

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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I. PROCEDURES:

A. Call to Order

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Mayor John Moore, Vice Mayor Don Dent, and Councilmen Craig Fritsinger, Lee Payne and James Wurgler were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmen Bernie Hiemenz and Frank McNelly were absent. Present from City Staff were Brandon Buchanan, City Manager, Public Works Director Kyle Christiansen, Finance Director Keith Buonocore, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley.

C. Adopt Agenda

Councilman Payne made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Councilman Fritsinger seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

II. Council will discuss and may make decisions regarding the Sweet Water Well: B. Buchanan

Brandon Buchanan showed a video of the well and its faults and said they don't think the casing will go down in the well now without reaming the hole, but this could disturb the hole and make it impassable. Also, Council needs to talk about the City's financial ability to continue. Pat Carpenter added that the casing would not go below 1,000 feet on the second attempt.

Several issues were discussed:

- The maximum amount available to spend on the Well is \$570,000 which is not enough to ream it out at this point.
- The current rig has been relocated. If they mobilize another rig, another crew of oil field drillers will operate it. Another rig can be here next week.
- Larry, who has directed the drilling so far, has more experience in drilling in this area. Having Larry return with his rig could take several months.
- Pat Carpenter said that having the one who has the most experience in drilling in our area is pretty important and that he would prefer having Larry return.
- When asked if letting the Well sit could cause it to fall in, Pat Carpenter said he didn't know because they can't see beyond 1,252 feet.
- In response to Councilman Dent's question of whether, on the financial side, every rock has been turned over, Brandon Buchanan said that we have \$48,000 to operate without reserves. Some reserves we cannot touch so cash reserves may be o.k.

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- Councilman Wurgler asked if Larry's experience has kept us out of trouble. He believes we've had to depend upon the fishermen to get us out of trouble. His impulse is to move ahead. He would like it better if they bring in a rig and crew and keep going. Councilman Fritsinger agreed.
- Mayor Moore said Brandon Buchanan should have a conversation with Jesús. We will continue to look for money.
- Brandon Buchanan stressed that the City doesn't have much of a checkbook to throw at this.
- Councilman Dent stated that the goal should be to reach 2,900 feet and case it to stabilize it.
- Brandon Buchanan said we are meeting the current demand with well water. His goal is to have six wells running in five years.

Councilman Wurgler made a motion, authorizing the reallocation of funds up to \$570,000 (\$250,000 from reimbursement to APS, \$200,000 from the northside water storage tank, and \$120,000 from the Impact Fee Water Fund) to apply to drilling and casing the Well down to 2,900 ft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fritsinger, and a roll call vote was taken:

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| Councilman Wurgler: | Yes |
| Councilman Fritsinger: | Yes |
| Councilman Dent: | Yes |
| Councilman Payne | Yes |

The motion carried with four votes in favor and none against.

Councilman Dent made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilman Fritsinger. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p..m.

III. ADJOURN:

Mayor John Moore

ATTEST:

City Clerk