2007

The City Council of the City of Williams meets this 14th day of November 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
Jeff Gilbert, Williams Fire Chief
Wes Goforth, Public Works Director
Rene Miles, City Clerk

Others:

Sally Barker, Ben Felt, Dixie La Grande of 2072 Zumwalt Rd, Richard Selover, Gerardo Paniagua Martinez, Juan Ramirez, Jose Anchante, 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.

Dixie La Grande brought handouts for each Council Member concerning graffiti removal and similar issues relating to crime prevention. She spoke on this topic and urged the Council to consider her concerns. Chief Saso then took the podium and responded to her concerns, saying that he takes what she has to say very seriously and is committed to the safety of our community.

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.

Rene Miles states that corrections to the dates on Items 4a, 4b, and 4c need to be made on the Minutes for October 10, 2007. 4a will be corrected to September 12, 2007. 4b will be corrected to August 2007. 4c will be corrected to September 2007.

It is moved by Council Member Azevedo, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda items a-c as follows, with the corrections to 4a as above:

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2007
- b. Approval of Treasury Report for September 2007
- c. Approval of Warrants for October 2007

Consent motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

5. Mr. Manning addresses the Mayor and City Council regarding Ordinance 161-07 – Amendment to Chapter 2.18, City Finance Officer, of the Williams Municipal Code. Council Member Azevedo motions to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 161-07, seconded by Council Member Ash, allowing the City Finance Officer function to be under the direction of the City Administrator. Motion is carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

6. Mr. Manning speaks regarding Ordinance 162-07 – Amendment to Chapter 10.40, Truck Routes, of the Williams Municipal Code. Gerardo Paniagua Martinez, community member, of 1551 G Street, addresses the Council, stating his concerns regarding this ordinance. He feels that he does not have enough information about this issue and asks the Council for more information. Council Member Ash and Mayor Barker responded, explaining the safety concerns relating to the nearby school district as well as the ongoing deterioration of the city's streets. Mr. Paniagua Martinez had further concerns regarding where he should park his truck if he will not be allowed to park it in front of his house. Council Member Johnson inquired as to what Mr. Paniagua Martinez's alternatives might be in regards to parking his truck. Although there were no immediate solutions brought forth on this parking issue, Ben Felt, Colusa Heritage Foundation, 400 Main St., Colusa, took the podium and encouraged Mr. Paniagua Martinez to identify a spokesperson among his group and get in touch with him to brainstorm

for possible solutions. It was determined among the City Administrator and City Council that the parking issue is a private business matter, rather than a City matter and needs to be handled accordingly. Lastly, community member Jose Anchante took the podium and mentioned his concern regarding the poor condition of the City's streets. Mr. Anchante also had other concerns not relating to this ordinance, and was asked by Mayor Barker to save his comments on other unrelated issues for a future meeting, where he can speak in a period of Public Comment on any issue. After hearing no further comments, Council Member Ash motions to adopt Ordinance 162-07, allowing truck route designations to change for portions of E Street, 7th Street, and 9th Street. Motion seconded by Council Member Fulcher. Motion is then carried by the following vote:

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

7. Mr. Manning speaks regarding 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. Mr. Manning describes this as an addition to the business license ordinance to ensure adequate safety measures. After hearing no further comment, Council Member Azevedo motions, seconded by Council Member Ash, to adopt Ordinance 163-07, giving the City authority to inspect businesses to ensure compliance with applicable codes or requirements. Motion is carried by the following vote:

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

8. Mr. Manning introduced and read Ordinance 164-07 by title, Amendment to Chapter 10.40, Truck Routes, of the Williams Municipal Code. Community Member, Richard Selover, inquired regarding code enforcement, signage, etc. Mr. Manning responded and explained that signage has been ordered and will be posted soon. After hearing no further comments, motion by Council Member Johnson to read by title only, waive further reading and introduce Ordinance 164-07. Motion seconded by Council Member Fulcher. 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. Mayor Barker declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Nothing to report.

City Treasurer: Not present.

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

Council Member Azevedo: Gave WFPA report and thanked Fire Department for a job well done during recent Granzella's fire. Also mentioned that new ladder truck will be purchased and explained the need.

Council Member Fulcher: Reported on Colusa Regional Medical Center and Williams Community Center.

Council Member Johnson: Nothing to report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ash: Attended Collections Conservation Seminar and reported on Citizens for a Better Williams.

Mayor Barker: Gave updates on the new ladder truck for the Fire Department, Developers, Enterprise Zone, the Senior Health Fair, and LAFCO.

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

City Administrator: Responded to Water Issue in response to Mr. Ken Edwards request at the October 10th, 2007 City Council Meeting. Shared that a city mapping system is being installed on the City's computers. Gave Virginia and D Streets construction update. Gave Assessment District update. Announced Special Meetings set for Tuesday, November 27th at 5pm and on January 16th, time to be announced. Attended Economic Development Grant Workshop with Gail Richardson in regards to Granzella's. Attended WUSD meeting.

City Finance Officer: Not present.

Police Chief: Introduced Sarek, our new Police K-9, who is the only police dog in the County. Chief Saso is exploring the possibility of establishing MOUs with other agencies in regards to K-9 assistance. Chief Saso also gave the Police Department report and announced D.A.R.E. Graduation today at Williams Middle School.

Code Enforcement Department: Given by the Police Chief.

Fire Chief: Chief Gilbert expressed appreciation to the City Council for their support over the last year. Chief Gilbert also announced that Williams Fire Department was the first out-of-county strike team to arrive on scene at the recent Santiago Fire in Orange County and that we stayed there for 15 days. Also, Chief Gilbert reported that there were 14 fire departments and over 100 firefighters who assisted with the recent Granzella's fire and wanted to publicly reject any rumors that the water system failed them, as it did not fail. Chief Gilbert expressed his thanks to the Public Works Department for making sure that it was in working order when they needed it. Chief Gilbert announced that the Pheasant Hunt is November 17th and the Christmas dance is scheduled for December 15th.

Public Works: See attached Report.

Mayor Barker adjourns the meeting at 8:17pm to reconvene in Regular Session on December 12, 2007 at the hour of 7:00pm.

Approved: _____
Don R. Barker, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk