

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Minutes
July 9, 2008

The City Council of the City of Williams meets this 9th day of July, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

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

NOT PRESENT: Councilmember Eddie Johnson.

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Manning, City Administrator
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney
James Saso, Chief of Police
Daniel Mata, Police Detective
Ed Anderson, Sargeant, Police Department
Rene Miles, City Clerk

Others:

Sally Barker, Peter Jukusky, Ben Felt, Pete Rodrigues,
Linda Roth, 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.

Linda Roth, of 532 Butte View Drive in Williams, addresses the Council regarding a potential fire hazard in the Valley Ranch community. Mrs. Roth is concerned because of the tall weeds and dry grass; that this presents a potentially very dangerous situation and would like the Council's assistance is locating the property owner and getting something done about clearing the property(ies).

After hearing no further 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-g. Councilmember Barker requests to pull Items 4e, 4f, and 4g from the Consent Agenda and move those items to New Business, as Items 11, 12, and 13, respectively, to be discussed and voted on separately. It was also requested by Council to approve Item 4a separately from Items 4b-d due to Councilmember Azevedo's absence from the last Council meeting. Councilmember Barker then motions to approve Item 4a. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fulcher. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Barker, Fulcher, and Mayor Ash.

Noes: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Azevedo.

Councilmember Barker secondarily motions to approve Items 4b-d on the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fulcher. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

5. Peter Jukusky, Vice-President and Gary Evans, President are present and gave a presentation regarding the Central Sacramento Valley Resource Conservation & Development Area Council. Mr. Evans and Mr. Jukusky explained the purpose of the Council and encouraged local membership. An annual membership for the City of Williams would cost \$150, and is based on population. Membership would involve quarterly meetings and full voting participation.

6. Mr. Manning reported regarding the Annual Grantee Performance Report. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comment regarding Granzella's loan for fixtures and equipment.

Mayor Ash opens the Public Hearing.

No public comments were received.

Mayor Ash closes the Public Hearing.

No motion or vote taken.

7. Mr. Manning requests the Council to Continue the Public Hearing regarding the General Plan Amendment and Rezoning for APNs 005-111-014, 005-151-005 and 005-151-006 to the August 13, 2008 City Council Meeting.

After hearing no comments or questions from the Council or community, Mayor Ash asks for a motion to Continue the Public Hearing to the next regular Council Meeting on August 13, 2008. Council-member Barker motions to Continue the Public Hearing regarding the General Plan Amendment and Rezoning for APN 005-111-014, 005-151-005 and 005-151-006 to the August 13, 2008 City Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Azevedo. Motion is carried by the following vote:

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

8. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding the need for hiring Johnson & Associates to conduct a Salary and Benefit Comparison Study to be used for negotiating employee agreements. The estimated cost for this study would be between \$20,000-24,000. Detective Daniel Mata, President of the Williams Peace Officers Association, spoke to the Council against the salary survey, and offered to provide an alternative method of obtaining this information at a more reasonable cost. Chief Saso mentioned that the Police Department had a salary survey done in 1997, and that it included job descriptions. The cost and necessity of this study sparked questions from the Council and the community and discussion was held. Councilmember Fulcher asked how often a study like this would need to be done, and Mr. Manning replied that it should be considered about every three years. Mr. Jukusky asked regarding the bidding process, and Ms. Siprelle replied that professional services are not subject to the bidding process. Mr. Felt stated that it might be appropriate to have Johnson & Associates give a presentation to the Council to explain what the study would entail.

After hearing no further comments from the council or the public, Councilmember Barker motions to Authorize the City Administrator to Sign a Professional Service Agreement with Johnson & Associates to Conduct a Salary and Benefit Comparison Study if the price can be negotiated down to a more reasonable level by omitting the Police Officer salaries; if a lower price cannot be negotiated, then the City Administrator will report back to Council at the August 13, 2008 meeting with other bids for this service. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fulcher. Motion is carried by the following vote:

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

9. Mr. Manning addresses the City Council regarding Resolution 08-12, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams, California, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Colusa to Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 4, 2008 with the Statewide General Election to be Held on the Date Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10403. After hearing no comment from the council or community, Councilmember Fulcher motions to adopt Resolution 08-12, as named above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Azevedo. Motion is carried by the following vote:

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

10. Mr. Manning addresses the Council regarding appointing one delegate and up to two alternates for the League of California Cities Annual Conference on September 24-27, 2008. After hearing no comment from the council or community, Councilmember Ash appoints herself as a delegate and Councilmember Fulcher as an alternate for the City of Williams. Motion seconded by Councilmember Azevedo. Motion is carried by the following vote:

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

11 (previously 4e). Mr. Manning addresses the Council regarding Salaries and Benefits for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Williams Management Employees. Mr. Manning recommends that the Council approve a 10% increase in salary for the City Administrator, Chief of Police, and Public Works Director and increase the Group Health Insurance benefits by \$100 per month per employee effective June 30, 2008. After hearing no comment from the Council or community, Councilmember Azevedo motions to approve a 10% salary increase for the City Administrator, Chief of Police, and Public Works Director and increase the Group Health Insurance benefits by \$100 per month per employee effective June 30, 2008. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fulcher. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

12 (previously 4f). Mr. Manning addresses the Council regarding the need for an Employment Agreement with the Public Works Director, Wesley Goforth. After hearing no comments from the Council or community, Councilmember Azevedo motions to Authorize the Mayor to sign the Employment Agreement with the Public Works Director, Wesley Goforth, subject to the approval of the City Attorney and Mr. Goforth. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

13(previously 4g). Mr. Manning addresses the Council regarding the appointment of an Interim Finance Officer. Mr. Manning recommended to appoint Patricia Cervantes as Interim Finance Officer at the Current Finance Officer Salary of \$66,000/year. There was discussion among the Council concerning the salary increase from Ms. Cervantes' current stated salary of approximately \$52,000/year to the proposed salary, and Councilmember Barker was concerned that the salary increase should take place in steps, versus a large increase in salary right away. Councilmember Barker motions to Appoint Patricia Cervantes as Interim Finance Officer at a salary of \$60,000/year instead of the proposed \$66,000/year. Motion seconded by Councilmember Azevedo. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

14. Mayor Ash declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Nomination papers for candidates filing for the upcoming election on November 4, 2008 will be available next week, as of July 14th, and incumbents planning to run must submit completed packets back to the City Clerk's office no later than Friday, August 8th. If no incumbent files for an open position by August 8th, then the filing deadline will be extended to August 13th for the general public.

City Treasurer: Not present.

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

Councilmember Azevedo: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Councilmember Fulcher: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Councilmember Johnson: Not present.

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

Mayor Ash: Gave updates on committees and projects.

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

City Administrator: Gave updates on the following: draft water model, Northview park construction, road improvements for Prop 1B funds and local transportation funds, Board of Education/Woodland Community College project, Park B, Valley Vista park, Granzella's re-opening on July 20th, replacement of fire hydrants by Public Works, Virginia Street lift station, Water Quality Control Board

Interim City Finance Officer: Not present.

Police Chief /Code Enforcement: Gave department report.

Fire Chief: Not present.

Public Works: Not present.

Mayor Ash adjourns the meeting at 7:25pm to reconvene in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 13th, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk