STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 23rd day of July 2013, the Amarillo City Commission met at 1:30 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 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:

PAUL HARPOLE	MAYOR
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

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

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
VICKI COVEY	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
COURTNEY GOODMAN-MORRIS	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Kevin Deckard, Polk Street United Methodist Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for National Zoo Keeper Week and to the Amarillo Venom Football for the Lone Star Football League championship.

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

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes of July 16, 2013. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance appointing existing judges now serving in the City of Amarillo Municipal Court. These appointments for a two (2) year period are as follows: Sonja Letson – Full-time Presiding Judge, Jennifer Cates – Part-time Associate Judge, Donald Conley – Part-time Associate Judge and Inda Crawford – Part-time Associate Judge. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7415

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013-2014 AND 2014-2015; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 4810 Mountain Drive. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades to select Options ii and v, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-23-13-1

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED HEREIN ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND REQUIRING THE TAKING DOWN AND REMOVAL OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS;

PROVIDING FOR FILING OF LIENS; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Scott McDonald, Building Official and Jose M. Garcia was sworn in and stated the property at 4810 Mountain Drive has been abandon for several years. There have been no applications for permits to abate the property. The property is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment. There are no current taxes due on the property and there are no delinquent taxes due. The City does not have any contractor liens on the property. Mr. McDonald stated that Mr. Garcia had previously taken out a permit in November 2009 for demolition to no avail. He stated Mr. Garcia was aware of the current condemnation process to remove the structure.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 3816 Northeast 9th Avenue. Motion was made by Commissioner Green to select Options iii and v, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-23-13-2

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED HEREIN ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND REQUIRING THE TAKING DOWN AND REMOVAL OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF LIENS; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Scott McDonald, Building Official was sworn in and stated the property at 3816 Northeast 9th Avenue had been abandon since May 2010. There have been no applications for permits to abate the property. The property is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment. Current taxes due on the property are $669.22; there are $2,601.40 delinquent taxes due. There has been no water service since May 2010. The City has contractor liens totaling $943.80 on the property. Sherri Aylor, Potter County Tax Assessor appeared and stated the County was going to have this property up for Sheriff Sale on September 3.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Eades, and Escajeda; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Commission. Commissioner Simms abstained.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on the 2013 Program of Projects and authorizes the City of Amarillo to submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for fiscal year 2012-13 operating and capital assistance for the Amarillo City Transit Department. The City will receive an allocation from both the Federal Transit Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation. The proposed allocation is $814,682 more than the current fiscal year.

Federal FTA Funds	$3,382,099
ARRA Funds	$ 311,250
TxDOT Funds	$ 403,966
Local Funds	$1,789,130
Total Capital and Operating	$5,886,445

Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-23-13-3

A RESOLUTION CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMARILLO CITY TRANSIT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A GRANT UNDER THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand, appeared and urged a comprehensive study of the City's current bus routes.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole 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 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. Award – Carson County Wells - $942,548.00:
Best Evaluated Proposer – Hydro Resources Mid Continent, Inc.
This item awards a contract for the drilling and installation of two water production wells (#664 and #665) in Carson County. The contract includes drilling and evaluation of up to four (4) test wells and the completion of two as production wells. Funding for the project is available from the approved 2012-13 Well Addition Capital Improvement Project budget.

B. Award: Emergency Repair Contract – Amarillo Police Department Elevator Repair:
Award to low responsive bidder – American Elevator Company, Inc. -- $55,480.00
This item approves an emergency purchase for a replacement elevator machine for the #1 elevator at the Amarillo Police Department building. An elevator machine is the device that powers the gear & cable assembly to raise and lower the elevator car. Elevator #1 is original to the building and was installed in 1957. Funding for this purchase is available in the approved Facilities Department Capital Improvement Program budget.

C. Approval – Historic Route 66 Sign Agreement:
Southwestern Public Service Company and Historic 6th Street Route 66 Association
This item approves a Light Pole License Agreement between the City, Southwestern Public Service Company, and the Historic 6th Street Route 66 Association to allow the placement of decorative Route 66 sign on street light poles owned by SPS/Xcel Energy and within the City's right of way. The Historic 6th Street Route 66 Association will fabricate, install and maintain the decorative signs.

D. Approval – Aviation Clear Zone Easements:
1) Aviation Clear Zone Easement being 4,400 feet MSL above the plat of Famous Heights Addition Unit No. 42, in Section 122, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, from Ross A. Flowers.
2) Aviation Clear Zone Easement being 3,755 feet MSL above the plat of Blair Addition Unit No. 1, in Section 36, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, from Chuck Blair.
3) Aviation Clear Zone Easement being 4,950 feet MSL above the plat of City View Estates Unit No. 14, in Section 231, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County, from Matt Griffith.

E. Sale – Property:
Sheriff Sale Property in Potter County to the highest bidder as listed on the attached.

Mayor Harpole 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. There were no comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned and the Commission would return to Closed Session.

ATTEST:

Frances Hibbs

Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

Paul Harpole, Mayor