

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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I. PROCEDURES:

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m.
- B. Roll Call Mayor John Moore, Vice Mayor Don Dent, and Councilmen Bernie Hiemenz, Frank McNelly, and Lee Payne were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmen Craig Fritsinger and James Wurgler were absent. Present from City Staff were Brandon Buchanan, City Manager, Finance Director Keith Buonocore, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley.
- C. Adopt Agenda Councilman McNelly made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Councilman Payne seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

- II.** Council will discuss and may make a decision regarding the relocation of the Sweet Water Well: B. Buchanan Water Consultant, Pat Carpenter, explained the current crisis: The well-drilling company tried to use a fishing tool. They could not get into the shoe that was stuck. They fabricated a tool on site to shave the edge off to allow the spear to get the piece of pipe and pull it out.

Mayor Moore pointed out that there are two options:

1. Fish it out and get the well going; or
2. Move the rig.
 - Brandon Buchanan said he wanted City Council to be aware of the situation and make a decision on how to proceed.
 - The estimated cost to move the rig to another location is \$900,000, based on available information. United Drilling's estimate does have an allowance for some more cementing. They would have to move the rig only 20' to 30'. There is no deviation on this one. We don't have to build another containment pad.
 - We will have to put in another conductor casing which is a two-week process. The drillers will shut down, send crews home and come back when needed.
 - Councilman McNelly recalled that the City waited extra time for this company to drill for us. He asked if they are that good.
 - Pat Carpenter said that, usually, this doesn't happen – getting stuck in the concrete. They've drilled more wells in northern Arizona than any other company. Even with the new estimate, something else could happen. The current estimate does not include \$150,000 owed to the fishing company.
 - Councilmen Dent said he would question whether the

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company was responsible for getting the pipe stuck in concrete. On the new well, we'll end up with a smaller hole to reduce costs.

- Councilman McNelly asked if we have a deal with Sean Casey for getting excess water from Bearizona if we get in a real pinch for water. Bearizona has a problem with arsenic there, and Sean's asking top dollar.
- Mayor Moore reminded Council Members that they needed to give some instruction.
- Pat Carpenter said they're running out of options. They should be back out of the hole in an hour and back in around 1:00.
- Brandon Buchanan said that there will be a two- to three- week delay if the rig is moved. He has concerns about those projects that will have to be scrapped next budget year, like street projects, the clean closure of the lagoons and switching the waste water plant over from using potable water to process waste to using effluent. Pat Carpenter said that, if the press is run, the plant will do 40,000 to 50,000 gallons a day. The City could save quite a lot of money to process dirt in house.
- Brandon Buchanan said that, technically, we haven't used WIFA funds yet for drilling a new well. We've used the WIFA money to pay back the City for money spent on the other well.
- Councilman Payne asked if they need to be looking to the future to drill new wells?
- Brandon Buchanan said this is one reason for the utility rate increase. It would allow us to spend \$700,000 each year on the electric or water/sewer system.
- Pat Carpenter advised the City to plan for another well by getting a drilling card from ADWR, You pick the initial spot and change the location if it's not productive.
- Councilman Dent expressed concern about the City's capacity for growth. He believes that, at some point, there's a limit to what the community can support.
- Pat Carpenter suggested that another, newer technology could be used for drilling the next well.

Councilman Dent made a motion to move the drilling rig over

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the necessary 20' to 30 ' if they can't salvage the original hole. Councilman Payne seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

III. ADJOURN:

Councilman Hiemenz made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilman McNelly. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 a.m.

Mayor John Moore

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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