

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council
June 10, 2009
Minutes

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 10th day of June, 2009 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Eddie Johnson – excused.

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
Sally Barker, City Treasurer
Sergeant Ed Anderson, Police Department

Others: Ben Felt, Joan Drayton, Linda Roth, Jeff Draves, Rex Mayes.

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.

Belinda Titus of 611 E Street and 688 A Street addressed the Council to state that she was able to resolve an ongoing issue with the City recently and she thanked the Council and the City employees for their support and swift action regarding the matter at hand.

Linda Roth of 532 Butte View Drive spoke to the Council in support of Mr. Singh's pursuit of possible funding for the wastewater treatment plant, and presented Mr. Singh's letter for public record (attached as Exhibit A).

Sarvan Singh of 929 9th Street addressed the Council regarding bidding procedure questions. Council and Mr. Saso responded to his questions.

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 i. After hearing no comments from the Council or public, 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.

5. Mr. Saso addressed the Council regarding a request to transfer \$500,809.57 from Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. to the Local Agency Investment Fund. After hearing no comment from the Council or public, it was then moved by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Barker to Authorize the City Clerk to have \$500,508.57 transferred from Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. to the Local Agency Investment Fund. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Mayor Ash declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: New public forms and user-friendly City applications have been posted and more will continue to be posted on the City website as they become available.

City Treasurer: Nothing to report.

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

Councilmember Troughton Jr.: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Councilmember Barker: Gave updates on committees and projects.

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

Councilmember Johnson: Not present.

Mayor Ash: Gave updates on committees and projects.

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

Interim City Administrator: Gave updates on business and projects.

City Finance Officer: No Finance Officer at this time.

Police Chief /Code Enforcement: Report given by Sgt. Anderson.

Fire Chief: Not present.

Public Works:

Report given by Wes Goforth.

9-12. CLOSED SESSION commenced at 6:24p.m.

Following the Closed Session, Open Session reconvened at 8:34p.m. with no announcement.

Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting at 8:35p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on July 8, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk

Exhibit A

June 6, 2009

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0505

Dear Senator Boxer:

We are writing to ask you to consider providing funds for a new sewer plant for the City of Williams. The new plant is needed to comply with state regulations. In order to adhere to these requirements, the Williams City Council imposed extremely costly fees that have already caused financial hardship and may greatly increase foreclosures and businesses closing. Due to the economic downturn, this town had experienced a disproportionately high number of foreclosures, job losses and a greater number of families turning to state services for survival.

Williams is a small town with a low-tax base due to average and below-average income. Many local businesses are considering closing their doors as they cannot pay these fees and stay in business. The city has an unemployment rate of 26.60 percent (U.S. average is 8.50%). William's cost of living is 12.67 percent higher than the U.S. average.

We understand that many communities throughout the state and nation are in similar circumstances.

This letter is an invitation to work together to find solutions that help the city grow strong with financial foundation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Williams Flea Market
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CC: The Honorable Wally Herger
United States House of Representatives
242 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0502