

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 Kerry-Lynn Moede provided the invocation.

C. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Moore, Vice Mayor Don Dent, Council member Mike Cowen, Council member Bernie Hiemenz, Council member Frank McNelly, Council member Lee Payne, and Council member Dawn Trapp.

Present from City Staff, Finance Director Barbara Bell, Police Chief Herman Nixon, and City Clerk/HR Director Pamela Galvan.

Approval of Minutes for July 9, 2020.

Motion: *To approve the Minutes of July 9, 2020 as presented.*

Action: *Approved*

Moved by *Vice Mayor Dent*, **Seconded by** *Council member Hiemenz.*

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Adopt Agenda

Motion: *To adopt the agenda with the removal of Item D., Discussion of Historic District Business Guidelines.*

Action: *Adopted*

Moved by *Council member McNelly*, **Seconded by** *Council member Cowen.*

Motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESENTATIONS – None

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Becky Ebbert read from a letter to the City Council about the rodeo barn and its closure due to COVID-19 and the group's inability to play. She requested they be allow to resume play. Mayor and Council are in agreement to allow the Pickle Ball group to resume normal play at the rodeo barn.

Mayor Moore added for the group to follow the CDC guidelines with regards to group size and social distancing.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS –

A. Approval of a PO.

Motion: *To approve the PO for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.*

Action: *Approved.*

Moved by *Council member McNelly, Seconded by Council member Hiemenz.*

Motion passed unanimously.

V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RECESS TO PUBLIC HEARING- 7:07P.M.

Pursuant to A.R.S. #38-431.02, a Public Hearing will be held on the Tentative Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget so the public will be informed and has an opportunity to ask questions and offer input.

Mr. Gus Beatty of Williams stated he primarily concentrated on the Park and Recreation, and pool portions of the budget. He asked question to find understanding of the numbers presented within the department budgets.

- The overview, he inquired if the number included capital projects as well. Specifically noting tennis courts; because the tennis courts are not highlighted, they are not included.
- There are two budgets, one for Recreation, and another just for its programs.
- He asked about the pool pack upgrades, but did not see it in the budget. He was referred to page 35 which is the swimming pool.
- Vice Mayor Dent noted only the highlighted items are included in the budget for FY 2020/2021.
- Mr. Beatty would like to see a searchable document, noting that it would be better for the public.

Ms. Kathy Bates of Williams and representing Friends of the Aquatic Center was glad to see the pool has a budget and are on the capital planning list. She is researching grants for the pool funding and is looking to get support of the city. Mayor Moore asked that she get the grants going and then forward the information onto the City Clerk for processing within the city.

Ms. Bates was looking to obtain partnership with the city and requested such. The Mayor said the city would certainly partner with anyone who would work to

enhance the quality of life in Williams. He stated that without committing city funds.

Mayor noted that we need to, during these times, look at continuing our currently level of service to the community, i.e. police services, water service etc. The city will give and help with anything they can.

She asked if the pool pack estimate is possible this year; yes.

Finance Director Barbara Bell stated there will be a corrected budget schedule in the paper for the next two weeks.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION- 7:25 P.M.

- B. Council may discuss and take possible action in amending and restating Resolution No 1397 by adding "*and declaring an emergency*".

The City Clerk read Resolution No 1397 by number and title only.

Motion: *To approve the amending and restating Resolution No 1397 by adding "and declaring an emergency".*

Action: *Approved*

Moved by *Council member Hiemenz, Seconded by Council member Trapp*

Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Council may discuss and take possible action with an IGA between the City of Williams and Flagstaff for ADOA-GFR Arizona 911 Grant Program.

Motion: *To approve the IGA between the City of Williams and Flagstaff for ADOA-GFR Arizona 911 Grant Program.*

Action: *Approved*

Moved by *Council member Payne, Seconded by Council member Cowen.*

Roll Call Vote:

Council member Payne	Yes	Council member Cowen	Yes
Council member Hiemenz	Yes	Council member McNelly	Yes
Council member Trapp	Yes	Vice Mayor Dent	Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore would vote yes if he were voting.

- D. *Removed*

- E. Council may discuss opportunities to enhance revenues and decrease expenditures.

Mayor noted this item was asked, by some of the City Council, to be put onto the agenda for the purpose of throwing things out there and discuss. He also noted how we need to be careful as they are not item specific to anything, and the open meeting law requirements.

Council member Cowen appreciates this being on the agenda because it allows Council the opportunity to review and discuss where the city is financially. Reviewing its revenues and where the city might possibly need to change its fees and rate schedules for various services, facilities, building permits etc. He mentioned that the utility rates have not been raised in years, and to look at these areas so as not to lag behind. He mentioned our loans, to look and see if we can get better interest rates, as the rates are lower right now.

Council member McNelly said times are tuff, and we are in uncharted waters. He asked that it be noted, this item is not an action item like some of the others, this is to discuss opportunities. To take action, it would have to be put on the agenda as an item. He feels it should probably just stay on the agenda for the foreseeable future, because things change from week-to-week.

He mentioned the Governor's speech earlier today, and the continuation of closures.

Kerry-Lynn Moede asked if the city felt all B&B's are licensed and paying their taxes; is it being tracked?

Vice Mayor Dent noted, about a year and half ago, staff went through tracking everyone they could find. It is something we to look into again. He mention sanitation and electric rates, and how we are a minimum 15% below APS rates.

Mayor Moore noted that they care about what the public has to say because they are who the Council tries to represent, and some of the better ideas have come from the public.

VI. REPORTS, CURRENT EVENTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Mayor and Council

- *Mayor Moore asks that all of us, work to stop the COVID-19 rumors. The city is notified daily of the cases of COVID here in our city, so we actually have the real*

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numbers. As of today there are 9 active cases, the county keeps active cases as they come on and drop off. Within the next day or two we are going to have a couple of cases go away. Nine is the highest Williams has had thus far. We are not making masks mandatory, we encourage to, and wear one if you like, but if you do not want to, that is each ones decision. We do not require, but encourage you to wear a mask.

- *Vice Mayor Dent addressed the newspapers reporting.*

Police Chief Nixon has offered to assist the paper with their reporting.

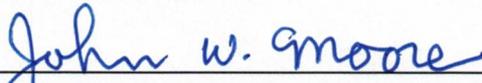
Mayor More reminded everyone that it is important to shoot down the rumors.

- *Council member Payne inquired if they would be discussing rate increase and efficiencies within the departments; things that can be done to maximize efficiencies. Mayor Moore said to a degree, yes we can. They adopted the tentative budget and can move the numbers around within the budget to meet the needs they need to meet.*

Staff

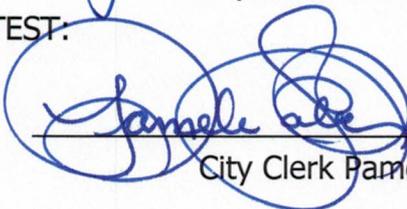
- School is still due to open August 10, 2020, and the 17th with physical attendance.

II. ADJOURN – 7:46 PM



Mayor John W. Moore

ATTEST:



City Clerk Pamela Galvan

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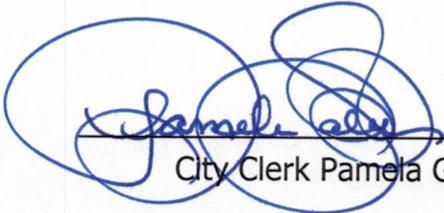
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CERTIFICATION

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 July 23, 2020. I further certify that the Meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 24TH day of July 2020.



City Clerk Pamela Galvan