City Council
Agenda Memo

City Council
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 – Texas Operating and Consulting, LLC: "Big Mack #1", Permit No. 793115**

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.

Texas Operating and Consulting, LLC of Abilene, Texas has submitted an application to drill the "Big Mack #1" on property owned by Mack Owens located at 3601 Old Anson Road, as shown on the attached map. This well is being drilled under the applicant's 5.93 acre "Big Mack" lease. The applicant is requesting a variance per sections 21-26 and 21-27 of Chapter 21 of the City of Abilene Code of Ordinances, Oil and Gas, to drill within 200 feet of an existing residence, and the applicant has provided the notarized written consent of the owner of the residence as required by ordinance.

This application has been reviewed and approved by City Staff. All owners of real property within 500 feet of the proposed drill site have been notified of this application and of the City Council meeting to consider its 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 application for this drilling permit and authorize the Mayor to execute permit no. 793115 for Texas Operating and Consulting, LLC.

ATTACHMENTS

Site Map

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

Prepared by: Name: Travis McClure Title: City Land Agent	Item No. 7.2	Disposition by City Council ❑ Approved Ord/Res# _____ ❑ Denied ❑ Other _____ City Secretary