City Council Agenda Memo



City Council

Meeting Date: 11/21/13

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 (4) –

Bullet Development, LLC: WTRC "A" #1, WTRC "A" #2, WTRC "A" #3 & WTRC "A" #4,

Permit No.'s 764999, 765000, 765001 & 765002

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.

Bullet Development, LLC of Abilene, Texas has submitted applications to drill the WTRC "A" #1, #2, #3 & #4 wells on property owned by Jack Denson, located on southeast end of East Industrial Blvd. adjacent to the Abilene Regional Airport, 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. Additionally, although the eastern portion of the WTRC "A" oil & gas lease boundary is on City of Abilene/Abilene Regional Airport property and within the airport perimeter fence, when the City purchased this tract for the airport in 1967 it received exclusive rights to use of the surface, including the rights to control ingress & egress for exploration of oil & gas. Therefore, this area cannot be accessed for drilling.

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 764999, 765000, 765001 & 765002 for Bullet Development, LLC.

ATTACHMENTS

Site Map

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

Prepared by:		Disposition by City Council
		□ Approved Ord/Res#
Name: Travis McClure		□ Denied
Title: Land Agent		□ Other
	Item No. 7.5	
		City Secretary