

City of Williams

Council Minutes

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 17th day of February, 2010 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher declared time for a period of public comment. No speaker cards were received by the Clerk and there was no public comment.

CONSENT

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher declared time for approval of the Consent Agenda, Item 1. 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: Ash, Troughton, Jr., Johnson, Barker, and Plachek-Fulcher.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

ORDINANCES

1. Ms. Aguayo introduced Ordinance 172-10, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Williams Amending Chapter 17.11 of the Williams Municipal Code and Adding Section 17.11.150 Regarding Specific Regulation of Murals. Ms. Aguayo provided further background information and stated that the Planning Commission recommended adoption of this ordinance by the City Council.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker moved to introduce Ordinance 172-10 by title only, waive the first reading, and schedule the public hearing for the second reading and adoption on March 3, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ash. Motion then carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ash, Troughton, Jr., Barker, Johnson, and Plachek-Fulcher.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

DISCUSSION

1. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher lead discussion regarding any interest that the City might have in assisting with finding available funds for a community center. Mr. Ben Felt from the audience addressed Council regarding estimated renovation costs of the Veteran's building for this purpose and provided grant information. Discussion followed regarding ownership and maintenance of this building, as well as other potential sites. While Council expressed support for this project, there was also concern of the cost of renovation versus new development and Council suggested an expert evaluation be considered prior to any allocation of funds for such a project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Aguayo explained the purpose and presented history of the community recruitment process for a General Plan Advisory Committee. Staff's recommendation was to appoint the five members of the Planning Commission, two non-voting members from the City Council, and two community members who submitted applications, and one community member who submitted an application as an alternate. Discussion followed regarding residency of the applicants. After hearing no further comments, Councilmember Barker then moved to appoint the five members from the Planning Commission, two non-voting members from the City Council, and two members from the community, and one member as an alternate, and to continue recruitment for more community members to serve on the General Plan Advisory Committee. Motion not passed, no second.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Ash moved to extend the application period for four additional weeks then re-evaluate. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr.. Motion then carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ash, Troughton, Jr., Barker, Johnson, and Plachek-Fulcher.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

2. Mr. Bergson introduced Resolution 10-05 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Authorizing the City of Williams to Apply for a Grant from the Energy Commission's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. Mr.

Bergson explained the grant proposal and funding requirements. Councilmember Barker inquired regarding funding. Councilmembers Ash and Troughton, Jr. stated that they could not support this resolution until funds are shown available by the J.P.A. Mr. Bergson explained alternatives that would allow the City to move forward with the grant application, and also explained that if the City does not move forward with the application at this time, that the deadline will pass and the City will not be eligible for the grant. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher inquired as to whether the grant could be returned if the matching funds were not available and Mr. Bergson responded that the funds could be returned.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 10-05 with the stipulation to acquire additional funding before moving forward with start of a project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion then carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ash, Troughton, Jr., Barker, Johnson, and Plachek-Fulcher.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

3. Mr. Bergson introduced Mr. Gerry LaBudde of EcoLogic. Mr. LaBudde reported on the current status of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project and responded to questions from Council, as well as from Mr. Sarvan Singh in the audience, regarding funding and contract concerns.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Ash moved to award a contract for construction management and engineering services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project to EcoLogic in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion then carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ash, Troughton, Jr., Barker, Johnson, and Plachek-Fulcher.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

REPORTS

1. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher declared time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Nothing to report.

City Treasurer: Nothing to report.

2. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher declared time for Council Reports and Committee Updates:

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

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

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

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

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

3. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher declared time for Staff General Reports and Discussion.

City Administrator: Gave updates on City operations, schedule, and projects. Announced possible groundbreaking dates for WWTP – March 3 or April 6, 2010, to be determined.

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

Police Chief: Nothing to report.

Fire Chief: Report given by Councilmember Ash.

Public Works: Department report given by Wes Goforth.

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher adjourned open session at 7:30p.m.

Closed Session commenced at 7:35p.m. and was adjourned at 7:46p.m. with no open session announcement.

Approved: _____
Angela Plachek-Fulcher, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk