

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Special Meeting of the City Council
May 6, 2009, 3:00pm

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 6th day of May, 2009 at the hour of 3:00pm.

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
Rene Miles, City Clerk
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney
Patricia Cervantes, Finance Director
Sally Barker, City Treasurer
Daniel Mata, Peace Officers Association
Jeff Gilbert, Fire Chief

OTHERS: Ben Felt.

2. Mayor Ash opened the meeting at 3:00pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Ash declared time for a period of public comment relating to any matter on this Special Meeting Agenda.

No public comment. Mayor Ash closed the period of public comment.

4. Mr. Saso gave an update on the City's financial status, including loans, grants, recent projects, current assets, and what is being done at the City offices to cut expenditures. Mr. Saso reported that no non-essential expenditures will be approved, and explained the process in place to approve any and all expenditures.

Ms. Cervantes reviewed the Treasury Report month ending March 31, 2009 and explained items on this report. Ms. Cervantes gave detail regarding payroll, projected expenditures relating to the city pool, CDBG, and incoming funds expected from the State and County.

Mayor Ash stated that she has requested her pay for Mayor be temporarily suspended as of last Friday. Mayor Pro-Tem Fulcher, Councilmember Barker,

and Sally Barker, Treasurer also volunteered to have their pay temporarily suspended.

Daniel Mata, President of the Williams Peace Officers Association, stated that he is calling a meeting to discuss financial matters and gather ideas.

Furloughs were discussed as a way to cut expenditures.

Fire Chief Gilbert addressed the Council. Chief Gilbert reported that the Fire Department is already operating in a very lean manner and that he has been at the Capitol recently in support of Propositions 1A-1E which is helping to keep funding available for fire safety. Also mentioned was the possibility of raising the local assessment to help fund fire safety.

Police Chief Saso reported that there is a vacancy that was created a few months ago in the Police Department that has not been filled. Chief Saso reported that the Police Department is also operating very lean and cannot afford to lose any officers.

The idea of selling any City property was brought up.

Mayor Ash and the Council inquired regarding funds available through a loan that was available to help build the new Police Station. The possibility of acquiring a higher loan amount was discussed and this will be researched.

Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting at 4:03 pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk