

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010, the Amarillo City Commission met at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall on the third floor in Room 303 in the Conference Room to review agenda items for the regular meeting, appointments to the Airport Board and miscellaneous attachments.

The City Commission met at 3:00 p.m. in regular session in the Commission Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

DEBRA MCCARTT	MAYOR
MADISON SCOTT	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
BRIAN J. EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
RONALD BOYD	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

Absent was none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

ALAN TAYLOR	CITY MANAGER
JARRETT ATKINSON	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
STEVE ROSS	FIRE CHIEF
DONNA DERIGHT	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Mark Love, Central Church of Christ.

Mayor McCartt established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and the following items of business were conducted:

ITEM 1: Mayor McCartt presented the minutes of the regular meeting held December 20, 2009. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor McCartt presented a resolution conducting a public hearing and determining whether an ambulance services permit is granted or denied for American Medical Response, Inc. (AMR) to operate an ambulance service within the corporate limits of Amarillo. The City recently received notice from the current Amarillo ambulance service provider, Universal Health Services/Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems of its intent to divest its ambulance service assets to AMR. As such, American Medical Response, Inc. on October 27, 2009 formally filed an application with the City Secretary seeking a City of Amarillo permit to operate an ambulance service. Per the requirements of Chapter 16-4, Article II, Ambulances, of the Amarillo Municipal Code, the City Commission is required to determine whether the ambulance service permit application meets established standards of public necessity and convenience.

Mayor McCartt advised that presentations would be made by City Staff, the City's consultant and a representative from AMR. Mr. Taylor reviewed the requirements set out in the City ordinance for an ambulance permit. He, also, explained the various differences between a civilian operated and Fire Department operated ambulance service. David Shrader, The Polaris Group and consultant for the City, gave a financial review and feasibility review of the different options. Ted VanHorne, CEO to the South Region for American Medical Response Corporation, made a presentation of their permit request. Mr. Atkinson provided a follow up of the AMR permit request and addendum. Chief Ross commented on the emergency response provided by the Fire Department and how they work with the ambulance company to provide emergency service for the community.

Mayor McCartt opened the public hearing for the ambulance permit request. James Williams, President of the Amarillo Professional Firefighters Association, appeared and stated that the addendum provides for more than he expected and he is impressed with it. Amanda Nurek appeared and expressed concerns with AMR and how she has heard their employees are treated. Michael Davis, 4210 Polk, appeared and stated that originally he was against AMR but now feels like they will provide good service. Dr. Carl Paetzold, 22 Helium Road, appeared regarding the appointments of the Oversight Committee and the Medical Director and who would have authority over them. There were no further comments and the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Scott to accept the ambulance application submitted by American Medical Response Corporation and the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 1-5-10-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: DETERMINING AN APPLICATION BY AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE, INC. FOR AN AMBULANCE SERVICE PERMIT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor McCartt, Commissioners Scott, Eades, Boyd, Simms; voting NO were; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3: Mayor McCartt presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Purchase – Liquid Ferrous Chloride:  
Award to low responsive bidder: OFS, Inc. - \$89,460.00  
This is the annual purchase of liquid ferrous chloride for use in the wastewater collection system as an odor control agent.
  
- B. Award – City Hall Parking Lot Lighting Installation:  
Award to low responsive bidder: Johnny B. Electric - \$98,500.00  
This is a contract to remove the existing City Hall parking lot lighting system and install and connect a new lighting system previously purchased.
  
- C. Acceptance – Public Health HIV Prevention Grant:  
This is acceptance of grant funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services for HIV Prevention Services performed by the Amarillo Department of Public Health. This grant funding in the amount of \$218,000 is for the 2010 calendar year. With these grant monies, the Department of Public Health will perform Outreach HIV testing, risk reduction counseling and case management services at no cost to the public.
  
- D. Approval – Water Transmission Pipeline Right-of-Way Easement Purchase:  
The following easement purchase is associated with the upcoming development of the City's Potter County wellfield and a new 48-inch diameter water transmission pipeline that will be constructed from the new wellfield south to the existing 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue water pump station in Northeast Amarillo:  
  
Tract 1 – being the dedication of a 30-foot wide water pipeline easement and an adjoining 70-foot wide temporary construction easement out of Section 126, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas. This tract is 100 feet wide in total and 348.61 feet in length and contains 0.24 acres.

Easement Grantor: United States Department of the Army  
Easement Obtainment Cost: \$6,300.00

Mayor McCartt announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but time is reserved to hear any citizen concerning matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services. There were no comments. Mayor McCartt announced that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Donna DeRight, City Secretary

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Debra McCartt, Mayor