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On this the 8th day of April 2025, the City Council of the City of Burnet convened in a Workshop Session, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Burnet Council Chambers, located at 2402 S. Water, Burnet, TX thereof with the following members present, to-wit:

Mayor	Gary Wideman
Council Members	Cindia Talamantez, Tommy Gaut, Philip Thurman, Tres Clinton, Joyce Laudenschlager, and Ricky Langley
City Manager	David Vaughn
City Secretary	Maria Gonzales

Guests: Eric Belaj, Jessi Carpenter, Jill Disler, Adrienne Feild, Mark Ingram, Leslie Kimbler, Patricia Langford, Keith McBurnett, Thad Mercer, Andrew Scott, Jacob Thomas

Call to Order: Mayor Gary Wideman called the workshop to order at 5:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

2.1) Discuss and consider action: Transition to City-operated hay production model and authorization for staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for contracted hay services at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Hay Field: T. Mercer

City Manager David Vaughn opened the workshop by reminding the Council that the City's previous contract with lessee Dustin Orman had been terminated. He noted that an RFP had been issued in an effort to identify a new lessee; however, only one proposal was received. He explained that while hayfield operations are both challenging and costly, they are required under the City's TCEQ discharge permit.

As an alternative, Mr. Vaughn presented a new model in which hayfield operations would transition to a City-operated program, with hay production services handled through contracted support. This approach would allow the City to retain ownership and control of the property while also generating revenue from hay sales.

He acknowledged that launching the program would require significant upfront capital investment in addition to the contracted services, approximately \$125,000 for a pivot system and an additional \$80,000 to \$100,000 for essential equipment, such as a tractor with a boom. He also noted that the City could experience a loss, particularly in the first year, due to the timing of implementation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: None.

REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL FOR FUTURE REPORTS: In accordance with Resolution R2020-28 councilmembers may request the City Manager to prepare and present future reports on matters of public interest: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Gary Wideman at 5:48 p.m. to adjourn.

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary