

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Minutes
April 9, 2008

The City Council of the City of Williams meets this 9th day of April, 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
Chief Jim Saso, Police Dept.
Sargeant Ed Anderson, Police Dept.
Gail Richardson, Director of Finance
Wes Goforth, Director of Public Works
Rene Miles, City Clerk

Others:

George Pence, Lynda Reynolds, Ben Felt, Mary Ornbaun,
Sarvan Singh, JJ Mendez, 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. Mr. Manning asks that the Council add Item d. to the Consent Agenda, since the City received the background clearance for the applicant after the Agenda was posted. Item d. reads, "Authorize the hiring of Dustin Stephenson as a Police Officer at Step A, effective June 2, 2008, pending successful completion of the Police Academy and both the physical and psychological examinations. Councilmember Barker motions to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, with the addition of Item d. and with the following two corrections to the March 12, 2008 Minutes:

1. Item #14, Page 4: Correct Mr. Siprelle to Ms. Siprelle in both the second and third paragraphs.
2. Item #16, Page 5: Correct spelling of Jean/Ms. Tarkleson to Jean/Ms. Terkildsen.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Azevedo. Consent motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

5. 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. This will result in a storm drainage fee being enacted to fund improvements to the City storm drainage system. After hearing no comments from the council or public, Councilmember Barker motions to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance 165-08. 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.

6. 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.

Mayor Ash opens the Public Hearing.

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

Councilmember Fulcher motions to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance 166-08. 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.

7. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding Resolution 08-08, Establishing Storm Drainage Connection Fees. The fees collected will be utilized to construct the facilities identified by the Storm Drainage Master Plan. Per Mr. Manning, this would not impact existing residences, but would affect new development. Mayor Ash opens the Public Hearing regarding Resolution 08-08.

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

Councilmember Azevedo motions to adopt Resolution 08-08, Establishing Storm Drainage Connection Fees. 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 the 2006-2007 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report. The report is not yet finished and the auditor is not present. No action was taken at this time.

9. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding Resolution 08-09, Opposing the Cortina Integrated Waste Management Project. Councilmember Fulcher asks if this is the most the city can do to show opposition to this project. Responses from Mr. Manning and from the Mrs. Terkildsen, community member, indicate that yes, this is the appropriate thing for the city to do and that Environmental Affairs takes local concerns into consideration. Councilmember Azevedo motions to Adopt Resolution 08-09, Opposing the Cortina Integrated Waste Management Project. 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.

10. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding a proposal submitted by Marsha Krouse-Taylor, requesting that the City proclaim support of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. After hearing no comments from the council or the public, Councilmember Barker motions to Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Proclamation Declaring the

Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. 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 City Council regarding the City joining the Colusa County Chamber of Commerce for the current budget year. After hearing no comments from the council or the public, Councilmember Fulcher motions to Authorize the City Administrator to Enroll the City as a Corporate Member of the Colusa County Chamber of Commerce. 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.

12. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding the proposed budget goals and policies for the upcoming two years. Items included in this budget are: code enforcement, provide staff where appropriate, adopt a pay scale equal to median salaries of surrounding communities, expand and modernize current facilities to meet current standards, focus on enhancing quality of life in the community, support and encourage projects relating to downtown business development, and create a 10 percent contingency fund. Councilmember Barker comments regarding unplanned occurrences and how important it is to have a contingency fund available in the budget. After hearing no further comments from the council or the public, Councilmember Azevedo motions to Approve the Proposed Budget Goals and Policies for the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 Budgets. 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.

13. Mayor Ash declares time for reports.

City Attorney: A memorandum was distributed from Warren Diven, of Best Best & Krieger, in response to recent concerns from citizens at the last regular meeting, specifically regarding the wastewater treatment plant. Refer to agenda packet for details of this memorandum.

City Clerk: Nothing to report.

City Treasurer: Not present.

14. 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.

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

City Administrator: Mr. Manning updated the City Council and the community regarding the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The City met with that agency recently and has provided them with the information needed to get an extension on a deadline. Also, Mayor Ash informed the community that she had requested a retraction from the newspaper regarding an article that was recently printed, and asked Mr. Manning to explain about this. Mr. Manning commented on this subject, letting the community know that the paper had referred to a \$2.1 million fine, and that this was not another \$2.1 million fine, it was the same, original fine that was imposed when the original deadline was missed in regards to the funding for the wastewater treatment plant. Lastly, Mr. Manning states that the City has a draft of the audit that was recently done for the City, but not a final version yet, as mentioned in Agenda Item #8.

City Finance Officer: Mrs. Richardson announced that she will be in training all next week.

Police Chief /Code Enforcement: Gave department report. Councilmember Barker also inquired regarding having

Sarek participate in the Pioneer Day parade and Sgt. Anderson responded that he believed that the Police Dept could accommodate this request.
Not present.

Fire Chief:

Public Works:

Gave department report and project update.

Mayor Ash adjourns the meeting at 7:05pm to reconvene in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 14th, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk