

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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**SEPTEMBER 8, 2011
COUNCIL ACTION**

I. PROCEDURES:

- A. Call to Order Vice Mayor Dent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation Vice Mayor Dent led the pledge of allegiance, and Glenn Cornwell offered the invocation.
- C. Roll Call Councilmen Don Dent (Vice-Mayor), Bernie Hiemenz, Frank McNelly, Bill Miller, and James Wurgler were present and constituted a quorum. Absent were Mayor John Moore and Councilman Lee Payne.
Present from City Staff were Joe Duffy, Interim City Manager/Finance Director, Herman Nixon, Police Chief, Glenn Cornwell, Public Works Director, Sheldon Johnson, City Automotive Shop, and Doug Owens, George Otero, and Jeff Pettit, Sanitation Department, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley.
City Attorney Kellie Peterson and Gioia Goodrum, Williams-Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce President/CEO were present.
- D. Approval of Minutes: August 25, 2011 Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman McNelly seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.
- E. Adoption of Agenda Councilman Wurgler made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

II. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Approval of Purchase Orders: J. Duffy Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.
- B. Approval of Check Register for month ending August 31, 2011: J. Duffy

V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- C. Council may make a decision regarding a Letter of Intent to lease land for a baseball complex if sufficient funding and adequate assurances are provided to the City: J. Duffy Vice Mayor Dent explained that Councilman Payne has been working on this project. He is firefighting in Texas, so he could not be at this meeting. Councilman McNelly made a motion to table this item until the next Council meeting on September 22, 2011. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and it carried 4-0.
- D. Council may make a decision authorizing Glenn Cornwell said the City's 1987 dozer is ready to be put out to pasture. Sheldon Johnson has done exhaustive research on finding

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approximately \$35,500 for the purchase of a Caterpillar dozer: G. Cornwell/Sheldon Johnson

another one. Sheldon Johnson explained that finding a dozer with a cab narrows the field of possibilities. He has located one in California that is older, but it seems to be in good shape. It would sell “as is” and comes with no warranty. He believes it deserves a look.

Councilman McNelly added that buying something used is always a chance. However, Caterpillar is the machine to get because parts are available. He suggested that Sheldon have the owner perform oil sampling. The machine in California has approximately 14,000 hours on it, and municipalities average putting on 800 hours per year. The Caterpillar dealer found another one in Virginia for \$65,900 with about 1,700 hours on it, but the wear on the tracks seems heavier than 1,700 hours. Sheldon Johnson said the price on the 2002 dozer in Virginia includes freight.

Councilman McNelly made a motion authorizing Sheldon Johnson to go to Goshen, California, to look at the equipment and to spend \$35,500 on it if appropriate. Councilman Miller seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

E. Council may make a decision authorizing Staff to place three pieces of heavy equipment with Ritchie Bros. Auctions in Phoenix for sale: G. Cornwell/Sheldon Johnson

Glenn Cornwell explained that Staff believes the City will get more money from its tractor/refrigerated trailer and dozer at Ritchie Bros. Auctions in Phoenix than it would get in the City’s surplus auction in October. The City’s attorney has some reservations about the contract. Staff would like approval to put this equipment with Ritchie Bros. based on some tweaking of the contract.

Councilman McNelly made a motion authorizing Staff to place these three pieces of equipment with the contract to be reviewed by the City’s attorney. Councilman Wurgler seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

F. Council may make a decision, awarding a bid for the Historic Sidewalk repair: J. Duffy

Joe Duffy said that the intent is to fix the utility cuts and crumbling areas of the sidewalk. The City received only one bid, and the contractor put down a sample patch. Joe Duffy recommended rejecting the proposal, and, instead, accepting a bid of \$4,452 from WCT Cleaning for steam cleaning and see how it holds up through the winter. Then, review it again next spring. John Holst said he tested the stain. It blends well and looks great.

Councilman Miller made a motion to reject the bid from Standard Construction for repairing the sidewalk. Councilman Wurgler seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

G. Council may make a decision regarding a Request for Proposal for Sanitation Services: J. Duffy

Earlier in the year, an RFP was put out for sanitation services. An RFP was accepted from Waste Management. In July, Joe Duffy got WM’s numbers to purchase our equipment and take over residential and commercial waste accounts with the City continuing to operate Lake Ellen and the transfer station. Today the City’s gross revenue is about \$650,000 per year. WM’s offer was just not enough. Also,

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they wanted the City to change ordinances to set fees that might become a barrier of entry for other companies. The bottom line is they're not moving off their original offer. He believes we are done at this point. He noted three options:

- A. Reject the RFP
- B. Instruct Staff to continue to negotiate, perhaps with another competitor. (Kellie Peterson's recommendation was to reject this RFP); or
- C. Compete with Waste Management since we provide superior service, and our service supports local jobs.

Joe Duffy asked for guidance from Council. He added that Flagstaff has been competing for years and is making a profit. He believes the City should continue its services.

Councilman McNelly noted that, with City employees, we are in control. He believes we're better off to have local employees.

Vice Mayor Dent added that he would have some real concerns because WM's proposal completely ignores the transfer station and Lake Ellen. Why would we want to sell off part of the operation? This is huge – it is important to citizens to have the ability to take trash to the transfer station.

Councilman McNelly made a motion to reject the proposal from Waste Management. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and it carried 4-0.

VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Mayor and Council None

B. Staff Reports Joe Duffy reported that Dogtown III is up and running, and quotes are being received for new string for Dogtown I. Divers will be in during the first week of October to clean tanks. Then flushing will be done over two nights.

John Holst asked Police Chief Nixon if there were major problems with unauthorized/illegal dumping. Chief Nixon asked Mr. Holst to call the Police Department if he sees illegal dumping. Three citations have been issued for illegal dumping at Safeway.

VII.

At 7:49 p.m., Vice Mayor Dent called for a five minute recess before convening to Executive Session.

Councilman Wurgler made a motion to convene to Executive Session, and it was seconded by Councilman Hiemenz. It carried 4-0. At 7:55 p.m. Executive Session was convened

CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council may vote to enter Executive Session to:

- Receive report on background checks performed and will review

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candidates from City Manager interviews to determine those who will be called for a subsequent interview or to select a candidate to whom to offer the City Manager position, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute 38-431.03.A.1.

No final action shall be taken in Executive Session.

- VIII. C. Council may make a decision regarding inviting City Manager candidates for a second interview or selecting a candidate to whom to offer the position: D. Dent

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Councilman McNelly made a motion to invite two candidates to return for a second interview on September 19th and September 20th as discussed in Executive Session. Councilman Miller seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

IX. ADJOURN:

Councilman Miller made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilman Hiemenz. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor John Moore

City Clerk

ATTEST:

