

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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OCTOBER 11, 2012
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I. PROCEDURES:

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation Bob Herman led the pledge of allegiance, and Judge Rob Krombeen offered the invocation.
- C. Roll Call Mayor John Moore and Vice Mayor Don Dent, Councilmen Craig Fritsinger, Bernie Hiemenz, Frank McNelly, and James Wurgler were present and constituted a quorum. Councilman Lee Payne was absent.
Present from City Staff were Brandon Buchanan, City Manager, Julie Walker, Interim Finance Director, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley. Gioia Goodrum, President/CEO, Williams-Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce, was also present.
- D. Approval of Minutes September 25 and 27, 2012 Councilman Fritsinger made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.
- E. Adoption of Agenda Councilman Dent made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Kaibab National Forest Service will provide an update of the 2012 Prescribed Burnings and the: Bill Williams Mountain Restoration Project: Marty Schramm, District Ranger
Martie Schramm, District Ranger, brought with her Jeff Sanocki, Assistant Fuels Manager.
- Some units around the City are quite complex and need the right weather and proper staffing for prescribed burning.
 - Jeff explained that within the green, pink, and orange areas of the map (attached), the large green area of approximately 1,800 acres is the first priority and will be started next week. The second part is the green area near Buckskinner Park (Sheridan). They plan to burn the Frenchie Area (blue) that is a couple of hundred acres in Parks over a three-day weekend for the students at Parks School. They hope to burn 1,800 to 2,000 acres this season and will be starting as early as Wednesday. They will be lighting the fire with a helicopter because they can light it all up in one day. It will put up a lot of smoke, but it will clear fairly quickly. This Unit has already been thinned.
 - Councilman Fritsinger asked what a burn does to air quality. Martie Schramm said that before a burn is approved on the day before it is started, the ADEQ (Arizona Department of Environmental Quality) considers activities in the Coconino Forest, Grand Canyon area and the Verde Valley.
 - Another high priority Unit is the Sheridan Unit made up of 142 acres that borders the Ranger Station and Buckskinner Park. It will be the next one after the big green area.
 - Councilman McNelly asked how often burns are needed. Jeff replied that 5 to 10-year rotations are needed, depending on how good the initial burn is.
 - Mayor Moore asked if folks are more accepting of burns now. Martie Schramm said

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they are for the most part; however, the burn of the Sheridan Unit may excite some folks because of seeing fire right off the road as well as a lot of smoke. Jeff added that they proceed with caution, starting a test fire and going by protocol to see how fires will burn.

- Martie Schramm commented on the Bill Williams Mountain Restoration Project. They have finished the Environmental Impact Statement and received only 13 comment letters of which five had significant comments that require analysis. She hopes to have the final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision by the end of January. They will then have a 45-day appeal period. After that, the Forest Service responds to any appeals and the Regional Forester in Albuquerque makes a decision to uphold or to make adjustments to accommodate the appeal. They plan to begin implementation by summer of 2013.
- Councilman McNelly asked if commercial people make money from a reliable stream of product. Martie Schramm said that once the industry gets going and the mill is built in Winslow, she believes the industry will get up and running.
- Ranger Schramm has two staff members, Punky Moore and Christa Osborne, who will be leaving, and she is trying to get these jobs filled.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- B. Approval of Purchase Orders: J. Walker
- C. Approval of Check Register for Month Ended September 30, 2012: J. Walker

After two questions were asked by Councilman Fritsinger and answered by Staff, Councilman Hiemenz made a motion to approve both Consent Agenda Items (B. and C.) Councilman Wurgler seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- D. Council may accept a mobile radio bid for the Fire Department: B. Buchanan
- E. Council may approve purchase of 40-yard roll-off containers for the Sanitation Department: B. Buchanan

Brandon Buchanan reported that he has worked with the Fire Department, identifying the radios that will meet their needs and will be most cost effective. Originally they were around \$9,000 and are down to around \$6,000 if we go with the low bidder.

Councilman Dent made a motion to approve purchase of the radios from Arizona Wireless for \$5,999.83. It was seconded by Councilman Hiemenz and carried 5-0.

Councilman Dent asked Sanitation Superintendent Doug Owens if was happy with Rocky Mountain. Doug Owens said he has tried some others, but his preference is Rocky Mountain.

Councilman Dent made a motion to approve the bid from Rocky Mountain Welding for \$10,001.00. Councilman Fritsinger seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

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- F. Council may approve purchase of 300-gallon refuse containers: B. Buchanan
 Doug Owens said the containers from Chino (Michael Brothers) are much better containers. They are still using some original containers from 1987, but all the products tend to get made more cheaply as time goes by.
 Councilman McNelly made a motion to award the bid to Michael Brothers for \$6,934.98 for 24 containers. Councilman Wurgler seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- G. Mayor and Council None
- H. Staff Reports
 - Brandon Buchanan reported that issues on Plum Street have been resolved. On grant projects, we are moving along on the Safe Route to School, and a kick-off meeting to start planning will be held within a couple of weeks. He is hoping for a start during the next construction season on the Route 66 repaving, but it may get pushed back.
 - Gioia Goodrum reminded everyone of the Scarecrow Contest. The Chamber's Board Retreat is scheduled for October 26th and 27th. The Chamber is working with the School District for a float in the Fiesta Bowl.
- I. Magistrate Report Judge Krombeen reported that the Court will be closing on November 7th for a teambuilding day at the ropes course at Young Life.
- X. **ADJOURN:** Councilman McNelly made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilman Hiemenz. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Mayor John Moore

City Clerk

ATTEST: