

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 13th day of February 2018, 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 MILLER
MICHELLE BONNER
MICK MCKAMIE
ANDREW FREEMAN
FRANCES HIBBS

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

Mayor Pro Tem Sauer 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, stated the job fair received a good response. He stated he has been involved with the design of baseball fields and he was concerned about the dugout suites because fans would sit further from the game. He also inquired if all the suites were purchased. There were no further comments.

ITEM 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sauer 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 A-B and D-E of the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting AYE were Mayor Pro Tem Sauer, Councilmembers Hays, Powell and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

Sherman Bass, Civic Center Manager, spoke on Item 1C. He stated the digital sign would be replaced but the structure would remain the same. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to approve Item 1C, seconded by Councilmember Hays.

Voting AYE were Mayor Pro Tem Sauer, Councilmembers Hays, Powell and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

A. **MINUTES:**

Approval of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting and special meeting held on February 6, 2018.

B. **ORDINANCE NO. 7710:**

(Contact: Jared Miller, City Manager)

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance to consider amending Ordinance No. 7700 to revise the guidelines for appointments to the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board.

C. **CONSIDER AWARD -- PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT LED MARQUEE FOR CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX:**

(Contact: Bo Fowlkes, Assistant General Manager)

Award to Wellborn Sign Company/Daktronics -- \$83,492.50

This is a replacement of the digital marquee sign included in the outdoor monument at the Civic Center Complex located on Buchanan Street. Funding for this award is available in the FY 2016 Capital Improvement Fund for the Civic Center Complex.

D. **CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR A TXDOT GRANT TO CONDUCT PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTIMODAL TRANSIT FACILITY:**

(Contact: Marita Wellage-Reiley, Transit Director)

This item is for the authorization to make application to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for a \$300,000 competitive grant to conduct planning for the development of a multimodal transit center (80/20 matching grant, City portion is \$60,000). If approved, the City of Amarillo will conduct a needs analysis, site search, preliminary design, appraisal, and preparation of federally required paperwork to begin land acquisition and construction of a multimodal transit facility. The study will consider and expand upon the recommendations of the Transit Master Plan and incorporate consideration of intercity transit services provided by Greyhound.

E. **AMENDMENT -- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:**

(Contact: Jared Miller, City Manager)

Blackridge -- \$120,000

The item amends the existing professional services agreement with Blackridge extending the existing agreement for one-year and provides for a one-year renewal. Blackridge provides the City of Amarillo representation before the Texas Legislature and other State agencies.

REGULAR AGENDA

Items taken out of order.

ITEM 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sauer opened a public hearing to gather comments for and against the annexation of a 91.334 acre property situated south of the city limits, and located near the southwest corner of the intersection of South Georgia Street and West Loop 335, and extending west/southwest along West Loop 335. This item was presented by Cody Balzen, Planner I. Mayor Pro Tem Sauer opened this item for public comment. There were no further comments. Mayor Pro Tem Sauer closed the public hearing.

ITEM 3: Mayor Pro Tem Sauer presented an item to construct the site grading, surface drainage, and concrete flat work in anticipation of new play equipment, swings, and splash pad. Electrical upgrades are also included to provide additional lighting for the parking lot and for the walking path around the park. A multi-purpose court with fencing, shade structures, picnic tables and benches are part of this bid package. This item was presented by Rod Tweet, Parks & Recreation Director. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to approve this award, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting AYE were Mayor Pro Tem Sauer, Councilmembers Hays, Powell and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Pro Tem Sauer presented an item awarding the installation of the play structure, splash pad and adult exercise stations for Gene Howe Neighborhood Park area. The improvements will consist of a drain away splash pad with 10-spray features. The splash pad will be 1,257 square feet circular concrete pad with a color safety surface. Utility hook-ups will be provided as part of the project. The play area equipment will be a newly designed marsh theme with cattails, log steps and frog themed play panels. Both the play area and the splash pad are themed together. The adult fitness equipment will include a 4-person lower body combo and a 4-person pendulum and dip station upper body combo. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to approve this award, seconded by Councilmember Hays.

Voting AYE were Mayor Pro Tem Sauer, Councilmembers Hays, Powell and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

Item taken out of order (first).

ITEM 5: Mayor Nelson stated appointments were needed to the First Responders Excellence and Innovation Fund Board. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to appoint Mayor Ginger Nelson and Councilmember Howard Smith, 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.

Mayor Nelson stated that two citizens at-large were also needed to be appointed to this board. She suggested two individuals with the 100 Club, current President Brian Fleming and President-elect Suzanne Talley. Councilmember Hays stated she wished to appoint only one representative from the 100 Club. Mayor Nelson suggested the position be filled with the 100 Club President. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to appoint the President of the 100 Club and Melynn Huntley, 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.

Mayor Nelson left after this item.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Ginger Nelson, Mayor