

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL

ON the 15th day of January, 2014, the Amarillo Traffic Commission met at 1:30 p.m. in regular session in the in the City Council Chambers on the third floor of City Hall at 509 S.E. 7th Avenue.

Traffic Commissioners present were D. J. Stubben, Dean Downey, Charlie Graham, Barbara Richardson, Craig Gualtiere, Walt Kelley, Mark Nair, and Frank Nelson. Commissioner Steve Rogers was absent. Staff members present were Jerry Bird, Traffic Engineer, David Szmagalski, Traffic Operations Technician, Michael Rice, Director of Public Works, Lt. Ken Albright, Amarillo Police Department, and Judy Alexander, Recording Secretary.

Commissioner Stubben established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The following items of business were conducted:

1. **Invocation & Pledge:**
Commissioner Downey led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Nelson gave the invocation.
2. **Approval of the December 18, 2013, Minutes:**
Commissioner Gualtiere made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Downey seconded the motion, and motion carried unanimously.
3. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:**
Commissioner Stubben opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Gualtiere nominated Commissioner Nair and Commissioner Downey nominated Commissioner Stubben for Chair. Commissioner Nair nominated Commissioner Gualtiere and Commissioner Stubben nominated Commissioner Downey for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Nair received four votes for Chair from Commissioner Gualtiere, Commissioner Richardson, Commissioner Graham, and Commissioner Nair. Commissioner Stubben received four votes from Commissioner Downey, Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Kelley, and Commissioner Stubben.

Commissioner Gualtiere received six votes for Vice Chair from Commissioner Nair, Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Kelley, Commissioner Richardson, and Commissioner Gualtiere. Commissioner Downey received two votes from Commissioner Stubben and Commissioner Downey.

Commissioners discussed a means of breaking the tie for Chair. They opted to postpone addressing it until the Public Forum portion of the meeting.

4. **Public Forum:**
Jerry Bird, Traffic Engineer, introduced Bob Cowell, who was recently employed by the city as an Assistant City Manager. Mr. Cowell stated he had been the Executive Director of Planning Development Services with the City of College Station, Texas, for the past seven years. He said he was originally from St. Louis.

Commissioner Gualtiere inquired about accident statistics and fatalities for the past several years. Lt Albright stated that the Amarillo Police Department has the information available, which he can present at the next meeting. He reported there were 31 fatalities in 2013. He said the average number of fatalities varies from 25 to 30 per year. He said that alcohol, speed, and lack of seat belt usage were factors in the majority of them. He stated the number of injuries in accidents has remained stable, but overall there is a downward trend in the total number of accidents.

Commissioner Nair reported that an acquaintance of his had contacted the Traffic Engineering Department with a lane striping request and was complimentary with the service he received.

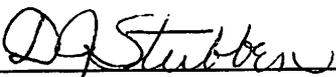
Michael Rice, Director of Public Works, stated he had contacted the Legal Department for clarification about the tie for Chair. He reported that the appropriate action would be to either continue to vote in an attempt to obtain a majority or to table the election and revisit it at the next meeting.

Commissioner Gualtiere stated that he thought Commissioner Stubben had done an excellent job as Chair, but he thought that change can be good. He said he favors term limits.

A subsequent vote for Chair resulted in a tie, with the same results as the first vote.

Commissioner Stubben stated the election of a Chair would be tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.



D.J. Stubben, Chairman