

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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AUGUST 8, 2019
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I. PROCEDURES

A. Call to Order 7:00 PM

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The pledge of allegiance was recited and George Glen provided the invocation.

C. Roll Call

Present: Mayor John W Moore, Vice-Mayor Don Dent, Council member Bernie Hiemenz, Council member Frank McNelly, Council member Lee Payne, Council member James Wurgler.

Absent: Council member Dawn Trapp.

Present from City, City Clerk/HR Director Pamela Galvan.

D. Approval of Minutes for July 25, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve minutes from July 25, 2019 as presented.

Action: Approved

Moved by Council member Frank McNelly, Seconded by Council member Lee Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Adopt Agenda

Motion: To Adopt

Action: Adopted

Moved by Council member Bernie Hiemenz, Seconded by Council member Lee Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESENTATIONS – Fire Information Officer Mr. Bob Blasi is here to share pertinent information about the prescribed fire activities that will be occurring and their potential impact.

Fuel Program Manager, Mike Ubel along with Debra Malay, their new District Ranger came to go over the prescribed fire program.

Council member McNelly pointed out that Ms. Malay holds a civil engineering degree.

As usual they have a very aggressive prescribe fire program in the Williams Ranger District. They take forest health and their duty to restore landscapes into natural prairies personally. There is just under 20,000 acres that they are going to try to burn for the 2020 fiscal year. This will get a fire first, because timber sales take time. He went on to explain the processes in which they will perform the burn.

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Council member McNelly opened discussion of the restoration period, as well as mechanical vs. manual concerning the cost of this processes. He noted skeletal remains and not being able to ride horseback, logging exchange, and timber stand improvement (TSI). Mr. Ubel noted that none of it is inexpensive and they have done a cost analysis for the economics. Their mission is to get it treated at least in a way that is safer for the community as they work towards their desired condition overall. He noted how forests are always in a maintenance stage. He spoke of the two processes and how they are performed.

Council member McNelly brought up land permit holders and damage done to infrastructure during the burns, like fences. He asked if there are funds included in the budget for materials to repair them or to supply material to help in there repair, because the last time it was not. Mr. Ubel and Ms. Malay were unsure of the case to which he was referring, and asked that Council member McNelly meet with them to provide greater information because their goal and budget is to replace/repair if necessary. They inventory what the fences look like prior to burns. They will replace those that sustain damage in the burns, but will not replace already downed fences, and they identify those prior to the burns. It is not their intent to leave a mess.

Council member Payne reference our airport and any help we can provide them with access, etc. Mr. Ubel expressed some concern as to the amount of smoke that may present at that location because they have never done it before, but were assured that it would not be a problem by individuals they had contacted at the airport. It is noted that a NOTAM could be issued.

There will be community outreach to let all know of the prescribed burn that will be taking place. Mayor Moore wants a greater notification provided to the citizens this time around.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Purchase Orders**
- B. Approval of check register for month ending July 31, 2019.**

Council member Wurgler inquired on the PO for a new vehicle. Chief Nixon explained that this is a civilian vehicle purchase. Council member McNelly inquired on the Coconino County inspection fee, Facebook post KNXV and Hospitality Integrated monthly billing.

Motion: To approve check register and PO consent agenda items.

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Action: Approved

Moved by Council member Frank McNelly, Seconded by Council member Lee Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. **NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

C. ***Council may discuss and take action with a Layoff Agreement with Arizona Electric Power /Cooperative, Inc. (AEPCO) and the City of Williams.***

Item C is to remove us from the current system buy in we have and transfer to Item D which will make us a part of the cooperative allowing us to buy electric at a considerably better price saving us money.

Vice-Mayor Dent spoke of the previous visit from KR Saline and we quit purchasing power from APS. KR Saline had found power through the cooperative two megawatts power that came from Mesquite Power Purchase Agreement, which is in the first agreement so that was part of our power, and the rest of it was from SRP, depending on price. Since that was in effect, we estimated our power cost because of the transmission agreement where we had to pay to transmit that power through APS lines into our total electric cost. They have saved enough money on power that we are buying power at less than or at previous cost before this agreement. We are looking to get out of this agreement and we are going to get our own 5 megawatt. Therefore, the second agreement is restating the whole co-op with an increased amount of power and a lot long timeframe this will take us out 30 years for power supply. We will now own our megawatts within the co-op and be able to sell excess power on the open market.

Council member Wurgler pointed out that the cost savings on power is essentially covering our transmission fees with APS.

Motion: To approve the Layoff Agreement with Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. and the City of Williams.

Action: Approved

Moved by Vice-Mayor Don Dent, Seconded by Council member Lee Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. ***Council may discuss and take action in Amending the Amended and Restated Power purchase agreement by and between Mesquite Power, LLC and the undersigned buyers.***

Motion: To approve the Amending the Amended and Restated Power Purchase Agreement by and between Mesquite Power, LLC and the undersigned buyers.

Action: Approve, Moved by Council member Lee Payne, Seconded by Council member James Wurgler.

Motion passed unanimously.

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E. Council will discuss and provide direction with the extension and repair of Route 66.

1000 square feet of road on Route 66 needs repair. There was debate if the City owned the road or not and it has been confirmed that it does. To repair it properly, it is felt that other projects would need to be put aside in order to complete it properly. We will be addressed and possibly repair it next season.

VI. REPORTS, CURRENT EVENTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Mayor and Council

-) Saturday, August 17 we will be interviewing for the next City Finance Director.
-) Road stripping began August 7th
-) Council member Hiemenz requested the Route 66 road emblem be placed at the side of the road.
-) Council member Payne wanted to thank LP Excavating for resolving a sewer issue that had developed on GCB in the evening hours.

Staff

-) City Clerk noted that this is the only meeting this month due to the AZ League Annual Conference taking place later this month.

VII. ADJOURN – 8:00 PM

Mayor John W. Moore

ATTEST:

City Clerk Pamela Galvan

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CERTIFICATION

State of Arizona,)
) ss.
Coconino County,)

I, PAMELA GALVAN, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Williams, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above Minutes are a true and correct summary of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Williams held on August 8, 2019. I further certify that the Meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 10th day of August 2019.

CITY CLERK

DRAFT