

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 29th day of August 2017, the Amarillo City Council met at 3:00 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
ANDREW FREEMAN
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MGR.
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Melanie Scott, Chaplain for Amarillo Association of Realtors. Mayor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for "National Hunger Action Month," and to "Floyd Anthony." Council also recognized Bob Cowell on his last day with the City of Amarillo.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, described Type B Corporations. He stated he attended the brush site meetings. He further stated the decline in golf was due to higher rates. Mayor Nelson acknowledged Sean Villalobos, Boy Scout. Rusty Tomlinson, 5700 Canyon Drive, stated David Henry with the Globe News quoted from the document he read last week. Austin Contreras, 2509 Redwood Street, spoke about the statute crisis. Vivian Inez Yvonne Woods, 3127 Redwood Street, spoke about the events of recent weeks. She further stated history cannot be erased and that society is polluted with violence. Pastor Tommy Politz, 7906 London Court, stated he and Pastor Moore have a vision for unity and a possible solution. He further stated they would like to create a new nonprofit organization. The group would consist of various pastors and leaders. They would develop a website, set goals and involve AISD students to come up with ideas for the next generation. The submitted ideas from all schools will be displayed, and a \$5,000 college scholarship of their choice will be raised by private dollars. Pastor Herman J. Moore, 402 Sue Terrace, stated a need to set a tone for Amarillo and to be a model city for other cities to emulate. He further stated history cannot be changed or controlled, but the need to control what we can going 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 Smith to approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Powell.

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 22, 2017.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 7676:

(Contact: AJ Fawver, Planning & Zoning Director)

This is the second and final reading to rezone Lots 1, 2, 4 through 8, and a portion of lot 3, Block 24, Mrs. M. D. Oliver Eakles Unit No. 1, in Section 171, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Planned Development District 351(PD-351) to Residential District 1 (R-1) with Specific Use Permit 3 (S-3) (Vicinity: Southwest 24th Avenue and South Van Buren Street.)

C. ORDINANCE NO. 7677:

(Contact: AJ Fawver, Planning & Zoning Director)

This is the second and final reading to rezone a 24.37 acre tract of land in Section 191, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Agriculture District (A) to Residential District 3 (R-3). (Vicinity: Temecula Creek Boulevard and Cabernet Way.)

D. ORDINANCE NO. 7678:

(Contact: AJ Fawver, Planning & Zoning Director)

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance annexing into the City of Amarillo, Potter County, Texas, on petition of property owner, territory generally described as a 154.68 acre tract located northwest of the city northwest of the intersection of Ravenwood Drive and Tascosa Road (RM 1061), and extending north/northwest adjacent to the westernmost line of Tascosa Road (RM 1061) for a distance of 5,562', and out of an 883.57 acre tract situated in Section 24, Block 9, B.S.&F. Survey; describing the territory annexed; finding that all necessary and required legal conditions have been satisfied; providing for amendment of the boundaries and official map of the City; approving a service plan therefore; subjecting the property situated therein to bear its pro rata part of taxes levied; providing rights and privileges as well as duties and responsibilities of inhabitants of said territory; directing the filing of the ordinance in the manner required by law; directing notice to service providers and state agencies; providing a severability clause; declaring compliance with open meetings act; and, providing an effective date.

E. AWARD -- VACCINE ANNUAL CONTRACT:

(Contact: Casie Stoughton/Carol Hill/Hector Mendoza)

Awarded to Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP) -- \$623,673.40

This is to award the Vaccine Annual Contract Bid No. 5832 to Minnesota Multistate Contracting for Pharmacy (MMCAP).

F. AWARD - MECHANICAL SYSTEMS UPGRADES BOILER INSTALLATION AT AMARILLO RICK HUSBAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

(Contact: Mike Conner, Director of Aviation)

Awarded to: West Techs Chill Water Specialist, LLC -- \$427,500.00

This item is award of the bid for the airport terminal boiler installation. Included in the bid scope were the following items:

1. Removal of existing steam boiler system.
2. Installation of the new closed-loop boilers previously procured.
3. Replacement of the domestic hot water heater.

G. AWARD - THE PURCHASE OF NEW LIGHTS AND POLES FOR DOWNTOWN PROJECTS:

(Contact: Trent Davis, Purchasing Agent)

Award to Techline Inc. -- \$249,535.65

This award is to approve the purchase of downtown lights and poles.

H. ACCEPTANCE – REFUGEE MEDICAL SCREENING GRANT:

(Contact: Casie Stoughton, Director of Public Health)

Grant Amount: \$424,083

Grantor: U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

This item accepts the award from the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants from October 1, 2017 thru September 30, 2018 to continue health screening services for refugees resettled in Potter/Randall Counties.

Mr. Miller gave an update on Hurricane Harvey. The City of Amarillo has deployed 17 people. Eight police officers for security at shelters, two police and one firefighter boat rescue team, and eight firefighters to provide rescue operations. They will provide additional assistance, if necessary. Russell Grubbs, Director of Utilities was in Rockport to examine the water and wastewater facilities.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 2: Ms. Bonner explained that the language on the agenda is prescribed by the state and the Texas Property Tax Laws Truth-in-Taxation. The rate exceeds the rollback rate or effective rate by 8.33 percent. The City will conduct public hearings setting the maximum tax rate. The effective tax rate will generate the same amount of revenue as last year. The current tax rate which yields more revenue based on increased property values. The legal notice was placed in the newspaper on August 18, 2017. There are two public hearings, one today and the next one on September 5, 2017. The tax rate last year was 0.35072 the proposed tax rate for 2017 is 0.36364. Ms. Bonner also announced there would be two Council meetings to discuss the property tax, September 5 and September 12, 2017.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated there was no need to mention the frozen taxes. He stated the property evaluations and market values determined were ambiguous and with all the new businesses it was not absorbing the property values. He further asked that the taxes and debt be kept low, and he would like to see reductions in budgets. Pastor Herman J. Moore, 402 Sue Terrace, stated the property values in North Amarillo were being raised but they are unable to borrow money against the appraisal values due to the properties being hard to sell. John Ingerson, 48 St. Andrews, stated he did not like paying taxes, but was concerned about the crime rate and the need for additional police officers. Reginald Armstrong, 3413 Tripp Avenue, asked that the City help citizens understand the tax rate increase and why the increase was needed for better services or shortfall. Ms. Bonner stated the Potter Randall Appraisal District valuations are separate from the City. Mayor Nelson stated the City only receives 14% and the City is not part of the valuation process. Councilmember Smith stated PRAD sets values with comparables and the Appraisal Review Board does hear disputes. There were no further comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

ITEM 3: Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving the 2017/2018 fiscal year budget for the Center City Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One. This budget is recommended for approval by the TIRZ #1 Board of Directors. This item was presented by Michelle Bonner, Assistant City Manager. Scott Bentley, Chairman of the Board was also present. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-29-17-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 1, CITY OF AMARILLO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2017, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

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 of Intent to Establish a City of Amarillo PACE Program. This item was presented by Andrew Freeman, Economic Development Manager and Charlene Heydinger, President Texas PACE Authority. Motion was made

by Councilmember Sauer, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-29-17-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 1, CITY OF AMARILLO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2017, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

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 ratifying the meet and confer agreement with the Amarillo Police Officers Association, providing for an effective date. This item was presented by Bob Cowell, Deputy City Manager and Sgt. Norman Fisher, Amarillo Police Department. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Hays, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-29-17-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MEET AND CONFER AGREEMENT WITH THE AMARILLO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

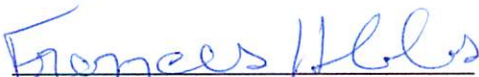
Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.


ITEM 6: Mayor Nelson presented an item approving Change Order No. 2 which adds a profile mill and overlay of Buchanan Street from 6th Avenue to 11th Avenue, and Pierce and Fillmore Streets at their intersection with 6th Avenue to match the scope of the existing contract. This Change Order also proposes unit adjustments to proposed 26th Avenue from Paramount Boulevard to Georgia Street as well as on Ross Street from I-40 to 3rd Avenue. Mr. Miller stated TxDot built the new intersections with future standards. This area will be resurfaced to match the profile mill of the existing intersections. This item was presented by Floyd Hartman, CIP Director and Alan Harder, Civil Engineer. 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.

Mayor Nelson advised that Council would resume back into executive session on August 29, 2017. Mr. McKamie stated Council meeting would recess to resume tomorrow (August 30, 2017) to reconvene under Texas Government Code §551.041. The meeting was Called to Order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. McKamie announced that the Council would resume the previously announced executive session under Texas Government Code §551.071. The Council reconvened to regular meeting at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST:


 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


 Ginger Nelson, Mayor