

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

**ANNOTATED MINUTES
AGENDA ITEM**

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**DECEMBER 10, 2015
COUNCIL ACTION**

I. PROCEDURES:

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation Police Chief Herman Nixon led the pledge of allegiance, and the invocation was offered by George Glen.
- C. Roll Call Mayor John Moore, Vice Mayor Don Dent, and Councilmen Craig Fritsinger, Bernie Hiemenz, Frank McNelly, Lee Payne, and James Wurgler were present and constituted a quorum. Present from City Staff were Brandon Buchanan, City Manager, Police Chief Herman Nixon, Public Works Director Kyle Christiansen, Finance Director Keith Buonocore, Fire Chief Chase Pearson, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley.
- D. Approval of Minutes: November 12, 2015 Councilman Fritsinger made a motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Payne, and it carried 6-0.
- E Adopt Agenda Councilman McNelly made a motion to adopt the Agenda with Item V. C. removed.. This Item will be considered at a later date after it is discussed with the Fire Chief and Pension Board members. Councilman Fritsinger seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

II. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Purchase Orders: K. Buonocore Councilman Fritsinger made a motion to approve both Consent Agenda Items (A. and B.). Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.
- B. Approval of Check Register for Month Ending November 30, 2015: K. Buonocore

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- V. C. Appointment of lay member from the community to the Williams Volunteer Fire Department Pension Board to replace 30-year member, Marty Glassburn, who has given his notice of retirement, effective December 31, 2015: J. Moore This Item was deleted from the Agenda.

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- D. Council will review and may approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Arizona for the reconstruction of a portion of Grand Canyon Boulevard: B. Buchanan/K. Christiansen

Brandon Buchanan said this would be just over \$600,000 in total Federal funding, and the recommendation is to completely rebuild Grand Canyon Blvd. between Edison and Franklin. This is just one stretch of a heavily traveled, central artery. Only certain designated routes are eligible for the grant. The construction would be scheduled for 2019. Four years ago, to mill and overlay Route 66 and Railroad Avenue was more than \$1 million.

Kyle Christiansen added that, if we want to do utilities, we will have to pay for them. The water main seems sound, but it would be nice to have a new main at the same time the street is done.

Brandon Buchanan said that the design match of \$37,373 would be due in the next 30 days. Our match for the construction would be due at the end of 2018.

Mayor Moore explained that it is important that we stay in the rotation with ADOT and NACOG funding. The funds are distributed among five counties every three to five years.

Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the IGA between the City of Williams and the State of Arizona. Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

- E. Council will review and may approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Arizona for artifact acquisition for the Arizona State Railroad Museum: B. Buchanan/A. Richmond

Al Richmond explained that, in 2008, Council approved a transportation grant for the turntable construction. Even though some monies went away, ADOT and the Feds kept this money intact, and it is still in the pot. However, they did change the rules. Although the award has been made, the money will not be received for four years, but it can be re-allocated. The Railroad Park and the construction of two Gateway Arches were paid out of these funds. He will try to finish off Boxcar Bridge in the spring with some of this money.

The grant now being considered would be for \$500,000 with a 5.7% match. The match will have to be found by the Railroad Museum because the City won't have these funds available.

Al Richmond said that the Museum is now in the process of working with their financial analyst from Piper Jaffray so that they can issue bonds.

Councilman Dent noted that this is a separate issue

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from bonding. His concern is if the Museum is not built. Are there assets to cover the City's expenditures?

Al Richmond said that the Museum currently has \$3 million in disposable assets. If the assets were sold, an appraisal would not be needed because they would go to a broker as scrap.

Councilman Payne explained his understanding of the terms of the grant: We get the grant for \$500,000 with the match, and, as long as the money is not expended, we can return it. The City would be out the administrative fee of around \$5,000. Anything we spend in three years, we could be asked to pay back. If we've only spent enough for Boxcar Park, that's all we'd have to pay back. One concern is "within 36 months of procurement." We have 36 months for artifacts to be on display, or we would have to pay back the funds used to purchase them. He can see securing the grant but not spending any money unless we can get them on display.

Councilman Dent said that, to reach a level of comfort, he needs to know the value of currently owned artifacts - an inventory of what has been acquired with the original \$300,000.

Mayor Moore said that, if we're going to proceed, there's probably no need to take any action. If we're not in agreement with the original grant, then why would we proceed? He asked for the deadline. The deadline for comments is December 15, 2015.

Al Richmond explained that acquisitions are made in two ways:

- purchased
- donated (often by corporations)

A Bill of Sale is on file if it was purchased or a Donation Agreement if it was donated. Donation Agreements stipulate that disposal of items is determined by the Museum.

The value of the Museum's inventory is market value. If items are not marketable, then they would be appraised at scrap value. He has always taken a low-side value. Some locomotive prices are going up for some unknown reason.

Councilman Wurgler quoted from Brandon Buchanan's November 23, 2015, email to Al Richmond: "neither

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Keith nor I will approve any expenditure of new funds...until the museum project has been accepted and funded," and added that it looks like we're not agreeing to fund this. We're not agreeing to spend any money until that threshold has been reached.

Councilman Wurgler made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Arizona for artifact acquisition for the Arizona State Railroad Museum. Councilman Fritsinger seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken:

Councilman Wurgler:	Yes
Councilman Fritsinger	Yes
Councilman Payne	Yes
Councilman McNelly	No
Vice Mayor Dent	Yes
Councilman Hiemenz	No

The motion carried with four votes in favor and two votes opposing.

VI. REPORTS, CURRENT EVENTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

F. Mayor and Council

- The City received a plaque from the Forest Service. The Forest Service approved the clearing of Bill Williams Mountain
- The City's Holiday Party is tomorrow night.

G. Staff - *NONE*

VIII. ADJOURN: Councilman Fritsinger made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Council Hiemenz and carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor John Moore

ATTEST:

City Clerk