

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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JANUARY 26, 2012
COUNCIL ACTION

I. PROCEDURES:

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation Gene Owens led the pledge of allegiance, and Ruth Sanzari offered the invocation.
- C. Roll Call Mayor John Moore and Councilmen Don Dent, Bernie Hiemenz, Frank McNelly, Bill Miller, Lee Payne, and James Wurgler were present and constituted a quorum.
Present from City Staff were Joe Duffy, Finance Director, Herman Nixon, Police Chief, Gene Owens, Maintenance Superintendent, Kathy Fuller, Water Department, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley. City Manager, Brandon Buchanan, was absent due to illness. City Attorney Kellie Peterson and Gioia Goodrum, President/CEO Williams-Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce were present.
- D. Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2012 Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Miller seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.
- E. Adoption of Agenda Councilman Miller made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Councilman Wurgler seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Historic Preservation Commission will present the Babbitt-Polson Museum Project: Yvette Hudson
Ms. Hudson reviewed her handout, "Babbitt-Polson Warehouse Museum." She made the following points:
- The Community Stage has enhanced the Babbitt-Polson Warehouse.
 - Now is the time to make the Warehouse into a museum.
 - In 1994 an historical assessment was done by an architectural and engineering firm. One of the recommendations was to rehabilitate the building to be used as an interpretive display space, storage, or office.
 - It is not going to be an easy project to accomplish. The interior and exterior will need upgrading. It will need plumbing, electrical, maintenance and staffing. Most importantly it will need money that the Historic Preservation Commission hopes to obtain through grants.
 - Community fundraising projects and events, citizen participation in completing the construction, plumbing and electrical work, and volunteers preparing and staffing the museum once it is completed will be needed.

Mayor Moore suggested that this project should start with the Historic Preservation Commission and involve others for volunteer work.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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- B. Approval of Purchase Orders: J. Duffy Joe Duffy said that, overall, sales tax revenues are up by 5%. The City is slowly but surely digging out of the hole. The brown water situation hurt, but sales of water almost covered the losses. We budgeted so tightly with departments that they will be over budget by some amount. Vacant rentals in town are responsible for the decrease in water revenues.
- C. Approval of the fiscal mid-year Financial Report for December 31, 2011: Joe Duffy Councilman Miller made a motion to approval Items B. and C. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wurgler. The motion carried 6-0.

V. *NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS*

- D. Council will review applications for Planning and Zoning Commission and may make an appointment: J. Moore Councilman Miller made a motion to table making an appointment until the next Council meeting on February 9, 2012. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wurgler, and it carried 6-0.
- E. Council may adopt Ordinance No. 925, which amends Ordinance No.819, increasing the amount of purchases that can be approved by the City Manager from \$2,500 to \$5,000: B. Buchanan Mayor Moore explained that the City Manager has lots of little projects under \$5,000, and it costs more in time to delay payments until Council meetings when they can be approved. Councilman Miller made a motion to read Ordinance No. 925 by name and title only. Joe Duffy read the name and title. Councilman Miller made a motion to adopt Ordinance No.925, amending Ordinance No. 819 to increase the amount of purchases that can be approved by the City Manager from \$2,500 to \$5000. Councilman Wurgler seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.
- F. Council will review and make a decision on the Babbitt-Polson Event Space: B. Buchanan In Brandon Buchanan's absence, Jim Winbourn, Chairman of the Board, Williams-Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce, reviewed the drawing of the proposed improvements to the Event Space. He explained that to improve drainage, the area will be filled in and the elevation upgraded. He suggested using compressed granite closer to the stage and cinders for the areas where there will be little walking traffic. Gene Owens added that there will be power around all the perimeters to the north, east and south. He said the area has been blue-staked, but they need to really study the drainage and lighting. Councilman McNelly requested that the Santa Fe Railroad approve the plans before any work is started. Councilman Dent suggested that if the City is spending money to get people downtown, then it should spend the money to light the area properly. It is easier and cheaper to do it now.

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Do it right the first time.

Councilman McNelly said he has concerns regarding the drainage from the pool on down to the east. He would also like to see some all-year, good restrooms put in.

Jim Winbourn noted that restroom facilities were not included on the plan, but they are needed. East of the Recreation Center would be a good location. He pointed out that there is nothing to hinder emergency vehicles, and a fire hydrant is nearby.

Councilman Dent directed Staff to make small drawings available for Council members and the public to get additional ideas.

Councilman McNelly made a motion to table this item until the next Council meeting on February 9, 2012, for further review. Councilman Payne seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

- G. Council will review a request for a loader bucket and may approve its purchase: B. Buchanan

The loader bucket is for a recently-purchased 2001 John Deere with only 1,200 hours on it.

Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the purchase of the loader bucket. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hiemenz, and it carried 6-0.

- H. Council will review the City Hall Duct Work Project and may approve or reject bids: J. Duffy

Joe Duffy explained that three bids, ranging from \$53,000 to \$59,000 were received. This much money is not available in the grant funds for this project. However, the material can be changed from metal to flex ducting. His suggestion was to reject all three bids and to re-write the bid using flex ducting.

Councilman Miller made a motion to reject all three bids and to issue a new request for proposals. Councilman McNelly seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- I. Mayor and Council Mayor Moore met with people who inspected the pool to determine the feasibility of using solar energy to heat the pool. They thought it would be a strong possibility to make that work. Mike Dulay, Friends of the Aquatic Center President, has done research on available grants for energy projects.

The Smithsonian magazine did an article on Route 66 that does not show Williams, AZ, on its map nor does it mention Williams in its article. Mayor Moore will contact the Smithsonian to express his disappointment.

The Mayor has received questions about the Winchester Steak House. A group will operate tour buses to the South Rim and will serve meals. The restaurant will be open to the public. The group already operates in Las Vegas and Wickenburg. They will have show events at 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. They should be up and

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running by mid-February.

- J. Staff Reports
- X. ***ADJOURN:***

None

Councilman Wurgler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Councilman Miller. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Mayor John Moore

ATTEST:

City Clerk