

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Minutes
August 13, 2008

The City Council of the City of Williams meets this 13th day of August, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Manning, City Administrator
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney
James Saso, Chief of Police
Rene Miles, City Clerk
Monica Aguayo, Assistant City Planner

Others:

Sally Barker, Louise Barker, Rex Mayes, Peter Rodrigues,
Peter Jukusky, Lynda Reynolds, Nancy Parriott, Catherine
Bernard, Linda Roth, Chuck 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.

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 Azevedo. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Johnson due to absence from July 9th
Council meeting.

5. Nancy Parriott, Deputy Director with the Department of Health and Human Services, gave a special presentation regarding the proposed Colusa County Sharps Program. This program involves proper/legal disposal of sharps as of September when SB1305 goes into effect. Ms. Parriott answered questions from the Council concerning safety issues and sharps obtained from drug users.

Mayor Ash requested that this item be agendaized for the next Regular Council meeting.

6. Ms. Aguayo reports to Council regarding Ordinance 169-08 – Amendment to Chapter 10.40 Truck Routes, of the Williams Municipal Code. Passage of this ordinance would result in a truck route designation change for 6th Street north of B Street. After hearing no comments from the council or community, Councilmember Johnson motions to read by title only, waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance 169-08. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

7. Mayor Ash opens the Public Hearing.

Ms. Aguayo addresses the Council regarding the General Plan Amendment and Rezoning for APNs 005-111-014, 005-151-005 and 005-151-006, Resolution 08-13, and Ordinance 168-08.

Councilmember Johnson questions the reason for the apparent delay with the City Engineer regarding this matter and also asked for and explanation regarding the drainage difference between single-family zoning and apartments. Mr. Manning answered these questions, stating there was not a delay on the part of the City Engineer and explained drainage issues to the Council and gallery.

Lynda Reynolds, 6124 Myers Rd, Williams, addressed concerns to Mr. Manning and the Council regarding re-zoning these properties.

There was further discussion among Council on this issue. Councilmember Barker shared information regarding a storm drainage study.

Councilmember Fulcher asked for clarification regarding her understanding that what the City is trying to do is what is best for the City in regards to drainage issues.

Mr. John Troughton, Jr., of 1345 E Street, Williams, addressed the Council to share his concerns against high-density residential units and give examples (excessive traffic, constant debris, etc.) of why he is in favor of this re-zone to R-1.

Bruce Roberts, of 1562 Dolphin Dr., Aptos, CA, addressed the Council regarding the Planning Commission's proposal to re-zone his property without his consent. Mr. Roberts expressed his concerns against this re-zone and urged the Council to leave the zoning the way it currently is.

Rex Mayes, of 2668 Husted Rd, Williams, stated that he feels that this topic could be addressed with the General Plan Update.

Mayor Ash asked for clarification regarding the requirement for the City to provide affordable housing. Mr. Manning addressed this question by stating that the City has 170 acres of vacant land zoned for residential. The City's housing requirements are to construct 341 residential units over the next five years of which 74 are for very low income and 64 are for low income. This would only require 47 acres of land. In other words, the City has about five times the available land for housing and this re-zone will not affect the City's ability to provide for that requirement.

Councilmember Fulcher inquired regarding Mr. Roberts' statement that the City Engineer told him that there is no drainage difference between high-density residential and low-density residential. Mr. Manning responded to her concerns by clarifying what the City Engineer meant by what he told Mr. Roberts. Mr. Manning reaffirmed that this is not an issue whether or not the residents want apartments built next to them, but rather it is a drainage issue.

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

Mayor Ash asks for a motion. Councilmember Barker motions to Certify and Adopt the Negative Declaration; Adopt Resolution 08-13; and Introduce Ordinance 168-08 Amending the Williams General Land Use Designation and Rezone. 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 due to the vicinity of his real property in relationship to the affected property.

8. Mayor Ash declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: The deadline has passed for filing nomination papers for the November Election for the positions of City Councilmember, City Clerk, and Treasurer. There were 3 people who filed for City Council; I filed for City Clerk, and there were no papers received for Treasurer.

City Treasurer: Not present.

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

Councilmember Azevedo: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Councilmember Fulcher: Nothing to report.

Councilmember Johnson: Nothing to report.

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

Mayor Ash: Gave updates on committees and projects, including an announcement from the Citizens for a Better Williams of a Christmas Light Parade, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 6th.

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

City Administrator: Gave updates on the following: Northview Park estimated completion in mid-October; followed by Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Park B update. Valley Vista Park restrooms. Water/Sewer rate study draft coming soon. Business Park at Valley Ranch plan update. A Special Meeting is planned for Tuesday, August 26th at 4pm to award the bid for Prop 1B project. Initiated salary and benefit survey. Working with Office of Education architects. E-Z application to show that the City does have the ability to provide for new businesses. Mr. Manning also suggested that the Council consider re-naming Park B. Building Inspector working on Oddfellows building with attorneys. Planning Commission has an application for Design Review for a 3-story hotel at Valley Ranch.

Interim City Finance Officer: Not present.

Police Chief /Code Enforcement: Gave department report; also announced information about the Citizens Police Academy starting in September.

Fire Chief: Not present.

Public Works: Not present.

Mayor Ash adjourns the meeting at 7:10pm to reconvene in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 10th, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk