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I. PROCEDURES:

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation None
- C. Roll Call Mayor John Moore, Vice Mayor Don Dent, and Councilmen Bernie Hiemenz (late), Frank McNelly, Lee Payne and James Wurgler were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmen Craig Fritsinger and Frank McNelly were absent.
Present from City Staff were Brandon Buchanan, City Manager, Finance Director Keith Buonocore, Street Superintendent Hoch Ortiz, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jim Courchaine, Water/Wastewater Department employees Kathy Fuller, Bill Pruett, Aaron Anderson, and James Grantham, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley.
- D. Adopt Agenda Councilman Payne made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Councilman Dent seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

II. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discussion of budgeting issues for 2014-2015, including Water/Wastewater and Streets Departments: B. Buchanan/K. Buonocore/Jim Courchaine/Hoch Ortiz
Brandon Buchanan began by saying that the focus of this Work Session would be the two most pressing issues – first, water, and second, streets. The idea for tonight is informational. Everything will be on the table to see what Staff needs to do. The next Work Session on March 6th will be a follow up to this session. Council will have had a chance to review the materials handed out tonight, and Staff will bring back requested information to Council.

WATER

Initial Comments by Jim Courchaine:

- Sustainability is a huge piece of everything he does.
- Out of five reservoirs, two are usable: Cataract and Santa Fe.
- In the past, numbers for how much water was available were never correct. City Dam had to be stopped because the water is untreatable at the 10-million gallon point. Santa Fe is down to 36 million gallons and will be used until the limit of where the water becomes untreatable is reached. The next usable location is Cataract Lake.
- 1.5 million gallons per month is lost through evaporation. Currently, water is being pumped from wells into Dogtown Lake to use later. Water from Santa Fe Dam is being used now.
- We pump 440 gallons per minute and 630,000 gallons per day if both wells are in operation.
- Councilman Dent asked what the demand has been (historical numbers) under water restrictions. Brandon Buchanan said we don't know what the demand will be with

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restrictions.

Several ideas, such as putting bigger pumps on the wells, and looking at water sources other than the reservoirs, were mentioned. Mayor Moore recapped actions that need to be taken:

1. Need to start putting water restrictions in place.
2. Send a delegation to SRP to see if pumping limits could be increased.
3. Start exploring existing Rodeo Road well to see if its deficiencies can be remedied.

In addition, the availability of an unused well on Young Life property will be explored.

One problem with imposing water restrictions in the past has been enforcement. We need to let people know *now* that they should not plant gardens as water for them will not be available. This time, no warnings should be given. If people are operating in defiance of the water restrictions imposed, they should be given a citation immediately.

In addition to the shortage of water issues, the Huber, or grinder, at the Wastewater Plant broke and will be out of service for 6-8 weeks. The City will not be able to process wastewater or produce effluent. The Golf Course depends upon the City's effluent supply. The Mayor noted that, if we don't water the Golf Course, the City loses income.

James Grantham reported that there are two problems with the Rodeo Road Well: (1) It eats up pump impellers; and (2) there is a higher-than-allowable amount of arsenic in the water.

Mayor Moore said that brings us to water restrictions. Brandon Buchanan said that all steps must happen simultaneously.

Brandon Buchanan asked that Council consider that, under the present circumstances, if permits are written before August 1st for commercial projects, they will qualify for impact fees. The money from these permits could be used to fix some of the water issues.

It was suggested that Patch Carr be contacted for his expertise on our wells and the information regarding their capacity he may have.

Level 4 Water Restrictions as described in City Code were reviewed. It was determined that as Code directs, the City Manager will put Level 4 Restrictions into effect. Also, he will check with SRP to begin the process of requesting an increase in the City's pumping allocations.

Keith Buonocore noted that of \$2 million in water revenue last year, \$1.1 million was lost. Brandon Buchanan added that 50% of the water coming out of the plant each year has not been billed, resulting in a loss of \$750,000 - \$800,000 per year. Meters will be tested, beginning within the next two weeks.

Councilman Dent asked that a copy of the Young Life well information be sent to Council. He said that over 20 years ago, 10-12 test wells were done. If one were drilled at the intersection of two faults it could pump 1,200 gallons/minute. At some point, we will need to separate well lines from lake lines. Because of the shortage of effluent, the Golf Course Staff will just have to water tees and greens only. Council wants to be informed, step by step, as this situation unfolds.

STREETS

Brandon Buchanan introduced this segment of the meeting by saying that everyone had in front of them a report from the engineer who went through every street in town and noted its PQI (Pavement Quality Index). Lots of pavement replacement is called for, but also lots of

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chip seal and crack seal are needed. The estimate to repair and replace the pavement is \$17.1 million. Mayor Moore said the question is always the same: Maintain the better streets or fix the worse ones? Brandon Buchanan suggested keeping the newer streets in good condition first and then repairing some of the worse ones.

Hoch Ortiz said the County has a machine to chip seal and in the past has furnished this equipment to the City. However, we don't have the manpower to do it in-house. From Pine Street to 4th Street, they need crack sealing.

Keith Buonocore noted that there is \$350,000 available to spend on streets this year before July. Brandon Buchanan pointed out that the maps accompanying the Streets Report have the treatment options color coded. We have money in flood control to use for full-depth replacement (approximately \$200,000). He suggested that we start with two things: (1) Maintain newer streets; and (2) Use Flood Control money on really bad streets. He wants Council to start thinking about the potential projects and assign them a priority. He believes the City should preserve what it can – chip seal as much as possible and then re-crown roads with flood control money.

Hoch Ortiz added that we can maintain the newer streets with chip sealing now. That is not expensive relative to building a roadway from the ground up. Mayor Moore said that both of the City's parking lots could use chip sealing, and Brandon Buchanan said he would get the cost of doing that. Staff will come up with a plan for this year and next year and then ask Council to review it.

Brandon Buchanan, Keith Buonocore, and Hoch Ortiz will put together a proposal for streets to be reviewed at the March 6th Budget Work Session.

IX. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor John Moore

ATTEST:

City Clerk