

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date: 09/12/13**

TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager
FROM: Megan R. Santee, Director of Public Works
**SUBJECT: Oral Resolution – Application/Permit to Drill and/or Operate an Oil and/or Gas well (2) –
Bridger Petroleum, LLC: “Pat Serenbetz No. 4” & “Pat Serenbetz No. 5”, Permit No.’s
766885 & 766888**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Chapter 21, Oil and Gas, of the City Code requires a permit for drilling and operating oil/gas wells within the city limits. As part of the review process, the City Council is to conduct a public hearing and then approve or deny the permit.

Bridger Petroleum, LLC of Abilene, Texas has submitted applications to drill the “Pat Serenbetz No. 4” and “Pat Serenbetz No. 5” wells on property owned by the Serenbetz Revocable Trust, located between Abilene Regional Airport and Loop 322, as shown on the attached map. Because of the proximity to Abilene Regional Airport, a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aeronautical Study was required for each well. The aeronautical studies are attached to, and made part of each application/permit. The studies concluded that the drilling rig for each well does not exceed obstruction standards and would not be a hazard to air navigation, provided that the marking/lighting and notification requirements detailed in the studies are met. These applications have been reviewed and approved by City Staff. All owners of real property within 500 feet of the proposed drill sites have been notified of these applications and of the City Council meeting to consider their approval, as required by City ordinance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Because all prerequisites and requirements of Chapter 21, Oil and Gas; have been met, including no anticipated adverse effect on the health, safety and welfare of the public, staff recommends that the City Council vote to approve the applications for these drilling permits and authorize the Mayor to execute permit no.’s 766885 and 766888 for Bridger Petroleum, LLC.

ATTACHMENTS

Site Map

The Application/Permit to Drill and/or Operate an Oil and/or Gas Well for each well, including all supporting documentation, is on file with the City Secretary.

Prepared by: Name: Travis McClure Title: Land Agent	Item No. <u>7.15</u>	Disposition by City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Ord/Res# _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ City Secretary
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