

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 16, 2009
Minutes

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 16th day of September, 2009 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. The City Clerk called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and asked for a motion to designate another member of the City Council to be the acting Mayor and preside over this meeting, as both the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem have been excused from this meeting to attend the League of California Cities Annual Conference this week.

Councilmember Troughton, Jr. moved to designate Councilmember Barker as acting Mayor for this meeting. Motioned seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers John Troughton Jr., Don Barker, and Eddie Johnson.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Angela Plachek-Fulcher and Mayor Patricia Ash.

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
Monica Aguayo, Assistant City Planner
Debbie Rich, Building Director

Others: Kathy Craigo.

2. Councilmember Barker lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Councilmember Barker declared time for a period of public comment.

Kathy Craigo of Media Consulting addressed the Council and public to inform them of an upcoming employment recruitment taking place in Williams to recruit 100 full-time employees to relocate to Arcata, California. These positions will be year-round and will also offer employment benefits. Ms. Craigo announced that there will be an informational meeting this Tuesday night at the Family Action Center at 6:00pm with a translator present and encouraged attendance. There were questions from the Council regarding the type of employment available and Ms. Craigo responded. Ms. Craigo also left brochures.

At this time, Mr. Bergson requested that Council add another item to New Business, due to its immediate nature and that this item was brought to staff's attention after the posting of the agenda. The item requested was approval of Resolution 09-22 as amended, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Authorizing the City Council Members and the City Administrator to Sign Checks Drawn on the U.S. Bank and the Disbursement Clerk to Make Inquiries on the Account. The City Clerk further noted to Council that this resolution was adopted by Council at the last regular meeting; however, the bank requires it to be amended to specifically delete James P. Saso from the resolution in order for the City to proceed with bank transactions.

After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Johnson moved to add the Approval of Resolution 09-22 as amended as Item #8 on tonight's agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. Councilmember Barker declared time for approval of the Consent Agenda Items a through e. Treasurer Sally Barker gave a verbal Treasury report to Council at this time.

After hearing no comments from the Council or public, 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, and Johnson.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

5. Mr. Bergson introduced Mr. Thomas Hart, Deputy Director of the California Redevelopment Association, who addressed the Council and public to give a special presentation regarding redevelopment agencies. Mr. Hart gave a PowerPoint presentation which included the definition of redevelopment, its history, local redevelopment examples, and explained different types of blight, how redevelopment agencies work, plan requirements, open process, contributions to the community, financing through tax increment, and development timelines. There were questions from the Council and public that Mr. Hart responded to related to this subject.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Johnson moved to direct staff to issue a Request For Proposals (RFP) for redevelopment agencies. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton Jr. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Chief Saso addressed the Council regarding changing the Neighborhood Services Manager job title to Police Services Manager and amending the associated job description to reflect that employee's current duties. Councilmember Troughton Jr. inquired as to whether the City Administrator concurred with this request and Mr. Bergson responded positively. Councilmember Johnson asked for clarification regarding code enforcement duties and Chief Saso responded.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Johnson moved to change the Neighborhood Services Manager job title to Police Services Manager and amend the job description effective January 1, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. Chief Saso addressed the Council regarding changing the Dispatch/Records Clerk job title to Police Services Technician and amending the associated job description to reflect the addition of code enforcement duties, making it both an administrative and a field services position for the current employee. Councilmember Troughton, Jr. inquired as to whether the associated costs involved would only include the cost of uniforms and Chief Saso confirmed this, stating that the department already has a code enforcement vehicle.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Troughton, Jr. moved to change the Dispatch/Records Clerk job title to Police Services Technician and amend the job description effective January 1, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. This item was added to the agenda by vote of the Council at the start of this meeting. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council regarding approval of Resolution 09-22 as amended, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Authorizing the City Council Members and the City Administrator to Sign Checks Drawn on the U.S. Bank and the Disbursement Clerk to Make Inquiries on the Account. Mr. Bergson restated that the bank requires it to be amended to specifically delete James P. Saso from the resolution in order for the City to proceed with bank transactions.

After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Troughton, Jr. moved to approve Resolution 09-22 as amended. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. Councilmember Barker declared time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Nothing to report.

City Treasurer: Gave verbal report under Item 4.

10. Councilmember Barker declared time for Council Reports and Committee Updates:

Councilmember Troughton Jr.: Mentioned snake fence at the WWTP.

Councilmember Barker: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fulcher: Absent.

Councilmember Johnson: Nothing to report.

Mayor Ash: Absent.

11. Councilmember Barker declared time for Staff General Reports and Discussion.

City Administrator: Mr. Bergson gave updates on the following items: Finance committee report, highway overpass maintenance, Arco property, WWTP, Fiscal year 09 Audit, meeting with Congressman Herger, EDC, LAFCO, County Planner and County Public Works meetings, 5-year capital plan, Special Events policy, and Internal Services Fund. Councilmember Barker inquired as to the timeline of the hiring of a new Finance Officer. Mr. Bergson responded that a new job description is in the process of being prepared and it will probably be in December '09 when the recruiting/hiring for this position will take place.

City Finance Officer: No Finance Officer at this time.

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

Fire Chief: Report given by Councilmember Barker.

Public Works: Nothing to report.

Councilmember Barker adjourned the meeting at 7:35p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on October 7, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Angela Plachek-Fulcher, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk