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I. PROCEDURES:

- A. Call to Order Vice Mayor Dent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation Councilman McNelly led the pledge of allegiance, and Ruth Sanzari offered the invocation.
- C. Roll Call Vice Mayor Don Dent and Councilmen Bernie Hiemenz, Frank McNelly, Bill Miller, and Lee Payne were present and constituted a quorum. Mayor John Moore and Councilman Jim Wurgler were not present.
Present from City Staff were Interim City Manager/Finance Director Joe Duffy, Building Inspector Tim Pettit, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley. City Attorney Kellie Peterson and Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Goia Goodrum were also present.
- D. Approval of Minutes: June 9, 2011 Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.
- E. Adoption of Agenda Councilman McNelly made a motion to adopt the agenda, and it was seconded by Councilman Miller. The motion carried 4-0.

II. PRESENTATIONS – NONE

No presentations were scheduled; however, District Ranger of the Kaibab National Forest, Marty Schramm brought an important announcement: The Forest Service is implementing Stage II Fire Restrictions effective Saturday, June 25, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. She explained some of the items included in the Stage II Restrictions:

- No campfires allowed
- No use of chain saws between 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- No use of explosives
- Use of fireworks always prohibited
- No welding with open torches

The Bill Williams Mountain watershed is closed. No roads or trails around the Mountain will be open. The decision to move to Stage II Fire Restrictions was not easy; however, winds, dryness and what's happening with fires in southern Arizona had to be considered. For current and projected weather conditions, go to the Forest Service's website.

Joe Duffy answered a couple of questions: Buckskinner Park is already closed. Weather will impact whether fireworks occur on the 4th of July. The decision will be made on the 4th.

- ### **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
- The Vice Mayor inquired if anyone needed to participate at this time with something not presented on the agenda; George Arend responded. He represented a group of City residents of Golden Meadows Trail along with some who are County residents. The group would like to know what annexation would cost. All want City water, some desire natural gas and sewer service as well. Most want all three services. From discussion with Joe Duffy, Mr. Arend learned that one way to handle payment for access to

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these services would be to add charges to property taxes so that payment would be made annually over a period of time. Mr. Arend wanted to start the process and do it in the least possible amount of time. There are 14 homes in his area. Dennis Nelson believes that 10-12 residents in his area would be interested in this possibility. Mr. Arend and Mr. Nelson will meet with Joe Duffy on Tuesday to discuss the process.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Approval of Purchase Orders: J. Duffy
- B. Request for City's sponsorship of the Labor Day Rodeo in the amount of \$1,400, which would equal waiver of the fees for use of the Rodeo Grounds: J. Duffy

Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the purchase orders as presented and waiver of the first year's fees of \$1,400 for the Labor Day Rodeo. Councilman Miller seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- C. After reviewing the Application for Extension of Premises/Patio Permit for Twisters 50's Soda Fountain, Council may make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control: S. Kerley

Susan Kerley explained that the process for recommending an Extension Permit has changed. Now, the local governing body has the opportunity to recommend or not recommend an application. It is then sent to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for their approval. The recommendation or lack thereof is not binding on the Department's decision.

Councilman Miller made a motion to recommend the application on the condition that fencing surrounds the patio permanently. Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

- D. Council may make a decision after discussion of Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation on community stage next to the Babbitt-Polson Warehouse on Railroad Avenue behind the Chamber of Commerce: T. Pettit

Tim Pettit said that a group desiring to erect a community stage is looking for Council's approval to carry out this project. Dennis Nelson, organizer of the effort, was available to take questions. Members of the group include Carol Glassburn, and Mike Cowen who volunteered to donate some rustic lumber for the project. They will be meeting with contractors next Wednesday to get the cost for materials. They have spent time with the Historic Preservation Commission to assure that the proposed design would be compatible with the historic Warehouse. The lettering on the east end of the Warehouse is fading and a shade structure is needed to protect it. The roof for the stage would do double duty. The intent is to build the stage cost effectively and donate it to the City to be managed by the Recreation Department.

Councilman Dent pointed out that the idea is based on a community stage in Luckenbach, Texas. The stage would be used for any performances, and the building already has power. It is centrally located.

Councilman McNelly asked if there are any concerns with the railroad being right there.

Joe Duffy noted that the property adjacent to the Visitors' Center

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parking lot is leased from BNSF Railroad, and it needs to be paved in the future. Councilman Dent suggested that landscaping and lighting could also be added.

Councilman Miller expressed his concern about how events and spectators might impact the Visitors' Center parking.

Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation and to pursue a materials list. Councilman Payne seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

- E. Council may make a decision after presentation and discussion of various drainage projects to be completed next fiscal year: G. Cornwell

Richard Aldridge, City Engineer for 17 years, reviewed several drainage projects that the City might undertake with Coconino County flood control money of approximately \$150,000. One phase would include working from up the hill down toward 6th Street to get more water to Cataract Creek. The corner of 7th Street and Route 66 is a low point.

He has identified the need for a valley gutter at 9th Street and Grant and a valley gutter at 6th Street. The 8th Street phase would include a retention basin. The 7th Street area is a bigger project with interceptors to catch water into a 36" culvert. At 7th Street and Route 66 a catch basin is needed so water won't pond as much.

All these projects add up to about \$150,000. Now is a good time to do the work because most bids are coming in at 40% under the usual bids.

There will be time for business owners to comment and make suggestions as it would be two months before any of the projects would be shovel ready and another 60-90 days for construction time.

Councilman Miller made a motion to go forward with the projects as presented. Councilman McNelly seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

- F. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of motion supporting the City of Douglas' proposed Resolution to the League of Cities and Towns Resolution Committee regarding State reductions in Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF): J. Moore
Model Motion (from City Attorney): I move that the City join in

HURF is traditionally allocated to Cities, but the Fund was robbed by the State. In 2008, Williams received \$382,000. Receipts for 2011-2012 are projected at only \$300,000. Joe Duffy noted that so far, every city in the state is supporting this Resolution so that lobbyists representing the League of Arizona Towns and Cities can support it at the State Legislature.

Councilman Miller made a motion to support this Resolution. It was seconded by Councilman Payne, and it carried 4-0.

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and support the Resolution from the City of Douglas, Arizona, to the League of Cities and Towns Resolution Committee regarding the reduction in Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) from the State to Arizona's Cities and Towns and asking the State to restore such funds to 2008 levels.

- G. Third of three readings of Ordinance No. 921, regarding any unnecessary, excessive, or offensive noise which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood: J. Moore
- Councilman Hiemenz made a motion to read the Ordinance by number and title only. Councilman Miller seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0. The Ordinance was read by number and title by Joe Duffy.
- Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 921. The motion was seconded by Councilman Payne, and it carried 4-0.

- H. Second of three readings of Ordinance No. 922, regulating traffic and parking within the City of Williams: imposing penalties, repealing conflicting ordinances, and amending Title Six Chapter Two of City Code: J. Moore
- Councilman Miller made a motion to read the Ordinance by number and title only. Councilman Payne seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0. Joe Duffy read the Ordinance by number and title only.
- Ordinance No. 922 will have its third and final reading on July 14, 2011.

VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. Mayor and Council
- Councilman Miller noted that May's Fly-In was a success, and the Airport Advisory Committee plans to repeat the event next year. He expressed their appreciation for the City's help in arranging the school bus shuttle between town and the Airport.
- B. Staff Reports
- Joe Duffy said that the Street Department will be painting red stripes, washing the streets and getting ready for the 4th of July.
- Susan Kerley reported that ads for the City Manager position have been placed and, so far, 14 resumes have been received from various parts of the country.
- Goia Goodrum reminded that the Planes of Fame Museum will host a Fly-In this weekend. Several events are scheduled for the July 4th

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weekend, including a sanctioned barbeque, parade, and barn dance, so if fireworks cannot be held due to weather, there will still be plenty to do.

VII. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:55 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 Council will discuss or consult with designated representatives of the public body and the City's attorneys in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase of real property.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION – 8:09 p.m.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- I.** Council may make a decision on the above-referenced item discussed in Executive Session: J. Moore
- Councilman McNelly made a motion to authorize Joe Duffy to secure appraisals on the subject property and a parcel belonging to the City as well. Councilman Miller seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.