

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 5th day of March 2019, the Amarillo City Council met at 12:00 p.m. for a work session which was held in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 601 South Buchanan Street, with the following members present:

ELAINE HAYS	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
FREDA POWELL	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
EDDY SAUER	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
HOWARD SMITH	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

JARED MILLER	CITY MANAGER
MICHELLE BONNER	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS	CITY ATTORNEY
STEPHANIE COGGINS	ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY


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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Fisher, 4410 Van Kirston Drive, stated members of the City Council and the City Manager were recently lobbying against the property tax caps and to cut school funding. He stated John Gates, a City Health Inspector, on several occasions looked at the septic system at his business. He stated the pipes were not connected to anything and they were previously cut and capped. Gary Prescott, 10000 Amarillo Boulevard, read the oath of office taken by Council. He provided a definition of a plat and stated there were laws, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights regarding the taking of property without compensation. Claudette Smith, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, inquired about the rental of the Civic Center for nonprofits and veterans. She stated the Civic Center should be made more accessible to the citizens and nonprofits. She stated the parking meters will force citizens to use the parking garage. She further stated Mayor Nelson was teaming up with the Chamber for an event and she believed it was a conflict of interest. Rusty Tomlinson, 5700 Canyon Drive, spoke on the need to remove the Confederacy statue in Ellwood Park. He stated this was something going on across the nation. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Road, stated public comment was not transparent since it was not aired. He spoke on the Open Meetings Act and possible violations occurring. He inquired about Council's meeting in Executive Session discussing the City Manager's performance and compensation. He stated the need for more people to be looking at the Civic Center expansion. He spoke on the costs of elections. He further stated that HB 2648 and SB 226 would remove statues and other things in parks sanitizing our history. He commented that this was not the way to preserve our history. There were no further comments.

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ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Ginger Nelson, Mayor