

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 12th day of June 2018, the Amarillo City Council met at 3:30 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:

**Note:** This meeting was moved to the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 South Buchanan Street, Grand Plaza due to a water break at City Hall. The Work Session began at 4:25 p.m.

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  
LESLIE SPEAR SCHMIDT  
STEPHANIE COGGINS  
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER  
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER  
SENIOR ASST. CITY ATTORNEY  
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Geneva Kirkpatrick. Mayor Nelson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A proclamation was presented for "Amateur Radio Operator Week."

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jill Humphrey, 7714 Pineridge Drive, stated Council represents all the people. She stated many people are passionate about animals. She asked Council not to be misled about the 70% release rate. She encouraged Council to follow a rescue group and see their daily desperation. She asked if Council was sticking to their story on G-7. She stated G-7 caused no injuries and did not require euthanasia. She asked Council to admit the lack of training. She further encouraged additional research on the 90 for 90 program. Karlen Cantrell, 8313 Barstow Drive, spoke on the proposed ordinance to reduce intake. She inquired why the City allows trapping of animals for sport. She suggested additional time for spay and neutering when vets are backed up. She also suggested 'Valid Breeders' be inspected. She suggested a policy for 18-months so that the Humane Society could get their clinic up and running. She presented an Animal Evaluation Matrix which protects the lives of animals. She also asked that Fosters not have to count their rescues as part of their allotted number of animals. Mike Fisher, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, stated 7 out of 10 homes have pets and 4 out of 10 are fans of baseball. He stated most people know what is going on in this City with the elected officials. He stated there was no need for additional drainage fees because of old software flexibility. He stated Council has added more red light cameras and propose raising the drainage fees. He stated the top issues are: real estate, construction and garbage. He asked Council to stop breaking the City that does not need fixing. Claudette Smith, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, quoted from a January 2018 article where Raymond Lee spoke about his previous employer and the use of rollout carts. He was quoted as saying there were 22,000 metal dumpsters in service, and he suggested phasing to a cart system. She asked if Council was falling on deaf ears because citizens do not want to lose their dumpsters. Rick Allsup, 5504 Andrews Avenue, spoke on the need for a low-barrier shelter for the homeless. He appealed to Council for the sacred rights of people. Noah Dawson, 1133 Sugarloaf Drive, stated everyone on the Council had good

intentions when they ran for office. Council has made negative actions with its support of the ballpark and G-7. He encouraged everyone to live by the slogan of the Boy Scouts, to help someone every day. He further stated the previous minutes were misquoted and should have been or resign. Dacia Anderson, 5227 Astoria Street, spoke about G-7 and her subsequent disgust with G-7's euthanasia. She stated during a meeting with the Mayor and City Manager was the first time that G-7 was labeled as aggressive. She stated G-7 did not attack other humans or anyone else. She questioned the second 911 call. She stated no one at AM&W observed G-7 to be aggressive, but AM&W took the owners word. She inquired if there was a policy in place for animals turned in for aggressiveness and that they be immediately euthanized. She stated G-7 had been in custody for 12 hours. She further stated she will continue to be the voice for the voiceless. James Schneck, 6216 Gainsborough suggested zero based budgeting to Council. He stated the need to recognize the 4<sup>th</sup> of July instead of being called a Route 66 Celebration. He also spoke on the drainage fee being a utility, and it being removed from the utility bill. He encouraged Council to make the software work. Alan Abraham, 7205 Southwest 35th Avenue, stated Council needed to rise to the occasion on the AM&W ordinance changes being addressed. Mr. Abraham stated the AM&W was an essential service although not as dramatic as police and fire, but just as important for the well-being of our citizens. Bettye Briggs, 1909 Currie Lane, spoke on Ordinance No. 7732. She asked that the alleys be paved or grated and the weeds mowed. She asked that these alleys be cleaned up and not take two years. She further stated she believed that people were using the North Heights as a personal dumping ground.

Mr. Miller stated the Bulky Waste objection is to pick up bulky items within 48 hours. Currently, the City services over 200 calls per month, and continues to work on clearing alleys using the Republic Services contract and City staff. He stated the need to enforce illegal dumping. Raymond Lee, encouraged citizens to call Solid Waste for any bulky items. He stated as more and more people use it, they will look into moving toward other mechanisms. Solid Waste will keep citizens posted in case of any equipment failure. He stated some of the issues were narrowness of alleys, gas meters, and debris in alleys. He stated he believed this service for bulky items was effective and more efficient, and they do work around parked cars and will call citizens. He stated the bulky item pickup was quicker service then placing it in the alleys. The City will use Republic Services in the four north neighborhoods to focus on chronic illegal dumping. Mr. Lee stated the City did a sweep of all the alleys, approximately eight months ago, and the second sweep is still in progress. He stated they are still seeing issues as soon as alleys are cleaned up. He stated they continue to look for solutions to resolve these types of issues. He stated before they use cameras in alleys, they will talk to residents before the cameras are placed, and explain the results they hope to obtain. 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 correct the minutes to reflect 'and resign' to 'or resign', then approve the consent agenda as presented, 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 meeting and special meeting held on June 5, 2018.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 2: Mayor Nelson presented an ordinance to amend the City of Amarillo Municipal Code of Ordinances to provide for collection of solid waste utilizing rollout carts for the automated curbside collection program. It will enable the Solid Waste Division to provide curbside collection of trash in areas considered unsafe due to dead-end alleys, dumpsters in the street or on the walkway, dumpsters in front yards, and areas with hand collection. Additional changes to the Code are recommended to provide for the operation of the compost facility, improve the big and bulky collection program, implement permit fees, and to make minor grammatical and punctuation corrections. This item was presented by Raymond Lee, Director of Public Works. Councilmember Sauer inquired when they would begin to see replacements of the dumpsters on front curbs. Mr. Lee

responded there would be an educational piece, a meeting with residents, and the use of social media first but he hoped to begin late fall or early winter. This program would expand to areas with dead-end alleys, curbside collection or dumpsters in the front yards. Councilmember Powell inquired how many carts they were going to purchase. Mr. Lee replied around 5,000. Motion was made by Councilmember Sauer, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the following captioned ordinance be passed:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7732**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING TITLE VIII, CHAPTER 8-3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO TO ALLOW FOR AUTOMATED CURBSIDE TRASH COLLECTION AND HAND COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT WITH CORRESPONDING FEES AND REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR RENEWALS; PROVIDING FOR COMPOSTING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND 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.

Mayor Nelson stated she has skipped Item A(4) of the Work Session due to a death in Floyd Hartman's family. She stated this item would be presented at a future meeting.

ITEM 3: Mayor Nelson presented a resolution authorizing the City Council to annually select the Mayor Pro Tempore. The Mayor Pro Tempore assumes the roles of the Mayor when the Mayor is unavailable. Councilmember Sauer stated Mayor Nelson wears the weight of the Council on Tuesdays, and he thanked her for her service and the opportunity to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Hays stated she would be willing to serve if appointed. She stated Mayor Nelson made it look easy, and she further thanked Councilmember Sauer for his service. Motion was made by Councilmember Sauer to nominate Councilmember Hays, 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 then made by Councilmember Sauer, seconded by Councilmember Powell, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-12-18-1**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL SELECTION OF THE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; 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 4: Mayor Nelson presented a resolution as part of the Texas Water Development Board TWDB loan requirements of the Resolution for CID 01 – City Project JOB# 521725, Bid # 5222 Arden Road 36-Inch Transmission Pipeline and Pump Station Improvements is to be approved and accepted by the City Council. This project was awarded to S.J. Louis Construction of Texas, Ltd. on January 26, 2016. The final contract amount after a total of four change orders is \$14,582,830.55. This item was presented by Kyle Schhiederjan, Interim CP&DE Director. Mr. Miller stated this item is a procedural item with the assistance of TWDB for the infrastructural projects. Kyle Schneiderjohn presented this item. He stated this resolution accepts this project and closes out the documentation and provides positive recognition of years of work. The funding was provided by TWDB Clean Water Fund at a low interest rate through the State of Texas.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hays, seconded by Councilmember Sauer, that the following captioned resolution be passed:




RESOLUTION NO. 06-12-18-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO APPROVING AND ACCEPTING CID01 ARDEN ROAD 36-INCH TRANSMISSION PIPELINE AND PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS (CITY PROJECT NO. 521725, BID NO. 5222); 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
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Ginger Nelson, Mayor