

City of Williams

Council Minutes

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 18th day of November, 2009 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Ash, Mayor Pro-Tem Angela Plachek-Fulcher, and Councilmembers John Troughton, Jr., Don Barker, Eddie Johnson.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Charles Bergson, City Administrator

Ann Siprelle, City Attorney

Rene Miles, City Clerk

James P. Saso, Chief of Police

Sally Barker, City Treasurer

2. Mayor Ash called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ash declared time for a period of public comment.

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

CONSENT

Mayor Ash declared time for approval of the Consent Agenda.

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

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Chief Saso read aloud the letter that he had written to Colusa Rotary to nominate Officer Jose Ruiz for Police Officer of the Year. This letter is on file at the Police Department. Chief Saso then presented the Police Officer of the Year award to Officer Ruiz and congratulated him on his achievement.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council, and before moving on, noted a clerical amendment on the corresponding staff report indicating that the upcoming Special meeting of the City Council will be on November 24, 2009, not November 17, as stated in the Discussion section of his report. Mr. Bergson then introduced Ms. Joan Drayton who subsequently addressed the Council regarding the Preliminary Financial Reports for the Fiscal Year (FY) Ended June 30, 2009 and Proposed General Fund Operating Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010.

Ms. Drayton noted that the City will receive a clean, unqualified opinion for its FY ended June 30, 2009 Financial and Compliance Audits and that this is a significant improvement for the City. Ms. Drayton also acknowledged and congratulated the Council and City Administrator for correcting deficiencies that were noted by the Grand Jury. Ms. Drayton further stated that the purpose of these reports was to provide the Council with an overview of the current financial position of the City and recommend a 2010 General Fund budget amendment. Ms. Drayton reviewed each of the exhibits in detail and responded to questions from the Council regarding these exhibits. Council gave direction to staff to further refine the FY 2010 General Budget; specifically, Council did not want to use the abatement appropriation and they did want to fund one vacant police officer position; staff to return to Council for alternative recommendations.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker moved to approve the proposed budget amendments for the FY 2010 General Fund budget except for the abatement fund and allocating funds for one vacant police officer position and ratified staff's recommendation which was reviewed and approved by the City Auditor to allocate a proportionate share of the capital project expenditures to development fee funds (i.e. Police Department remodel and Northview Park improvements). 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.

Chief Saso thanked the Council for their support.

2. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council regarding Resolution 09-32, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Revising the Finance Officer Position Description, Adjusting the Finance Officer Compensation, and Directing the Recruitment of a Finance Officer. Mr. Bergson reviewed significant changes in the Finance Officer job description relating to salary and position requirements, also

stating that the current salary was approximately fifty percent behind the current market and that this range increase from \$47,000-57,000 to \$80,000-90,000 was necessary to attract qualified applicants. There were concerns from Councilmembers regarding whether this was considered in the current budget. Mr. Bergson indicated that this increase is accounted for in the budget.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Fulcher moved to adopt Resolution 09-32 as read. 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.

REPORTS

1. Mayor Ash declared time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Reported that the Deputy City Clerk, Monica Aguayo, will be present at the December 2nd Council meeting to allow for the City Clerk to attend the 2010 City Clerk's New Law & Leadership Conference that week.

City Treasurer: Gave Treasurer's report.

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

Councilmember Troughton Jr.: Gave updates on committees, meetings, events, and projects.

Councilmember Barker: Gave updates on committees, meetings, events, and projects.

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

Councilmember Johnson: Gave updates on committees, meetings, events, and projects.

Mayor Ash: Gave updates on committees, meetings, events, and projects. Mayor Ash also offered condolences to the Roper family for the loss of Kay Roper, who served the city in multiple capacities.

Finance Committee: Report given by Mr. Bergson.

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

City Administrator: Gave update on City operations, schedule, and projects.

City Finance Officer: No Finance Officer at this time; no report given.

Police Chief: Gave department report. Also announced D.A.R.E. graduation on December 9, 2009 at Williams High School.

Fire Chief: Report given by Councilmember Barker.

Public Works: Gave department report.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Open session was adjourned at 7:49pm. Closed Session commenced at 7:55pm and adjourned at 8:10pm with the following announcement:

Council approved a settlement agreement with Hill & Hill for \$48,000. Lawsuit to be dismissed. It was moved by Councilmember Fulcher and seconded by Councilmember Johnson. All ayes.

Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting to reconvene in Special Session on November 24, 2009 at 10:00am.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk