

City Council  
Agenda Memo



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Meeting Date: 02/26/15

**TO: David A. Vela, Interim 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) – Bullet Development, LLC: “Lytle N-68 #1B” and “Lytle N-68 #2B”, Permit No.’s 794761 and 794763**

**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 “Lytle N-68 #1B” and “Lytle N-68 #2B” wells on property owned by Lytle Lake Water District, located southwest of 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, because both wells are located within the floodway of Lytle Creek, a floodplain/floodway analysis was required to be performed for each location and a Floodplain Development Permit obtained for each location. The required City of Abilene Floodplain Development Permit, covering both the Lytle N-68 #1B and Lytle N-68 #2B wells on this tract, is attached to and made part of each application/permit.

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 794761 and 794763 for Bullet Development, LLC.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Aerial 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:  Name: <u>Travis McClure</u>  Title: <u>City Land Agent</u>	Item No. <u>7.2</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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