

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 11, 2009
Minutes

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 11th day of February, 2009 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers John Troughton Jr., Don Barker, Angela Fulcher, and Mayor Patricia Ash. It was noted by Mayor Ash that Councilmember Eddie Johnson will be arriving late.

ABSENT: Councilmember Johnson (joined the meeting at 6:42pm).

ALSO PRESENT:

James Manning, City Administrator
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney
James Saso, Chief of Police
Wes Goforth, Director of Public Works
Rene Miles, City Clerk
Sally Barker, City Treasurer

Others: Stan Walker, Ben Felt, Sarvan Singh, David Gottman, Linda Roth.

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.

Jeremy McLean from Fastenal addressed the Council and the public regarding Fastenal, a Fortune 500 company, with zero debt, that wishes to locate in Williams but is experiencing a challenge in regards to a City ordinance concerning parking for the business. Mr. McLean expressed his desire to work with the City to come to a solution so Fastenal can startup business in the City.

Stan Walker, of 608 5th St. in Colusa, represented Colusa Masonic Lodge #240, and owns the property that Fastenal wants to occupy. Mr. Walker requested that the Council consider a community-wide improvement district or something similar to work with business owners on the parking issue downtown.

Mark Azevedo, of 1125 H St. in Williams, spoke in favor of the City working with small businesses to attract more businesses into Williams as well as keep the current businesses alive, and suggested holding a special meeting within the next two weeks in order to discuss this issue further.

Jerry Maltby, of 2515 Zumwalt Rd, Williams, spoke in favor of Fastenal coming to town and encouraged the Council to work with Fastenal to make it happen. Mr. Maltby suggested a variance to the City ordinance related to parking so that the matter can be resolved.

After hearing no further comments, Mayor Ash directed the City Administrator to schedule a Special Meeting for next Wednesday, February 18th at 5:00pm so this matter can be discussed further.

Mayor Ash then closed the period of public comment.

4. Mayor Ash declared time for approval of the Consent Agenda Item. No Treasurer's report was available this month. Councilmember Fulcher moved to approve the Consent Agenda as is. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton Jr., Barker, Fulcher, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Councilmember Johnson.

5. Mayor Ash made a special presentation and presented Dr. McCarl with a Certificate of Appreciation, to honor Dr. McCarl's 60 years of service to the City of Williams. Dr. McCarl accepted the recognition and thanked the Council.

6. Ms. Aguayo addressed the Council and public regarding Ordinance 170-09 Amendment to Chapter 17.36, 17.40, 17.44, and 17.48 of the Williams Municipal Code regarding maximum building heights. This ordinance would amend maximum building height to 60 feet, to accommodate buildings up to four stories high. This is made possible due to the Williams Fire Department's recent purchase of a new ladder truck. After hearing no comments from the public, Councilmember Barker moved to Introduce the Ordinance by title, waive the first reading and schedule the public hearing for the second reading and adoption for March 11, 2009. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton, Jr., Barker, Fulcher, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Councilmember Johnson.

7. Mr. Manning addressed the Council and public regarding the City's support of Colusa County's participation in the World Ag Expo 2009 in Tulare, California, as presented by Tom Indrieri at last month's regular Council meeting. After hearing no comments from the public, Councilmember Troughton, Jr. moved to Authorize \$500 from Economic Development (Account #101-501-7338) to Fund a Portion of the

Display Booth. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton, Jr., Barker, Fulcher, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Councilmember Johnson.

8. Williams Police Chief Saso addressed the Council regarding Approving the Animal Control Services Agreement with the County of Colusa through June 30, 2010, and then automatically renewing from year to year unless amended or terminated.

Note: Councilmember Johnson arrived at 6:42 pm, just prior to vote on this Item.

After hearing no comments from the public, Councilmember Fulcher moved to Approve the Animal Control Services Agreement with the County of Colusa through June 30, 2010 and then automatically renewing from year to year unless amended or terminated. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton, Jr., Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

9. Mr. Manning addressed the Council regarding the 2008 Miscellaneous Street Striping Project. After hearing no comments from the public, Councilmember Barker moved to Accept the 2008 Miscellaneous Street Striping Project as Complete and Authorize Staff to file a Notice of Completion. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fulcher. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton, Jr., Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

10. Mr. Manning addressed the Council regarding Resolution 09-01 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams, Dedicating a Source of Repayment for CWSRF and WRFAP Assistance. This resolution allows for dedicated revenue from increased sewer rates for payment of any and all Clean Water State Revolving Fund and/or Water Recycling Funding Program financing on Regional Recycled Water Distribution System-Phase 1 Project No. C-06-4846-110. Councilmember Troughton, Jr. had questions regarding these funds and there was discussion among the City Administrator and City Attorney to clarify the purpose and use of the funds collected from the increased sewer rates. After hearing no comments from the public, Councilmember Troughton, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution 09-01 as read above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton, Jr., Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

11. Mayor Ash declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Nothing to report.

City Treasurer: Nothing to report.

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

Councilmember Troughton Jr.: Attended the New Councilmembers Academy hosted by the League of California Cities. Visited with department heads to get acquainted with each department. Also, this Councilmember requested that the City provide a financial report for each department showing the budget and YTD expenditures at the next regular meeting.

Councilmember Barker: Gave updates on committees and projects.

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

Councilmember Johnson: 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: Considering future use for the old police station, the old gym. Also, gave update on Ruggieri Rd lot improvements and lot improvements for parcel map completion next to the CHP office. And, the City is finishing up the loan package for state revolving fund. Also reports that the City Finance Officer will be coming back to work at the end of the month.

City Finance Officer: Not present – on maternity leave.

Police Chief /Code Enforcement: Report given by Chief Saso.

Fire Chief: Report given by Councilmember Barker.

Public Works: Report given by Wes Goforth. There was an inquiry from Councilmember Barker regarding concern for

requirements/conditions for new hotels related to water/sewer issues. Mr. Manning responded that EcoLogic has done studies that show that what is currently in place is sufficient for the time being. Mayor Ash also inquired regarding the water table and Mr. Goforth said that currently there are no problems. Mayor Ash asked that the City put a reminder on water bills for citizens to conserve water. Linda Roth, of 532 Butte View Drive, expressed problems with her water and Mr. Goforth and the Council addressed those problems.

Mayor Ash adjourned the Open Session at 7:15pm to reconvene in Closed Session immediately following.

CLOSED SESSION started at 7:20pm.

Council returned from Closed Session. There was no announcement following the Closed Session.

Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk