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I. PROCEDURES:

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation Chief Herman Nixon led the pledge of allegiance, and a public participant offered the invocation.
- C. Roll Call Mayor John Moore, Vice Mayor Don Dent, and Councilmen Craig Fritsinger, Bernie Hiemenz, Frank McNelly, Lee Payne and James Wurgler were present and constituted a quorum.
Present from City Staff were Brandon Buchanan, City Manager, Police Chief Herman Nixon, Finance Director Keith Buonocore, Building Inspector Tim Pettit, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jim Courchaine, Kathy Fuller, Water Department, Harry Holmes, Building Department, Rob Krombeen, Magistrate, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley.
Brandon Kavanaugh, representing Mangum, Wall, Stoops and Warden, was present.
Sign Committee Chairperson, Mike Besler and Committee Member, Jerry Anthony, were present.
- D. Approval of Minutes March 13, 2014 Councilman Fritsinger made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.
- E. Adopt Agenda Councilman Payne made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented, and Councilman Dent seconded the motion. It carried 6-0.

II. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Purchase Orders: K. Buonocore

Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Councilman Fritsinger seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING (7:07 p.m.)

Pursuant to A.R.S. 9-462.04, Council will convene a public hearing on proposed changes to Title 12, Chapter 13 of the City Code, pertaining to Permitted Signs.

Mayor Moore opened this Public Hearing by saying that the proposed revisions to the Sign Code have been recommended for approval by the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Jeremy Hassen, business owner, Addicted to Deals, 124 W. Route 66, said the town has done great with the Sign Code, but completely changing parts of the Ordinance seems overreaching. He objects to the regulation of businesses' windows, limiting signage size to 25% of the window's size. He believes businesses should have the ability to advertise in their windows and that the 25% rule is ridiculous. Since the existing Sign Code is not

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enforced, he wondered who's going to enforce the new sign ordinance. What made Route 66 great was people doing what they wanted to do. There is no need to make it more stringent, and it doesn't make sense overall.

Leah Bowden: Her parents and grandparents have operated on Route 66 for many years. She thinks the sign codes are not acceptable. These issues are not for the City to decide but for business owners. She asked for Council to table approval of the revisions to Code and to review and make some revisions before adopting.

Sandy Jensen said her Turquoise Tee Pee sign has been pictured in many books. The purpose of a Historic Commission is to preserve history as good as it can be. She believes some are trying to destroy the uniqueness of town. Council needs to re-think what Route 66 is and stop trying to get rid of history. Who decides who likes the signs? It should not be based on personal likes/dislikes but should adhere to standards – not be a popularity contest. Something is wrong that Council needs to fix.

RE-CONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION (7:16 p.m.)

VI. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

B. Council may approve Resolution No. 1303 and Ordinance No. 939, making revisions to Title 12, Chapter 13 of the City Code pertaining to Permitted Signs: J. Moore

Councilman Dent confirmed with Tim Pettit that older, non-conforming signs are allowed to remain in most cases. Councilman Wurgler made a motion to read Resolution No. 1303 by number and title only. Councilman Fritsinger seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0. Susan Kerley read Resolution No. 1303 by number and title only. Councilman Wurgler made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 1303, and it was seconded by Councilman Hiemenz. It carried 6-0. Councilman Dent made a motion to read Ordinance No. 939 by number and title only. It was seconded by Councilman Wurgler and carried 6-0. Susan Kerley read Ordinance No. 939 by number and title only. Councilman Wurgler made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 939, and it was seconded by Councilman McNelly. It carried 6-0.

C. Council may recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series #11 Hotel/Motel License to be issued to Alice Opal-Reed Arnold for Alley Kats at 437 W. Route 66: S.

Councilman McNelly asked the parameters of a Series #11 Hotel/Motel license. Brandon Kavanaugh read the description from the Department's website:
This non-transferable, on-sale retail privileges liquor license allows the holder of a hotel/motel license to sell and serve spirituous liquor solely for consumption on the premises of a hotel or motel that has a restaurant where food is served on the premises. The restaurant on the licensed premises must derive at least forty percent (40%) of its gross revenue from the sale of food. The holder of this license may sell spirituous liquor in sealed containers in individual portions to its registered guests at any time by means of a mini-bar located in the guest rooms of registered guests. The registered guest must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Access to the mini-bar is

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- Kerley *provided by a key or magnetic card device which may not be furnished to a guest between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m..*
Councilman McNelly made a motion to recommend approval of the Series #11 license. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hiemenz, and it carried 6-0.
- D. Council will discuss and may approve an IGA with Coconino County for probation services: R. Krombeen
Magistrate Rob Krombeen explained that supervised probation is not in place with the City Court, but this IGA with Coconino County would provide this service at no cost to the City. Costs of about \$75/month would be passed to the defendant. Mayor Moore asked what would happen if defendants didn't pay. The Magistrate said additional sanctions would be imposed by the Court. Those on probation would be supervised by Coconino County personnel who come in weekly. This Agreement would allow the County to provide these services. Councilman Hiemenz asked how many this would involve. The Magistrate said there are none right now, but in some cases, like domestic violence, it would be a good tool to have available. Chief Nixon added that unsupervised probation is ineffective, and he would prefer to see supervised probation instead. Councilman Wurgler made a motion to approve this IGA with Coconino County to provide supervised probation for the City Court at no cost to the City. Councilman Fritsinger seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.
- E. Council may review and approve Flood Control Fund projects: B. Buchanan
Mayor Moore noted that this is flood money we've had laying around for a while. Councilman Payne made a motion to approve these flood control fund projects, and it was seconded by Councilman McNelly. The motion carried 6-0.
- F. Council may discuss and approve expenditures for evaluation of Rodeo Well: B. Buchanan
Mayor Moore said that some went out to Rodeo Well and saw the camera put down into the well. Councilman Payne asked Jim Courchaine if it were rented for 30 days, would the pump appurtenances be pulled if we don't buy the pump. Jim Courchaine replied in the affirmative. He explained that, if the City were to purchase everything in the ground, it would cost an additional \$60,000. He reported that the first event on the pump at the Rodeo Well was that its motor failed; then, its transducer failed; and, finally, the regular pump failed. A new pump would carry a one-year warranty as long as it's not in an open hole. Using perforated casing would dissipate more gasses, and the pump impeller would be more resistant to the elements. Councilman Dent believed that the pump was already cased; however, Jim Courchaine clarified that it is cased down to only 3,100 feet. He pointed out that detailed drawings would accompany a formal proposal. Councilman Dent said that the City needs to come up with specs and design of a pump and then put

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it out to bid. Brandon Buchanan said if Council approved moving forward at this meeting, it would be two months before they could get here. He will do everything to fast track it. We do not have an individual third party to identify what type of pump would be needed. Jim Courchaine said he has talked with a hydrologist and two or three individuals who all recommended a 9 Chrome Molly as the most resistant to the elements. Councilman Wurgler suggested that several Council members be appointed to meet with Brandon Buchanan, Garth, and whoever else is necessary to come to some conclusion as early as tomorrow or next week.

Mayor Moore asked Councilmen Payne, Fritsinger, and Dent to take care of this matter. Councilman Payne said it would be a good idea to look into purchasing another pump as back up for existing wells. Could we get one right away? Jim Courchaine suggested purchasing a pump similar to what is in use at Dog Town Wells #1 and #3 so they would be interchangeable. Mayor Moore asked Brandon Buchanan to get on this.

Councilman Dent said he would love to pursue the South Road site. In the past, drillers hit shallow water near Santa Fe Dam; however, they stopped drilling before they reached the Red Wall.

Mayor Moore shared his thoughts that we need to pursue every possibility – just bite the bullet. Water, right now, is most important for our community.

Council discussed the proposal for geophysical testing of potential well sites. Consensus of Council was to proceed with testing both locations simultaneously.

- G. Council may discuss and direct Staff on water supply/meter issues:
B. Buchanan

An attendee, Mr. Saya, asked why meters read only in thousands of gallons. He was told that older meters measure only in thousands. Mayor Moore said that’s what we’re trying to resolve tonight. On the sewer side, lost revenues run \$200,000 - \$250,000 per year because meters are not reading accurately.

Mayor Moore asked Staff to bring information on water meters to the City Council meeting after the next Council meeting.

VII. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- J. Mayor and Council NONE
- K. Staff Reports NONE

VIII. ADJOURN:

Councilman Fritsinger made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilman Hiemenz. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor John Moore

Susan Kerley, City Clerk

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