

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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JANUARY 19, 2010
COUNCIL ACTION

I. PROCEDURES:

- A. Call to Order **Mayor John Moore** called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- B. Roll Call Present were Councilmen Don Dent (Vice-Mayor), Andrew Hamby, Frank McNelly (late), Bill Miller, Jim Wurgler and Kevin Young. Present from City Staff were Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Joe Duffy, Water Superintendent Ron Stilwell, Public Works Director Glenn Cornwell, Chief Building Inspector Tim Pettit, Police Chief Herman Nixon, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley.
- C. Adopt Agenda A motion was made to adopt the agenda by **Councilman Miller** and seconded by **Councilman Hamby**. The motion carried 5-0.

II. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Discussion and decision regarding mid-year budget review. **Joe Duffy** explained the City's current financial situation: Sales tax revenues are down \$277,000 year-to-date, but all other revenues are holding pretty steady. He projects that by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2010), the City will be short by \$614,000. The City needs to save \$246,000 before the end of the fiscal year in order to end up where it started at the beginning of the fiscal year. **Mayor Moore** expressed concern that the City is just playing catch up and asked if insurance increases were scheduled for next year. **Joe Duffy** answered that insurance rates for next year are unknown at this time. **Councilman Hamby** asked **Mr. Duffy** if the City had reached its goal of \$400,000 in earlier cuts, and **Mr. Duffy** responded that it is hard to quantify savings, but he knows they are there. **Mayor Moore** asked for an explanation of borrowing GADA funds to build a road, using it for other items, and then replacing the funds. In other words, are we in total control of those funds? **Mr. Duffy** made three points: 1) As long as we don't earn more interest than we're paying GADA, it's o.k.; 2) We wrote a letter telling them [GADA] what we did; 3) Should we be doing it? No. **Mayor Moore** asked **Mr. Duffy** if the City needs \$350,000 in cuts to stay afloat. **Mr. Duffy** replied that this is up to Council. It can cut \$550,000 now and hope that's all we have to do or cut \$350,000 now and hope we don't have to cut again. There is a need to look at services, level of services you want to provide. A lengthy discussion followed, focusing on services that are considered health- and safety-related. **Councilman Dent** asked **Joe Duffy** if there were any other positions that we could cut. **Mr. Duffy** replied that the pool could be closed and part-time positions eliminated there, as well as positions in Planning, Police and Administration. **Councilman Dent** made a motion to close the pool, move the two full-time employees to the Recreation Center, eliminate the planning position and the front desk position, and sit down with the Golf Course

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Superintendent and find out what can be cut out at the Golf Course.
Councilman Wurgler seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0 with
Councilman Hamby voting “nay.”

B. Discussion and
decision regarding
process/timing for
hiring City
Manager.

The consensus was that this process be delayed and re-examined during
March budget review. Mayor and Council members will attend meetings
like SEDI, Chamber of Commerce, NACOG, etc.

III. ADJOURN:

Councilman Wurgler moved to adjourn, Councilman Miller seconded
and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. on a vote of 6-0.

Mayor John W. Moore

ATTEST

City Clerk