

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 15th day of August 2017, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 p.m. for a work session, and the regular session was held at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON
ELAINE HAYS
FREDA POWELL
EDDY SAUER
HOWARD SMITH

MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

JARED H. MILLER
BOB COWELL
MICK MCKAMIE
BLAIR SNOW
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
MANAGEMENT ANALYST
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Bryan Van Meter, Amarillo Fire Department. Mayor Nelson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Miller introduced the new Human Resources Director, Mitch Normand.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerri Glover, 5707 Berget Drive, commented on the recent IT department layoffs. She also stated she understood Council was looking at reducing library services at the North and East Branch Libraries. She stated this would be discrimination and needed to be thoroughly thought-out. Tracy Shea, 7707 River Road, spoke in support of the PACE program which offered different financing options, and was a great tool for Amarillo to use. Rupert Brashears, 2422 Poplar Street, stated he was glad the way the City does business. James Scheneck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated the budget should be focused on the police force. He further stated the need to hold costs down for citizens. William Roper, 6114 Dartmouth Street, stated the proposal to rename Meadow Drive was because it was the street Officer Justin Scherlen grew up on. He further stated a nonprofit has agreed to help defer any cost with anyone changing addresses. David Monrail, 11304 West Season Drive, Austin, stated he appalled the Council in allowing citizens to come forth and participate in the MPEV design. [Cynthia Palacios, 7821 Cpt. Woodrow Call Trail, signed up to speak but did not come forward.] There were no further comments.

ITEM 1: Mayor Nelson presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to approve Items B-E of the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to approve Item A of the consent agenda as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Sauer.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

- A. **MINUTES:**
Approval of the City Council minutes of the regular meetings held on August 8, 2017.
- B. **AVIATION CLEAR ZONE EASEMENT:**
A Aviation Clear Zone Easement being 4,500 feet above mean sea level above the plat of Proffitt Subdivision Unit No. 1, an suburban subdivision to the City of Amarillo, being a tract of unplatted land in Section 144, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County, Texas.
- C. **AWARD – ANIMAL FOOD FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER:** (Contact: Richard Havens, Director of Animal Management & Welfare)
Award to: Legend & White Animal Health Corp. – \$57,673.06
This is to award the contract for providing animal food/feed to the Animal Management & Welfare Shelter.
- D. **AWARD – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR FIBER OPTIC SOLUTIONS:** (Contact: Rich Gagnon, Information Technology Director)
Award to: Josh Franklin Drilling, LLC – Not to Exceed \$200,000
This contract may be utilized by City departments, in coordination with the Information Technology Department, to evaluate, recommend, and implement fiber optic solutions on as as-needed basis.
- E. **AWARD – ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR FIRE STATION 3:** (Contact: Jerry Danforth, Facilities & Special Projects Admin.)
Award to: Lavin Architects -- \$117,000
This award is for the Architectural and Engineering Services for the design and construction of the New Fire Station 3. This is a one-time purchase for a custom design and engineering service. (Vicinity: 1.515 acre tract of land out of Section 38, Block, 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, Texas.)

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 2: Michelle Bonner, Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, presented this item. Ms. Bonner stated that the City of Amarillo is considering a tax rate of \$0.36364. This proposed rate will raise more taxes than last year's tax rate. The tax on an average home last year was \$326.98. She announced the meeting times to adopt the tax rate as August 29 and September 5. There would be a second public hearing and then two readings to adopt the tax rate. Mr. Miller stated they looked for ways to attract positions by creating an environment, and starting pay. Ms. Bonner stated the budget does include funding on the pay plan that was implemented last year. Mayor Nelson opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Smith to set the tax rate at .36364 per \$100 evaluation, seconded by Councilmember Sauer. Councilmember Hays stated the Council did a fair amount of work to not raise taxes. The increase is from the I&O which was approved by the voters in Propositions 1 and 2. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

Mayor Nelson stated the need to set the dates for public hearings on the tax rate. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to set the hearing dates for the tax rate as August 29 and September 5, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3. Mayor Nelson presented an item to consider the adoption of the Align Amarillo Economic Development Strategic Plan. This item was presented by Andrew Freeman, Economic Development Manager. Mr. Freeman introduced Tony DeLisi with Avalanche. Mr. DeLisi stated they assessment the incentive options and Type A versus Type B. They recommended staying with the Type A. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing on this item. There were no comments. Councilmember Smith suggested

quarterly reviews of the plan to make sure they were on track. Mayor Nelson, stated she was excited to begin implementing the suggestions and to improve the communication. Mr. Schenck inquired about a Type B not being done and there not being a public vote. Mayor Nelson stated they have been cautioned against Type B. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Sauer, seconded by Councilmember Powell, that this item be adopted.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4. Mayor Nelson presented a resolution considering a request from Officer William Roper to rename Meadow Drive to Justin Scherlen Drive. (Vicinity: An entire block segment of Meadow Drive between Southwest 34th Avenue and South Western Street.) This item was presented by AJ Fawver, Planning & Zoning Director. Councilmember Smith asked if all nine people who spoke were against changing the name. Ms. Fawver replied six were not in favor of renaming the street. Mayor Nelson inquired if there was a procedure for changing the name of a park. Ms. Fawver replied it was not something the City current has and would require some research. Mayor Nelson recognized the people in the audience in support. Councilmember Sauer stated before changing the name he would like to see all available alternatives. Councilmember Powell stated she was in favor of honoring Officer Scherlen but wanted to evaluate the policies before moving forward and to be fair across the entire city.

Mayor Nelson invited the parents of Officer Scherlen to the podium. She stated it was an honor to have them at the meeting. Mr. Scherlen stated they were honored and they appreciated seeing democracy in action. He appreciated all the work Mr. Roper has done, the great police department and all first responders. He further stated he would like to see the other eight officers who have died in the line of duty honored along with other city employees. Mayor Nelson inquired if they had any preference. Mrs. Scherlen stated they were greatly honored to even be considered. Mr. Roper stated he planned on putting a bronze plaque with a short bio up so someone could learn why the street was renamed. Councilmember Smith stated he recalled Chief Ed Drain agreeing to come to Amarillo shortly after visiting with Officer Scherlen. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to table the renaming request until reviewing the renaming policies or any other policies we may need, seconded by Councilmember Hays.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-15-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: RENAMING PUBLICLY DEDICATED STREETS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS MEADOW DRIVE TO JUSTIN SCHERLEN DRIVE, AS IS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5. Mayor Nelson presented a resolution which discontinues the Subcommittee on Economic Development Policies Guidelines which served as an Advisory Committee to the City Council. Motion was made by Councilmember Sauer, seconded by Councilmember Powell, that the Resolution below be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-15-17-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS DISCONTINUING THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO SERVE AS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND TO WORK WITH CITY STAFF, PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 6. Mayor Nelson presented an item approving a grant to expand the ACE Scholarship program to all Amarillo ISD high schools. The expansion of the ACE Scholarship will cover the cost of up to 60-credit hours at Amarillo College only. This project will include five partners to cover the investment of the ACE expansion with each

partner investing \$3,507,998.22 toward the sustainability of this project. These funds are to be paid over a six-year timeframe. This item was presented by Barry Albrecht, President of the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation. Clay Stribling, Amarillo Area Foundation, announced the expansion of ACE to cover every Amarillo Independent School District in Amarillo. Mr. Albrecht stated the AEDC Board also gave their approval today. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Hays, that this item be approved.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 7: Mr. Cowell introduced Populous Architects, Mike Sabatini and Steve Caudle, Principle Project Manager. Mr. Cowell stated an RFP for a Contractor at Risk is available. He also stated the Architects have presented and received input from the community in a number of ways. Mr. Cowell stated by the end of the week, the designs would be narrowed from 14 to 2. He further stated the designs will be changed substantially. Mr. Sabatini presented a the Multi-Purpose Events Venue (MPEV) designs.

Items taken out of order.

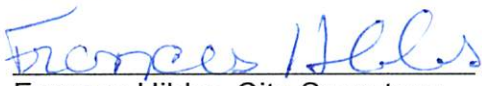
ITEM 8. Mayor Nelson presented the contract for Photographic Traffic Enforcement. This item was presented by Raymond Lee, Public Works Director. Mr. Lee stated they suggested renewing the contract with additional cameras installed at new intersections. Councilmember Hays stated she appreciated the gathering of the legislative material, comparisons with other cities. Mayor Nelson acknowledged the Traffic Advisory Board members in attendance and for their service. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to renew the contract with additional cameras at additional intersections that have been identified, seconded by Councilmember Smith. Councilmember Hays stated her decision was made at the request of Chief Drain who supports the program.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 9. Mayor Nelson stated this tabled this item.

Mayor Nelson advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


 Ginger Nelson, Mayor