

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 8, 2009
Minutes

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 8th day of April, 2009 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers John Troughton Jr., Don Barker, Angela Fulcher, Eddie Johnson, and Mayor Patricia Ash.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT:

James P. Saso, Interim City Administrator, Chief of Police
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney
Wes Goforth, Director of Public Works
Rene Miles, City Clerk

Others: Sally Barker, Mike Noisat, Peter Garcia, Twila Garcia, Sarvan Singh, Linda Roth, and others (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.

Mike Noisat, Williams resident, 637 Drake Drive, addressed the Council to express his concern in regards to lack of maintenance in regards to landscaping in the Valley Ranch subdivision, specifically in the street islands and near the park. Mr. Noisat also cited deteriorating trees and shrubs, abandoned trailers, and a portable bathroom which had been knocked over.

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

4. Mayor Ash declared time for approval of the Consent Agenda Items a through f. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as is. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

5. Mayor Ash, on behalf of the City Council, made a special presentation in honor of Coach Renea Garcia and the 2008/2009 Williams High School Soccer Team for their outstanding achievements. The Team was presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

6. City Attorney, Ann Siprelle, stated that a separate Employment Agreement is not necessary where the Police Chief was being appointed as Interim City Administrator until the City Administrator position was filled. It was moved by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Barker to Appoint James P. Saso as Interim City Administrator at a monthly salary of \$10,400. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. Mr. Saso addressed the Council regarding Resolution 09-02, Authorizing the City Councilmembers and the Interim City Administrator to Sign Checks drawn on U.S. Bank and the City Finance Officer to Make Inquiries on the Account. This Resolution would also remove James Manning as an authorized signer. It was moved by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Fulcher to Approve Resolution 09-02 as stated above. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. Mr. Saso addressed the Council regarding Acceptance of the Water Tank Maintenance project. It was moved by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Fulcher to Accept the Water Tank Maintenance Improvements as complete and Authorize the Interim City Administrator to record a Certificate of Completion for the project. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. Mr. Saso addressed the Council regarding Acceptance of Northview Park Improvements. Discussion was held between Councilmember Barker and staff regarding the funding for this project. It was moved by Councilmember Fulcher and seconded by Councilmember Johnson to Accept the Northview Park Improvements as complete and Authorize the Interim City Administrator to record a Certificate of Completion for the project. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

10. Mr. Saso addressed the Council regarding the City's 2009 Membership Renewal with the Colusa County Chamber of Commerce. It was moved by Councilmember Barker to table this item until such time the Council receives a Year-

to-Date financial report in regards to available funds for this item. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion failed according to the following vote:

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

Information from the City Finance Officer brought forth and presented in between the time of the motion having been seconded and the vote indicated that there were sufficient funds budgeted for this item; however, Year-to-Date actuals for this budget item were not available at this time.

Councilmember Johnson moved to Authorize the City Administrator to Renew the City of Williams Annual Membership Investment in the Colusa County Chamber of Commerce at the \$500 Silver Membership Level. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fulcher. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

11. Mr. Saso addressed the Council regarding Child Abuse Prevention Month. It was moved by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Johnson to Declare the Month of April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Williams. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

12. Mr. Saso addressed the Council regarding Acceptance of North Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Improvements. It was moved by Councilmember Barker and seconded by Councilmember Johnson to Accept the North Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Improvements as complete and authorize the Interim City Administrator to record a Certificate of Completion for the project. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

13. Mr. Saso addressed the Council regarding Appointment of a City Representative to SCORE (Small Cities Organized Risk Effort). It was moved by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Barker to Appoint James P. Saso, Interim City Administrator, as the City's SCORE Representative. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

14. Mayor Ash declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Gave department report and update on Business Licenses.

City Treasurer: Nothing to report. There was a question from Linda Roth, Williams resident, regarding why the Treasurer has no duties. City Attorney, Ann Siprelle, responded to Ms. Roth's question and explained that the City's ordinance transfers all the Treasurer's duties to the City Finance Officer.

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

Councilmember Troughton Jr.: Nothing to report.

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.

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

Interim City Administrator: Gave updates on business and projects.

City Finance Officer: Several Councilmembers expressed concern regarding approving expenses with funds that may not be available. It was requested by Council that the City Finance Officer have Year-to-Date actuals available for each department as soon as possible and inquired as to when this information would be available. Patty Cervantes, City Finance Officer, stated that these numbers are available and will get the information to staff and council in a timely manner.

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

Fire Chief: Report given by Councilmember Barker.

Public Works: Report given by Wes Goforth.

Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm to reconvene in Regular Session on May 13, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk