

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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JANUARY 14, 2016
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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 Police Chief Herman Nixon led the pledge of allegiance, and Glenna Christiansen 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, Public Works Director Kyle Christiansen and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley.
- D. Approval of Minutes December 10, 2015 Councilman Fritsinger made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman McNelly seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.
- E. Adopt Agenda Councilman Payne made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

II. PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief Herman Nixon will present an award to Mauricio Gonzalez. He will introduce new Police Department employees. Tyler Forbes is a patrolman and Susan Daly is the new Administrative Assistant III.

Chief Nixon introduced Mauricio Gonzalez. During the Christmas parade, Mauricio, who was on a float, reached into a candy box and pulled out a ring. He gave it to his mother, and she gave it to the Chief. The Chief was able to return the ring, valued at around \$10,000, to its owner. Mauricio did the right thing by turning in the ring, and we appreciate his honesty. The Chief presented Mauricio with a commendation and a gift card. Chief Nixon then introduced Officer Tyler Forbes, who has been out of the Academy five weeks and will be in training with the Department for six months. Tyler's dad is also in law enforcement. Chief Nixon introduced Susan Daly who has taken long-time City employee Terri Sutton's place as Administrative Assistant III. The Chief said she is catching on quickly.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Glenna Christiansen (117 W. Hancock Avenue), an 11-year resident, looks forward to receiving the Public Works pamphlet each year. She is disappointed every year at the City's accountability. Out of 42 properties in her neighborhood, only nine residences' sidewalks had been cleared of snow from last weekend's storms. Ordinance No. 626 was enacted and is proof that the City cares about this issue, but it is not enforced. She believes that shoveling the sidewalk is the responsibility of each property owner. She was delighted that this year there was a larger swath plowed on the street for her children to walk to the school bus stop. Councilman McNelly asked where she would have people pile the shoveled snow. Mrs. Christiansen said the Pamphlet does not indicate. She thought the change in plowing of streets by the City was beautiful but not the enforcement of shoveling sidewalks.

John Moede (109 W. Sherman Avenue) said there appeared to be a change in the process of

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removing snow last week. He hoped to hear a delineation from Staff. Mayor Moore said that he and Council Members have all heard of some issues and problems as well as some positive feedback. Some like the way the snow was plowed (to the edges of the street rather than to the center), and some didn't. Chief Nixon said Mrs. Christiansen was right about the Ordinance, but some of her neighbors are not year-round residents.

Mayor Moore said a Committee will work on reviewing and discussing the current process to see if it needs to change and developing snow plowing policy. He appointed Councilman McNelly to serve along with the Public Works Director and Street Superintendent, the Police Chief and the Fire Chief. He will appoint two people from the community, possibly someone from the Senior Center.

Councilman McNelly said that every storm is different, and it is up to the Public Works Director how to plow, depending on how a storm comes in. This will take quite a bit more attention because of El Niño. February is a big snow month, and March is sometimes bigger. Councilman Dent had more than 30 negative calls and two positive calls. He saw two people fall when trying to get into St. John's because of the berm created by snowplows. This also created a public safety issue: We have fire hydrants that cannot be used because they're blocked by snow. There needs to be a lot of discussion about this. Councilman McNelly said that whatever policy is developed, it needs to be gotten to the people in some fashion.

Mrs. Christiansen voiced her concern about cars parked in front of residences that are not towed away. Councilman Payne replied that a lot of people don't have a place to park off the street. This is crossing the line between law and logic. Chief Nixon said that most houses south of Grant (80%) have one parking place or none. He will not have cars towed unless Council directly instructs him to do so.

Councilman McNelly said he is optimistic that the City will do better next time. Councilman Wurgler said that Ordinance No. 626 clearly states the City's desire. This particular storm came at a particularly bad time. We have been sort of lulled into a false sense of security because storms have not been severe in recent times. We got caught behind the eight ball. We failed to be as aert and aggressive in dealing with the snow and what to do with it as we should have. Hopefully, this was sort of a wake-up call that, when we hear of three potential storms in a row, we will move aggressively.

Mayor Moore said that the Street Department employees, Public Works Director and City Manager made these changes in an effort to increase efficiency and to save the City money. Council Wurgler added that his comments were not directed to City workers and were not a criticism of the work employees are doing.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of Purchase Orders: K. Buonocore

B. Approval of Check Register, Month Ending December 31, 2015: K. Buonocore

Councilman Wurgler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items (A & B) as presented. Councilman Fritsinger seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

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V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- C. Council may approve Resolution No. 1324, approving application for a Drinking Water Project Loan (Project Number: DW-025-2016): K. Buonocore Councilman McNelly made a motion to have the Resolution read by number and title only, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Dent. It passed 6-0. City Clerk Susan Kerley read Resolution No. 1324 by number and title. Councilman Payne made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1324, and it was seconded by Councilman Fritsinger. It carried 6-0.

D.

VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- O. Mayor and Council None
P. Staff Reports None

VII. ADJOURN:

Councilman Fritsinger made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilman Wurgler. The motion carried 6-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor John Moore

ATTEST:

City Clerk