

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 5th day of July 2011, the Amarillo City Commission met at 1:30 p.m. at the Osage Water Treatment Plant at 3701 S. Osage, with the following members present:

ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

Absent were Paul Harpole, Mayor, and Brian Eades, Commissioner No. 2. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
VICKI COVEY	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
DEAN FRIGO	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
COURTNEY GOODMAN-MORRIS	ATTORNEY II

ITEM 1: Mayor Pro Tem Green called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2: Emmett Autrey, Director of Utilities, provided a tour of the operations of the Osage Water Treatment Plant and the Hollywood Road Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ITEM 3: Following the tours, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Ellen Robertson Green, Mayor Pro Tem

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On the 5th day of July 2011, the Amarillo City Commission met at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall on the third floor in Room 303 in the Conference Room for review of agenda items and consideration of future agenda items.

The City Commission met at 5:30 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:

ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	MAYOR PRO TEM
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

Absent was Paul Harpole, Mayor, due to personal business. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
VICKI COVEY	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
DEAN FRIGO	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
DONNA DERIGHT	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Commissioner Simms. Mayor Pro Tem Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ITEM 1: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented the minutes of the orientation meetings held June 27 and June 30, 2011 and the regular meeting held June 28, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and approving the adoption of Amarillo's Public Housing Agency Annual Plan and Administrative Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-05-11-1

A RESOLUTION CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2011-2012 PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY ANNUAL PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Pro Tem Green, Commissioners Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented a resolution approving the application for the 2011 JAG Grant and the related Interlocal Agreement with Potter County. Under the terms of the grant, the City of Amarillo will apply for \$149,027 and will allocate the grant proceeds on an equal basis with Potter County. The Amarillo Police Department will use the City's portion of the grant proceeds to purchase handheld ticket writers and fitness equipment. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-05-11-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPLYING FOR AND ACCEPTING 2011 EDWARD

BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT 2011-H3205-TX-DJ; APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER SAID GRANT FUNDS TO POTTER COUNTY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Pro Tem Green, Commissioners Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4: Mayor Pro Tem Green advised that appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to the Colonies Public Improvement District Advisory Board reappoint Tracy Byars and Joe Norman, such terms to expire September 30, 2014, to the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Advisory Committee appoint Milford Burrell to the unexpired term of Maury Roman-Jordan, such term to expire December 31, 2014, to the Greenways Public Improvement District Board reappoint Boyd Johnson, such term to expire September 30, 2014, to the Planning and Zoning Commission, appoint Casey Webb to the expired term of Brandon Neely, such term to expire May 15, 2014, to the Point West Public Improvement District Board reappoint Loyd Romans, Dick Faussett and James Rutledge, such terms to expire September 30, 2014.

ITEM 5: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, 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. Approval – Lawrence Lake Bank Stabilization Project:

Low responsive bidder: Ark Contracting Services, LLC -- \$1,494,912.00

This approves a contract to provide bank stabilization services at four sites at Lawrence Lake. This work includes the installation of gabion (rock) baskets, rip rap and concrete that will both repair and preserve the banks and embankments.

B. Approval – Carson County Wellfield Underground Electrical Service Installation Contract:

Low responsive bidder: Ray Electric Company -- \$28,600.00

This approves a contract to provide services and material necessary to convert three existing water wells in the Carson County Wellfield to underground service. Presently, these wells are powered by overhead electrical lines and the contract will convert wells 630, 659, and 660 to underground electrical service. Underground electrical service provides higher reliability and will reduce the opportunity for power failure.

C. Approval – Landfill Compactor Repair:

Proprietary vendor: Associated Supply Company (ASCO) -- \$27,214.68

This approves repairs to the steering mechanism on the Al Jon landfill compactor.

D. Approval – Agreement for Supportive Services:

Downtown Women's Center, Inc. -- \$52,385.00

This approves an annual agreement with the Downtown Women's Center to provide case management and supportive services for homeless individuals and families participating in the Transitional Housing Program. The City will provide Department of Housing and Urban Development ((HUD) funding to the Downtown Women's Center in the amount of \$41,908.00 and the Downtown Women's Center will provide \$10,477.00 as the required cash match for the grant funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Green stated that the water use over the last week has greatly improved and thanked the citizens for being more conservative with their water consumption. Commissioner Eades commented that he has seen improvements but we need to continue our efforts of reducing our water usage. Mr. Atkinson stated that the water bills for the month of June totaled \$5.868 million compared to \$3.61 million in June of 2010. He noted that the water wasters phone line and email had been very successful with reporting water wasters.

Mayor Pro Tem Green 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. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Commission can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of city policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda.

Kathy Altman, 2105 S. Lipscomb, asked how people were notified about the watering schedule. She thanked the City for their participation in the July 4th festivities that were held at John Stiff Park and expressed her disappointment in the amount of trash that was left behind for city employees to pick up. Mayor Pro Tem Green advised that the watering schedule was announced at a press conference, through the media and on the Every Drop Counts website. Jack Juett, Jack & Son's Family Taxi, 5400 Keystone Drive, appeared concerning the portion in the taxicab ordinance that stated taxicab drivers cannot give free rides. He stated that he likes to help people who cannot afford a taxi but due to the restriction in the ordinance he cannot provide that assistance. He asked the City Commission to delete that from the ordinance. Commissioner Eades stated that it would be reviewed but it takes time for ordinances to be changed. Adam Jenkins, 3621 S. Ong, appeared and stated that the City needs to encourage people to use xeriscaping to conserve water and noted that the City should set the example by utilizing more native growth. Mayor Pro Tem Green stated that there is one xeriscape area at City Hall. There were no further comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Green stated that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Ellen Robertson Green, Mayor Pro Tem