

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council November 12, 2008 Minutes

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 12th day of November, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT:

James Manning, City Administrator
James Saso, Chief of Police and members of the Williams Police Dept.
Jeff Gilbert, Fire Chief and members of the Williams Fire Dept.
Wes Goforth, Public Works Director
Rene Miles, City Clerk
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney
Monica Aguayo, Assistant City Planner
Patricia Cervantes, City Finance Director

Others:

Please see attached sign-in sheet.

2. Mayor Ash opened the meeting at 6:00pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Mayor Ash declared time for a period of public comment.

After hearing no comment from the public, Mayor Ash closed the period of public comment.

4. Mayor Ash declared time for approval of the Consent Agenda Items a-d. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as is. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

5. Mayor Ash presented a proclamation to the Williams Fire Department and the Williams Police Department to express sincere appreciation and gratitude for the professional services these departments provided during the recent bus accident which occurred on October 5, 2008 and resulted in 32 injuries and 9 casualties. Fire Chief, Jeff Gilbert accepted the honor on behalf of the Williams Fire Department, and Police Chief, James Saso, accepted the honor on behalf of the Williams Police Department.

6. Ms. Monica Aguayo addressed the Council and public regarding the City's participation in the 2008/2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the related fiscal impact on the City, and also explained the purpose of the public hearing.

Mayor Ash opened a Public Hearing for the 2008/2009 CDBG Program, to receive comments from the public concerning the City's participation in the 2008-2009 CDBG Program.

After hearing no comments related to the CDBG Program from the Council or public, Mayor Ash closed the Public Hearing.

7. Mr. Manning addressed the Council and the public regarding Resolution 08-17 Adopting an Increase to the City of Williams' Water and Sewer Service Fees.

Mr. Greg Clumpner of Foresight Consulting presented an Overview of the Water and Sewer Rate Study and was available to answer questions during the public hearing.

Mayor Ash opened a Public Hearing to receive comments from the public. The following citizens and councilmembers came forward to ask questions, receive clarification, or express disapproval concerning the issue at hand:

Kathy Hopkins, 410 8th St., Williams, CA; questions/clarifications

Mark Azevedo, Councilmember; questions/clarifications

Eddie Johnson, Councilmember; questions/clarifications

Stephen Marsh, 6343 Myers Rd, Williams, CA; questions/clarifications

Sharon Singh, 1010 Constitution Ave. NE, Washington D.C. and also owns property at 9th and E Streets in Williams; questions/clarifications

John Troughton, Jr., 1345 E St, Williams, CA; questions/clarifications

William Boeger, 2041 Delgado Way, Sacramento, CA, and property owner of a self-storage facility at 215 6th St in Williams; Mr. Boeger requested that a protest letter be recorded in the minutes, which is attached hereto.

Anil Patel, 330 7th St., Williams, CA; requested that the City provide the citizens with a copy of recent audit reports as a bulk mailing and that the City Council research the last several years to account for monies that were collected through raises in water and sewer rates since year 2002, and respond to his concerns; opposed rate increases.

Vernette Marsh, commercial property owner in Williams, of Davis, CA; opposed rate increase.

Sarvan Singh, 929 9th St., provided handout to Council regarding local unemployment rates, attached hereto; opposed rate increase.

Jean Boyce, 942 12th St, Williams, CA and owns business at 570 7th St., Williams; questions/clarifications.

Joel Roeland, 503 Waterfowl, Williams, CA; questions/clarifications.

Anil Patel, questions/clarifications/re-stated opposition to rate increase and suggested that the City Council look into this matter further.

After hearing no further comments or questions from the public, Mayor Ash closed the public hearing.

Mr. Manning then asked the City Clerk for a count of the number of protest votes that have been received by the City. The City Clerk responded with 169 unofficial (have not been verified as valid) written protests. Based on this number, it was then determined by Mr. Manning that the City did not receive written protests against the establishment and imposition of the proposed increases to the water and sewer fees from a majority of the affected ratepayers.

Before moving on, Councilmember Barker requested that Mr. Manning explain further details regarding the water and sewer funds. Mayor Ash also requested Mr. Manning to explain specifically the difference between the General Fund and Enterprise Fund to clarify the difference for the public. Mr. Manning responded.

After hearing no further comments from the Council, Mayor Ash asked for a motion. Councilmember Barker moved to Adopt Resolution 08-17 Adopting an Increase to the City of Williams Water and Sewer Service Fees. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fulcher. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. Mr. Manning addressed the Council regarding the paving and striping of the City Hall parking lot. The parking has deteriorated and, in order to prevent injury, provide better drainage, and serve as an example to other businesses in the City, City staff has determined that this project is necessary. The project was properly noticed and one proposal was received, and the cost has been determined to be reasonable by City staff.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or the public, Councilmember Azevedo moved to Award the Contract for the City Hall Parking Lot to Ken Bowen Construction Company for an Amount not to exceed \$10,777. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fulcher. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. Mr. Manning addressed the Council regarding Resolution 08-18 - Appointing the City Administrator to represent the City in a risk management pool called the

Small Cities Organized Risk Effort (SCORE) for insurance purposes. By joining with other small jurisdictions in a funding pool for insurance, the liability for individual claims is shared among the members. This provides for lower insurance costs. To participate, the City must appoint a representative who will attend five mandatory meetings throughout the year. After hearing no comments from the Council or the public, Councilmember Azevedo moved to Adopt Resolution 08-18 Appointing the City Administrator, James Manning, as the City's SCORE Representative. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

10. Mr. Manning addressed the Council regarding Resolution 08-16 – An Identity Theft Prevention Program. This program stems from a requirement of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act of 2003, section 114, as implemented by the Red Flag Rules, 16 C.F.R. § 681.2, issued by the Federal Trade Commission. The program was created to identify patterns, practices, and specific activities that indicate the possible existence of identity theft, referred to as “Red Flags”. After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker moved to Adopt Resolution 08-16 an Identity Theft Prevention Program. Motion seconded by Councilmember Azevedo. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

11. Mayor Ash declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Will be attending the 2008 City Clerk's New Law & Election Seminar December 3-5 in Anaheim, CA.

City Treasurer: Not present.

12. 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: Nothing to report.

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

Mayor Ash: Gave updates on committees and projects.

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

City Administrator: Gave updates on Northview Park, Valley Vista Park, road striping project, Ruggieri Way/new motel, and swimming pool project.

City Finance Officer: Nothing to report.

Police Chief /Code Enforcement: Gave department report. Also publicly thanked Councilmember Azevedo for his years in service to the City and his involvement with the Police Department.

Fire Chief: No longer present.

Public Works: Nothing to report.

Mayor Ash adjourns the meeting at 8:05pm to reconvene in Regular Session on Wednesday, December 10th, 2008 at the hour of 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk

Item #1

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WILLIAMS, CA
SIGN-IN SHEET (Please print legibly)**

Meeting Date/Time: WED NOV 12, 2008 6:00pm

If you care to identify yourself and record your presence at this meeting of the City Council, please write your name, address, and phone below.

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	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1	<i>[Signature]</i>		
2	<i>[Signature]</i>		
3	Wanda Beasley	13413 Key Road P.O. Box 12228 Davis	
4	Leonard T Ramirez		
5	BENITO RUIZ		
6	Wanda Beasley		
7	William BEGER	2041 Delgado Way, Sacramento 95833	
8	Carolee Vann	831 I St. Wms 95984	
9	Stephan Marsh	881 Redding Rd Davis 95987	
10	Bathy Hopkins	Myers Rd Williams CA 95972	
11	Kathy Hopkins	410 8th st Williams	
12	Teresa McNight	602 Lincoln Rd Williams, CA	
13	Ron Sanchez	827 I St.	
14	Glenne Jones	749 J St Davis CA	
15	Caroline Covatta	1024 Belle Way	
16	J. Jean M. Mendez	17-10 STA	
17	Wes + Kim Goforth	722 Redwood Way Wms	
18	Ramon & Mary Ann	45 Kirt & North	
19	<i>[Signature]</i>		
20	Jose Kennedy		
21	Guillermo Ortiz		
22	alberto mendez		
23	Antonio Ruiz		
24	BEN FELT		Colusa
25	Jose Luis Estrada	124 West Drive	
26	LINDA Roth	532 Butte View Dr	
27	Natalie Stevenson	502 Waterford	
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30.	RAJ PATEL		4733252
31.	KASHUK PATEL		473-2381
32	Andres Ambriz		48-3040
33	Ramiro		473-5892
34	Rafael		6
35	George Florig		4735715
36			473-5402
37	Sharon Salazar		477 3109
38	May Birkus	2551 Venio	473-2426
39	Dennis R. Rinal	496 I St	473-5625
40	Tami Coder	5024 Hankins	4735061
41	Evan Birk	144 westgate Dr williams	473-5425
42	Silvia Cantor	225 Brenda WAY	4732026
43	Juan Carlos Ruiz		473 3830
44	Rafael Ruiz		473-5129
45	Humberto Reneda	246 Brenda way	383-6371
46	Martha Pineda	246 Brenda way	383-6375
47	Jesus Bedalla	134 Virginia St.	473-3387
48	Manuela Bedalla	134 Virginia St	
49	Eliana Garcia		
50	Gerardo Piquin		4733326
51	Gregory Ziglar		4732046
52	Miguel Angel		473-3097
53	Jesus Arreola		473-2267
54	Leonila Hernandez		
55	Joaquin Hernandez		
56	Martin Contreras	180 Brenda way	473 5192
57	David Lopez		473 8405
58	Amador Lopez	1165 North St	473-2175

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59	DAVID L ESTAN	6 819 WILLIAMS	5233166
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Item #7

William K. Boeger
A & F Boeger Corporation
2041 Delgado Way
Sacramento, CA 95833
(916) 567-1231, (916) 567-1326(fax)

November 12, 2008

City clerk, City of Williams
810 E St.
Williams, California 95987

I am writing this in protest to the proposed increases to rates for sewer and water service fees. I am one of the owners of the *Inn Storage* self storage facility at 215 6th St.

I find several aspects of this proposed fee increase objectionable and unacceptable:

1. An increase in fees is appropriate to fund increased operational and maintenance costs, but a "service fee" increase to fund capital improvements is nothing but a capital improvement tax in disguise. Such a matter needs to be passed by a vote of property owners to implement a property tax under California law.
2. The allocation of the proposed sewer rate increase is unfair. When the full rate phase-in is complete in 2012 residential property owners would see their fixed monthly sewer rates increase by just over 100% while commercial property owners will see their rates increase by 200 to roughly 350%. And this is starting from the the current base on commercial properties which are 3 to 6 times higher than residential. This places an excessive burden on holding commercial property in the city of Williams. It is a penalty on current commercial property holders and will discourage future commercial development in the city. While commercial property does use more service than residential property, a discrepancy so wide as to place a monthly fixed fee of \$388-\$931 per month will be ruinous to most commercial property holders and tenants.
3. A more equitable method of allocating costs would be to recover the increased costs primarily by the variable use components. In this way the users of the facility are charged for the cost of the facilities. This will motivate more conservation and allow our scarce resources to be spread further.

Thank you very much for hearing me and thank you for your consideration to this issue.

Sincerely,



William Boeger

Item #7

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Williams Neighborhood Profile (change location)

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Quick Glance

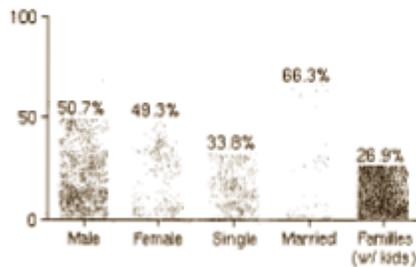
Population:	4,818
Population Growth:	30.8%
Population Density:	907
Median Age:	30 years
Median Income:	\$41,099
Cost of Living Index:	98

Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy
83°F / 51°F

January Avg Temp:	36°F
July Avg Temp:	97°F
Sunny Days:	264
Precipitation Days:	47
Rainfall (inches):	16
Snowfall (inches):	1

Williams Demographics



Williams Jobs and Politics

Unemployment Rate:	11.1%
Recent Job Growth:	-0.9%
Future Job Growth:	-37.6%
Democrat:	31.5%
Republican:	67.1%
Independent (others):	1.2%

Williams Housing Statistics

Median Home Age:	19 years
Median Home Value:	\$180,000

Renter v. Owner Market Value

Williams Education Statistics

School Expenditures:	\$4,316
Pupil/Teacher Ratio:	19
Students/Librarian:	0
Students/Counselor:	734