

## CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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### **I. PROCEDURES:**

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation Chief Nixon led the pledge of allegiance, and Ruth Sanzari offered the invocation.
- C. Roll Call Mayor John Moore and Councilmen Bernie Hiemenz, Frank McNelly, Bill Miller, James Wurgler and Lee Payne were present and constituted a quorum. Don Dent (Vice-Mayor) was not present. Present from City Staff were Interim City Manager/Finance Director Joe Duffy, Police Chief Herman Nixon, Fire Chief Jeff Dent, Public Works Director Glenn Cornwell, and Administrative Assistant Pamela Galvan. City Attorney Kellie Peterson was also present.
- D. Approval of Minutes: June 23, 2011 Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the minutes, and Councilman Miller seconded the motion. It carried 6-0.
- E. Adoption of Agenda Councilman Miller made a motion to adopt the agenda, and it was seconded by Councilman Hiemenz. The motion carried 6-0.

### **II. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Recognition of three firefighters who are receiving their State Certification for Fire I & II: Cory Henson, Nicole Raycraft, and Justin Sandoval
- Mayor Moore spoke of how proud it made him feel when our City of Williams' officers and fire department personnel dress in their class A uniforms.
  - Jeff Dent, Fire Chief, recognized that out of 15 members in the Ponderosa Fire Department class, ours finished in positions one, two and three. They are all certified in an 8-hour course, and we are very proud of their accomplishment.
- B. Presentation by *Friends of the Pool*: Mike Dulay
- Mayor Moore recognized the Friends of the Pool and pointed out their contribution to obtaining funds for the pool.
  - Mike Dulay presented on behalf of the Friends of the Aquatic Center a check in the amount of \$5,500.00 to the City of Williams/ Mayor Moore and, in addition, a check for \$300.00 for the "free swim day", August 13, 2011.
  - Councilman Miller commented that the City receives complaints from time to time and how refreshing that the Friends of the Aquatic Center did something about a town issue; and he thanked them.
- C. Arizona Municipal Power Users (AMPUA) deliver the "History of Public Power in Arizona": Michael
- Mr. Curtis invited the Council to attend their annual summer dinner in Flagstaff on July 25, 2011.
  - Mr. Curtis noted how the City of Williams owns its electrical system; how we have the capabilities to do things as a municipal electric supplier.
  - Mr. Curtis briefly explained the literature he handed out and

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what it contained. He noted that it is produced monthly.

- Mr. Curtis stated they work at the legislature; work with many energy entities in the state, as well as in Washington D.C. and regionally.
- Reminder that in the next year, year and a half Hoover Power Energy is going to come up; in 1946 Arizona became entitled to Hoover property. He went on to explain what that meant. Cities, towns and co-ops have been precluded from having an equal and equitable share of electricity from Hoover Power. He will keep us apprised of the progress; we can make our own minds up about what we want to do. That's what AMPUA looks out for.
- Councilman McNelly spoke of the wind project north of town, asking if the organization would consider and recommend dealings with wind or solar power. Mr. Curtis said they could guide and be of assistance if needed.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The Mayor inquired if anyone needed to participate at this time with something not presented on the agenda; there was no response.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** Councilman Wurgler made a motion to approve the purchase orders and Check Register as presented. Councilman McNelly seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

D. Approval of Purchase Orders: J. Duffy

E. Approval of Check Register for the month ended June 30, 2011: J. Duffy

**V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

F. Approval of Resolution #1268, adopting the budget for fiscal year 2011/2012: J. Duffy

- Joe Duffy noted the last three things that need to be done to wrap up the budget year 2011/2012. On June 23rd we adopted the tentative budget and then we published it in the paper giving the public notice of what we are doing and tonight we will adopt it officially with 1268.
- The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions.

Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve Resolution #1268 adopting the fiscal year budget 2011/2012. Councilman Payne seconded the motion to adopt, and it carried 6-0.

G. Approval of Resolution #1269, approving the Expenditure Limitation of \$18,505,000 in fiscal year 2011/2101: J.

- Joe Duffy went over the Resolution.
- Councilman McNelly noted that last year we approved we can not spend anymore than what is approved. Joe Duffy confirmed "yes" that is correct. We do have a \$5,000,000.00 buffer in the grant fund for emergencies.

Councilman Wurgler made a motion to adopt Resolution #1269. Councilman McNelly seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

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- H. Discussion and decision regarding the primary property tax rate and levy for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 (roll call vote required): J. Duffy

- Joe Duffy noted the assessed value in Williams has gone down and explained the trend of the property tax rate. The city has not increased the primary tax rate in the past three years. Increase will be from 1.1633 to 1.2778 this year; bottom line is it will actually tax the community the same as it did last year. Most people are going to see a small tax decrease from the City. Next year we will look at it again.

Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2011/2012, and it was seconded by Councilman Wurgler.

Mayor Moore asked for a vote:

Councilman McNelly: Aye Councilman Wurgler: Aye

Councilman Payne: Aye Councilman Miller: No

Councilman Heimenz: Aye

The motion carried 4-1.

- I. Discussion of Congressional and Legislative Redistricting for the State of Arizona and the county of Coconino: D. Dent

- Mayor Moore led the discussion in Councilman Dent's absence.
- Councilman Hiemenz expressed his dislike of possible splitting of the City of Williams into North and South.
- Councilman McNelly questioned the boundaries.
- Kellie Peterson noted that is not actually splitting the town. The City limit itself was within the district and then the outlying area is north. Those are not necessarily statutory requirements, just directives for goals. The County will be holding community forums at which we will have an opportunity to be heard.
- Councilman Hiemenz noted that the County Board decides the boundaries. They vote on it, and it is final.
- Mayor Moore stated that the Council needs to look out for the City of Williams; we need to voice our opinion.
- Councilman Wurgler inquired if anyone has had any conversations with Matt Ryan to get any feedback regarding the redistricting.
- Mayor Moore inquired if it would affect the school districts.
- Kellie Peterson responded that it would not affect the school districts.
- Councilman Wurgler asked for clarification of the map.
- Robert Patricca inquired as to the voting locations and if in

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anyway it would change.

- Mayor Moore asked to have Kellie, Joe, Don Dent and Lee Payne get together next week at some point and study the redistricting closely and try to provide a recommendation for the City of Williams, unless they prefer it be tabled.
  - Councilman Payne inquired as to a time line.
  - Councilman Miller liked the Mayor's idea to put together a committee to go over this item.
  - Mayor Moore asked Joe Duffy to handle.
  - Mayor Moore explained that this was the third and final reading.
  - Kellie Peterson had a comment on section 6-2.21: There is a comment she had (input on fines) that is in the draft. She will make sure to strike it from the final record.
  - A motion was made by Councilman McNelly to read Ordinance No. 922 by name and title only.
  - Joe Duffy read it by name and title only.
- J. Third 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
- K. Review and possible approval of proposed Fire Department fees: J. Dent

Councilman Payne made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 922. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

- Jeff Dent discussed the rates and the last time they were raised in 1986. Other department charges were reviewed with Council and the need for changes, noting that increases are due.
- Joe Duffy noted for clarification that when customers are billed the City receives the charges for the engines at the public rates and the monies collected are put into firemen's retirement funds for them; no direct compensation is made to individuals.

Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the rate increase as discussed. Councilman Hiemanz seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

### VI. **REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- A. Mayor and Council
- Mayor Moore mentioned the water issue and its widespread effects on the City; people are coming later this week to discuss. May call a special Council meeting next week.
  - Joe Duffy would like a couple of the council members to attend the meeting at the water plant on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> with a representative from CDG Environmental.
  - Mayor Moore would like this handled as quickly as possible.

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Councilman McNelly and Councilman Hiemenz will attend the meeting on Tuesday.

**B. Staff Reports**

- Joe Duffy inquired as to who might attend the summer dinner with AMPUA.
- Jeff Dent, Fire Chief, invited council to attend the September officers' meeting.

**VIII. ADJOURN:**

Councilman McNelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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