

Williams City Council Minutes

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council

October 21, 2009

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 21st day of October, 2009 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers John Troughton, Jr., Don Barker, Angela Plachek-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: See attached sign-in sheet.

2. Mayor Ash called the meeting to order 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-c.

Councilmember Barker requested clarification regarding Item 4b. Staff responded that this item is not a citywide Treasurer's Report, but rather a report that specifically relates to the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF). For future clarification, Mayor Ash directed staff to come up with a clearer title for this report that would indicate that it was specifically relating to the Police Department and not the City in general.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Fulcher moved to approve the Consent Agenda above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

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5. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council and the Public to review the highlights of Ordinance 171-09 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Williams, California Adding Chapter 9.16 to the Williams Municipal Code Relating to Special Events. Mr. Bergson added that the Council recommendations from the discussion at the last regular Council meeting have now been included in the ordinance.

There was discussion among Councilmembers, the City Attorney, and Staff to clarify concerns regarding who would be required to obtain permits, waivers being obtained for existing events so as not to allow the fees to be prohibitive of the events taking place, insurance issues, and the appeal process. Chief Saso and Mr. Bergson stated that even though waivers may be considered for payment, that events should still be approved through a formal process and permits issued. Mayor Ash also expressed concern that if the City will be renting out facilities, that the facilities should be clean and sanitary.

Cindy Gobel of 1128 G Street, Williams, inquired regarding fees. Ms. Siprelle responded that the fees have not been set yet and that there will be a fee schedule introduced at the next regular meeting by resolution. Councilmember Fulcher also inquired as to whether the application fee could be waived, and Ms. Siprelle responded that the application fee would not be waived.

Ron Simmons of 827 I Street, Williams, asked when the ordinance would take effect. Ms. Siprelle responded that it would take effect thirty (30) days after the second reading. Councilmember Fulcher inquired as to whether the Council could designate the effective date. Ms. Siprelle responded that yes it could, and suggested that the Council could change the effective date to January 1, 2010, for instance, if they so desired.

Rex Mayes inquired as to what this ordinance is the protecting the City against and if it is solving a problem that is known. Mr. Bergson responded that this ordinance is being proposed to protect the City from potential liability and monetary loss. Mayor Ash gave an example of a recent Pioneer Day incident involving a drunk driver traveling through a barricade. Councilmember Troughton, Jr. added that the City must be protected against liability.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker moved to read by title only, waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance 171-09, with revisions to the waiver request and appeal sections as discussed and a stated effective date of January 1, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council and public regarding Resolution 09-28 – A Resolution Approving the Form of and Authorizing Execution and Delivery of a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Related Documents With Respect to the Sale of the Seller's Proposition 1A Receivable From the State; and Directing and Authorizing Certain Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Mr. Bergson believes that this Resolution is a better option for our City than to allow the State to borrow funds from the City right now and he recommended this to Council, as there is no risk assumed by the City in doing this. Councilmember Fulcher inquired as to the interest rate the City has on other investments currently. Mr. Bergson responded that the State

would repay this loan at a similar interest rate to other City investments, around two percent, if the City were to participate.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Troughton, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution 09-28. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fulcher. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

7. Mayor Ash inquired as to whether there was anyone present in the audience representing Jose and Beatriz Ordaz in regards to the Sewer Service Agreement and Deferred Annexation Agreement for El Campesino.

There was no one present in the audience; however, Mr. Goforth stated that Monica Ordaz was out of the area and could not be present at this meeting.

Mayor Ash requested that this item be tabled to the next meeting since there was no representative able to be present for the other party. Staff will bring this to Council on their next meeting on November 4, 2009 to allow the property owners additional time to review the agreements and be present at the Council meeting.

8. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council regarding Resolution 09-30 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Authorizing the Position of Planning Technician. In addition, Mr. Bergson requested authorization to fill the position of Office Assistant and to retain technical writing services.

Councilmember Barker stated that he would require a budget revision showing available funds before he could support this. Councilmember Troughton, Jr. inquired as to when a budget revision will be ready. Mr. Bergson responded that he and Ms. Drayton have reviewed the budget and that he will bring the numbers back to Council to support his request for additional staff. In the meantime, Mr. Bergson requested approval from Council to proceed with the recruiting process. Mayor Ash directed staff to proceed with this process and return to Council with a budget revision.

9. Mayor Ash declared time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Reported on H1N1 preparedness update from a recent conference call with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, along with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). For more information, see www.flu.gov.

City Treasurer: Nothing to report.

10. Mayor Ash declared time for Council Reports and Committee Updates:

Councilmember Troughton Jr.: Visited with department heads and made himself familiar with agenda items.

Councilmember Barker: Gave updates on committees and projects.

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

Councilmember Johnson: Nothing to report.

Mayor Ash: Gave updates on committees and projects. Also announced the Light Parade on December 12, 2009.

Finance Committee: Sally Barker gave Finance Committee report. Draft report was made available in agenda packet.

11. Mayor Ash declared time for Staff General Reports and Discussion.

City Administrator: Updated Council on the following items: Joint Cities-Counties meeting on December 2, 2009 (discussion held regarding the possibility of holding the December 2nd Council meeting at 5pm and this meeting directly after), WWTP Meeting on December 1st (Mr. Bergson requested that each Councilmember attend that meeting), Veteran's Traveling Tribute, newspaper stand safety, OddFellows building, emergency response exercise, Greyhound stop. Mr. Bergson also stated that he would like to set up a Goals and Objectives session with Council. Council requested waiting until after the holidays and holding this session in early January.

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: No report given at this meeting.

12. Open session was adjourned at 7:10pm. Closed Session commenced at 7:15pm and adjourned at 7:44pm.

There was no announcement following Closed Session.

Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting to reconvene in Regular Session on November 4, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WILLIAMS, CA
SIGN-IN SHEET (Please print legibly)**

Meeting Date/Time: WED OCT 21ST AT 6:00 PM

If you care to identify yourself and record your presence at this meeting of the City Council, please
write your name, address, and phone below.
Your signature is not required as a condition of your attendance at this meeting.

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1	Sally Barker		
2	Rex Hayes	2668 Husted Rd	473 5600
3	John Van Fleet	2453 Zimmelt Rd	473 5696
4	Celidonio Bedolla	753 G St	(530) 701 9100
5	DICK LAM	405 CUPULO PK	473-3321
6	Jesse Ullora	836 MAPLE	473 2400
7	Jose Jimenez	737 Mylman Dr	'
8	Fernando Ramos	766 teal	
9	Angel Mendez	29 10th St	
10	AS	5599 Crawford Rd	
11	Kevin Jones	2505 Zimmelt Rd	
12	Brennan Kuzner	2521 Sutter St	
13	David Torres	Logansport, Williams	473-5078
14	Leona	848 10th	473-2683
15	Charm Mann	2449 Gwinnett Rd. Wmgs	473-5750
16	RANDY MACKENZIE	444 FRANKLIN	
17	[Signature]	2516 George Rd	473-3378
18	Cindy Yobel	1128 G St	- 2592
19	Jeanette Felder	473 5777 Freshwater Rd	
20	Ed Brantley's	173 10th St	
21	[Signature]	1009 I St	473-2571
22	Roe Somers	821 I St	
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