

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 18th day of April 2017, the Amarillo City Council met at 3:30 p.m. for a work session and then at 5:00 p.m. for the regular session in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

PAUL HARPOLE	MAYOR
ELISHA DEMERSON	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
LISA BLAKE	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
RANDY BURKETT	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
MARK NAIR	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

JARED H. MILLER	CITY MANAGER
BOB COWELL	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
MICK MCKAMIE	CITY ATTORNEY
BLAIR SNOW	MANAGEMENT ANALYST
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Kerry G. Tilley. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for: "Beta Sigma Phi Week," "Community Development Week," and "Amarillo Professional Fire Fighters Local 542 'Fill the Boot Days.'"

Mr. Miller introduced new employee, Andrew Freeman, Economic Development Manager.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

James McCown, 3717 Langtry Court, spoke about the shortage of baseball fields and on behalf of the Amarillo Rotary Baseball League, he inquired about water for the irrigation system for the youth baseball fields. Robert Goodrich, 4111 Stony Point, spoke in regards to Items 2 and 6. He suggested no charges for parking in the city-owned parking garage. He further stated the LGC loan agreement for finish-out in the parking garage retail space should be completed by the tenants. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Drive, stated the public forum does not allow feedback on non-consent agenda items. He also inquired about the loan of funds to LGC, and if it included interest. There were no further comments.

**ITEM 1:** Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Councilmember Nair inquired about the lifespan of generators. Mr. Hartman replied they were surplus generators when they were put into service. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Blake.

- A. **Minutes:**  
Approval of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 2017.
- B. **Award – Professional Services for City of Amarillo Audio and Video Solutions:**  
Amarillo Media Systems, LLC -- \$200,000.00  
This three-year agreement will provide audio/video design and implementation services for City departments.

- C. Award – Renewal Insurance Contract for Law Enforcement Liability Insurance:  
Award to Neely, Craig and Walton -- \$172,564.00  
This award is to approve the purchase of the renewal of Law Enforcement Liability Insurance.
- D. Award – Purchase of Lift Station #40 Standby Generator:  
Award to Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc. -- \$57,700.00  
This item is a replacement of Lift Station #40 Standby Generator. This equipment is used when the power is lost so the Lift Station will keep operating correctly. The current generator is 30-plus years old and beyond its service life.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

### **NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

**ITEM 2:** Mayor Harpole presented the first reading of an ordinance regulating parking within the downtown parking garage and establishing parking fees for the parking garage. This item was presented by Bob Cowell. He stated the fee would be \$2.00 for the first two-hours, maximum of \$7.00 per day; exemptions would be on Sundays and Tuesday evenings unless there was a special event. Motion was made by Councilmember Blake, seconded by Councilmember Nair, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 7665

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO: REGULATING PARKING WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN PARKING GARAGE; ESTABLISHING PARKING FEES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CRIMINAL PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 3:** Mayor Harpole presented a resolution denying the surcharge related to Docket No. 45524 submitted by Southwestern Public Service Company, authorizing participation in a coalition of similarly situated cities, authorizing participation in related rate proceedings, requiring the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses, and authorizing the retention of special counsel. This item was presented by Jared Miller. The rate case costs are being disputed and will be determined by the PUC. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, and seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 04-18-17-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS ("CITY") DENYING THE SURCHARGE RELATED TO DOCKET NO. 45524 SUBMITTED BY SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY ON OR ABOUT APRIL 6, 2017; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATING IN A COALITION OF SIMILARLY SITUATED CITIES; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RELATED RATE PROCEEDINGS; REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 4:** Mayor Harpole presented a resolution authorizing the City to seek and distribute State funds, pursuant to article 5190.14, Section 5C of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes for the qualifying event. Motion was made by Councilmember Blake, and seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

## RESOLUTION NO. 04-18-17-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK AND DISTRIBUTE STATE FUNDS, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5190.14, SECTION 5C OF THE TEXAS REVISED CIVIL STATUTES, A QUALIFYING EVENT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution authorizing the City to seek and distribute State funds, pursuant to Article 5190.14, Section 5C of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes, in cooperation with the Amarillo-Potter Events Venue District, for the qualifying event. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, and seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

## RESOLUTION NO. 04-18-17-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK AND DISTRIBUTE STATE FUNDS, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5190.14, SECTION 5C OF THE TEXAS REVISED CIVIL STATUTES IN COOPERATION WITH THE AMARILLO-POTTER EVENTS VENUE DISTRICT, FOR A QUALIFYING EVENT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole presented an agreement between the City of Amarillo and the Amarillo Local Government Corporation for a loan of up to \$1,000,000 for the purpose of finishing out and initial operation of the retail portion of the downtown parking garage. The 2016/2017 approved annual budget included the expenditure of up to \$1,000,000 for this purpose. To facilitate the use of these funds it is necessary for the two parties to enter into the loan agreement. The Local Government Corporation will consider approval of the agreement at their meeting on April 19, 2017. Councilmember Nair stated he was sensitive to Mr. Goodrich's prior comments, but he believed Council needed to continue funding what was previously agreed. Mr. Cowell stated none of the finish out dollars will be used until there is a signed lease. Mayor Harpole stated the amount of space will differ. Councilmember Burkett stated they were obligated to build the garage per the agreement. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair and seconded by Councilmember Blake, to approve this agreement.


Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson and Nair; voting NO was Councilmember Burkett; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

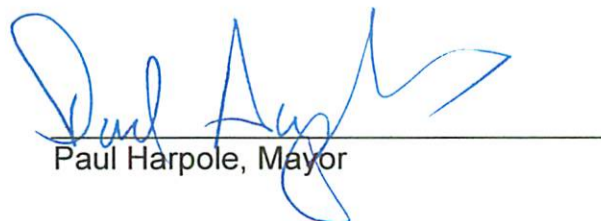
ITEM 7: Mayor Harpole presented a contract for Waste Water Collection Improvements for the replacement of select sanitary sewer lines between Southeast 28<sup>th</sup> and Southeast 30<sup>th</sup> Avenues and between Oliver Eakle Park and I-27. This project includes the abandonment of two sanitary sewer crossings underneath I-27. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett and seconded by Councilmember Demerson, to approve this agreement.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
Paul Harpole, Mayor