

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 2, 2009
Minutes

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 2nd day of September, 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:

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

Others: Linda Roth, Sarvan Singh.

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.

No speaker cards were received by the clerk and there was no public comment.

4. Mayor Ash declared time for approval of the Consent Agenda Items a through i.

Councilmember Barker requested the following amendments to the August 12, 2009 Minutes:

- a) Delete Sally Barker from Item #1, as Mrs. Barker was not present.
- b) Delete Monica Aguayo from Item #1, as Ms. Aguayo was not present.

Mayor Ash also commended the City Clerk on the August 12, 2009 Minutes, as they were challenging to prepare for that meeting.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Troughton, Jr. moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the August 12, 2009 Minutes as amended. 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.

5. Chief Saso addressed the Council and public regarding the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) and authorization of the available monies to be used for police personnel front-line services. Mayor Ash opened the Public Hearing. Councilmember Troughton, Jr. asked for clarification if these funds could be used to hire a new police officer. Chief Saso responded that they could be used for that with Council's approval, or the funds could be used to supplement the current allocation to one officer. After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Mayor Ash closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Barker moved to appropriate the 2009/2010 SLESF monies for use by the Police Department for Police Officer salaries. 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.

6. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council and public, first to thank the Council for the opportunity to serve as the new City Administrator. Mr. Bergson then discussed the details of one of PG&E's energy rebate programs, the Nonresidential New Construction program. Mr. Bergson recommended Council approval of Resolution 09-26 Accept Rebate Funds, Direct Their Use in the WWTP Project, and Accept the PG&E Savings By Design Owner Agreement.

Councilmember Fulcher asked for confirmation that this wouldn't increase the costs for the WWTP project. Mr. Bergson responded that it would not.

Councilmember Johnson inquired as to whether these savings would be passed onto the citizens. Mr. Bergson responded that it would reduce the overall cost of the project and the City would experience lower power rates.

Councilmember Troughton, Jr. inquired as to if the City were to explore using solar energy in the future, would it have any effect on this? Mr. Bergson responded that if the City used solar energy it could increase future rebates under the program.

Councilmember Barker added that solar energy will save even more energy and reduce costs.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Troughton, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution 09-26 – Accept Rebate Funds, Direct Their Use in the WWTP, and Accept the PG&E Savings by Design Owner Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. Mayor Ash declared time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Nothing to report.

City Treasurer: Nothing to report.

8. Mayor Ash declared 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: Announced that the Traveling Tribute to Veteran's Wall will be displayed November 11 to December 16, 2009.

Councilmember Johnson: Nothing to report.

Mayor Ash: Announced that the Festival of Lights Parade will be on December 12th this year. Also, Shear Class is taking donations for the Auburn fire victims. Mayor Ash also announced that 84 flags will be raised by the Citizens for a Better Williams in honor of Labor Day, and again on September 11th.

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

City Administrator: Updated Council on the following items: WWTP project and funding, Finance Committee meetings, E Street opening, office space, Emergency Operations exercise, meeting with City staff, budget and department goals and objectives, RDA presentation, city fee schedules, flooding/water management, meeting scheduled with Congressman Herger's office.

City Finance Officer: No Finance Officer at this time.

Police Chief /Code Enforcement: Chief Saso announced that the 2nd annual Citizen's Police Academy will meet at the California Highway Patrol office on October 6th. Applications are available at the Williams Police Department. Mayor Ash also thanked Chief Saso again for his time as Interim City Administrator.

Fire Chief: No report given.

Public Works: Report given by Wes Goforth.

Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm to reconvene in Regular Session on September 16th, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Councilmember Don R. Barker
Acting Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk