

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 23rd day of February 2016, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 p.m. for a work session and then at 5:00 p.m. for the regular session both held 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 L. DEMERSON	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
BRIAN J. EADES	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
RANDY BURKETT	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
MARK NAIR	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

TERRY CHILDERS	INTERIM CITY MANAGER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Kevin Deckard, Polk Street United Methodist Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes for February 16, 2016. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approve the minutes; motion was seconded by Councilmember Demerson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance first reading for an ordinance amending the Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 14-2 to reallocate a fractional use distribution of the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT). Mr. Childers stated when City Council adopted the hotel tax, it specified an amount to be used for the Convention and Visitor Council (CVC). Bond Counsel recommended removing the distribution from the ordinance and not earmarking the funds. The City will continue to fund the CVC as it has in the past. Councilmember Nair stated it would now follow state statute. James Schenck, 6316 Gainsborough Street, expressed his concerns on leveraging the HOT tax for the parking garage and ballpark. Mr. Childers stated this ordinance amendment would allow the City to follow the state statute to support the two catalyst projects with the HOT. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7586
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO,
TEXAS: AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 14-
2, ARTICLE III, SECTION 14-2-52(b)(4) TO REMOVE ALLOCATION
RESTRICTIONS AND ALLOW DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOTEL
OCCUPANCY TAX IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING
FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR
CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING PENALTY; PROVIDING
FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance first reading for an ordinance which would amend Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 18-2 to add a new Article VI, Sections 18-2-100 to 18-2-130, including procedures and definitions, adopt regulations and placing a Cross-Connection Program into the City of Amarillo Municipal Code.

Andrew Holley, 51st Avenue, expressed concerns about Section 18-2-104, Irrigation Systems, specifically he asked if being 'more stringent' was necessary. He further inquired about Section 18-2-110, Residential Service Connection and Section 18-2-118, Violation and Fines. Mr. Hartman stated the purpose was to follow state law and current rules would apply. A garden hose would not be a material change but construction or reconstruction to a home would apply. He further stated that the ordinance does include an appeals process. Kevin Robinson, Assistant Building Official, stated that inspections have been going on since the late 1980's, and these laws are in place through TECQ rules to protect potable water. Councilmember Demerson expressed concern with government overreach and asked if this item was time sensitive. Mr. Hartman replied that it needed to be done by the end of March. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Mayor Harpole, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7585

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 18-2, CREATING NEW ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 18-2-100 TO 18-2-130 AND PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, REQUIREMENTS, GUIDELINES, AND OTHER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Eades and Nair; Voting NO were Councilmembers Demerson and Burkett; the motion carried by a 3:2 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance rezoning Lot 11, Block 9, Fairview Townsite Addition, in Section 123, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, to change from Residential District 3 to Residential District 3 with a specific use permit for placement of a Type B manufactured home in the vicinity of Southeast 8th Avenue and Spring Street. Mr. Shaw stated there were no negative comments were received. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7584

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR CHANGE OF USE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF SOUTHEAST 8TH AVENUE AND SPRING STREET, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole advised that appointments are needed for a certain board. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Eades to reappoint Bill Bandy, Thomas Jones, Mary Jane Nelson, Ruben Rivera and Jeffery Studer to the Community Development Advisory Committee, such terms to expire December 31, 2017.

Mr. Childers stated staff recommends reappointment of the Community Development Advisory Committee members and they have expressed their willingness to serve again. Councilmember Burkett inquired about the definition of Target Area. Mr. Allen stated that the last census noted that 51% of the people have low or moderate incomes, and the Target Area is approximately 40% of Amarillo.

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

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Councilmember Nair inquired on Item B, Outdoor Warning Sirens. Councilmember Demerson asked that Items E and F be considered separately.

Mr. Kevin Starbuck, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that these replacement sirens were installed in the 1960's. The older sirens cannot be fit with a battery backup in case of power failure. Their rating is also three times the coverage range. The sirens will be replaced at 10th and Roberts Street, Robert E. Lee and Avondale schools. Also, due to growth, a new siren will be installed at Hillside and Coulter Streets. Mr. Starbuck stated the sirens are inspected every year and tested every month. Councilmember Demerson inquired if the City collaborated with PRPC and other communities in the area. Mr. Starbuck replied that the surrounding areas may acquire the older sirens because they are still working. He further stated they maintain the sirens for Potter and Randall Counties. Councilmember Burkett inquired as to the total number of sirens. Mr. Starbuck stated there were 62 and 88 in the entire system. Mr. Starbuck stated the sirens are intended to warn the public who may be outdoors, the public should not count on this system as their sole source for warnings. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to approve Items A-D and G of the consent agenda and authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Demerson.

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

Mr. James Allen, Community Development Administrator, stated these rehabs are primarily funded through HUD. He stated the property at 607 North Monroe would have at some point been demolished. A private developer has met HUD guidelines and qualifications. The four units will be monitored and maintained over the next 20-years. Mr. Allen stated the property at 3501 Southeast 21 Avenue is also a rental rehab. This property will provide three new affordable housing units, increase property value and collaborates with the private sector. Councilmember Burkett inquired if the owners would keep the properties or sell them. Mr. Allen replied that if they were sold the funds would come back for reinvestment in future projects. The Promissory Note was with no interest and would be pro rata if the property was sold. Roscoe Wiley, 3131 Redwood Street, stated these renovated apartments would improve the city. Jason Lamons, 4421 South Mirror Street, stated this new construction would add three new rental units for the community. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approve Items E and F of the consent agenda and authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Eades.

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

A. Purchase – Fire Truck, Grass and Wildland:

Award using HGAC Contract meeting specifications:

Hall Buick GMC (Ferrara Fire Apparatus Dealer) -- \$213,569.00

This item is the scheduled replacement of Fire Truck 5701, 2001 International Grass-Rig that has reached or exceeded useable life approved in the 2015-2016 budget. This award will be used by the City of Amarillo Fire Department for daily operational requirements.

B. Award – Outdoor Warning Sirens:

Federal Sign Corporation – \$76,340.00

This item is for the purchase of four (4) Federal Signal 508 outdoor warning sirens with controllers and metal poles. Project will add a new siren in the area of Hillside and Coulter and replace three (3) existing sirens at 10th Avenue and Roberts, Lee Elementary and Avondale School. Installation services will be bid separately.

- C. Award – Electrical System Components:
B&D Industries, Inc. -- \$259,765.35

This contract is replacement of electrical system components at a sanitary sewer lift station, including upgrades to the building to meet current code requirements.

- D. Award – Water and Sewer Relocations:
Brandt Engineers Corp. -- \$411,829.00

This contract is for professional engineering services to design the water and sewer main relocations for the TxDOT expansion project on Hollywood Road (Loop 335) from Bell Street to Soncy Road.

- E. Approval – Rental Housing Rehabilitation Project:
Award to Roscoe Wiley -- \$120,597.00
Property at: 607 North Monroe Street

This is approval of a rental housing rehabilitation project to renovate a multi-family unit at 607 North Monroe Street. Of the \$241,194 total cost for this project, the project owner will provide \$120,597 of the funding. The City Community Development Block Grant Home Rental Rehabilitation Program will provide the remainder or \$120,597 of project funding.

- F. Approval – Rental Housing Rehabilitation Project:
Award to: Jason Lamons -- \$128,580.00
Property at: 3501 Southeast 21st Avenue

This is approval of a rental housing rehabilitation project to renovate a multi-family unit at 3501 Southeast 21st Avenue. Of the \$257,160 total cost for this project, the project owner will provide \$128,580 of the funding. The City Community Development Block Grant Home Rental Rehabilitation Program will provide the remainder or \$128,580 of project funding.

- G. Approval – Engineering Services Agreement for Planning and Design Services:
Parkhill Smith & Cooper (PS&C) -- \$192,270.00
(\$247,032 if inclusion of optional Task 3)

This Engineering Services Agreement provides for preparation of a 5-year Strategic Plan for development of landfill disposal cells 10 and 11, airspace consumption, drainage, alternative daily cover, tire disposal, final cover and gas management. Additionally a second contract task provides for construction documents for expansion of landfill cell 10. An optional task in the agreement provides construction phase services to the City during the bidding and construction of Landfill Cell 10 expansion.

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


Mayor Harpole announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but this time is reserved to hear from any citizen concerning matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services not on today's agenda. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Council can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of City policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda.

Chris Searight, 1903 Beech Street, expressed concerns about Ordinance No. 7333 and the gaps in services. He inquired about the findings of the committee's report and his learning of a formed subcommittee. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, inquired about Civic Center space that was donated to a recent event. Rusty Tomlinson, 5700 Canyon Drive, #22, stated he was a Green Party candidate for Mac Thornberry's position. He further suggested to the Council that they do research on the Housing First program. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated the need for

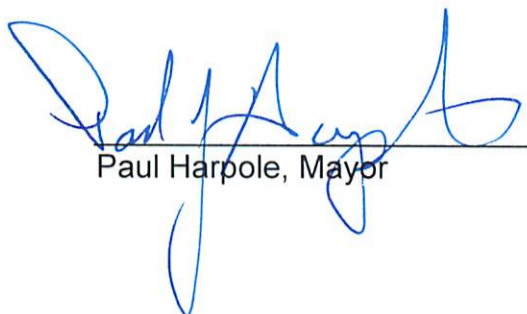
unconventional shelters or a campground for the homeless; more patrol officers to do alley checks in high crime neighborhoods; and that the shift supervisors at the fire departments need to check if their personnel stay up before a night shift. Kent Russ, 5860 Grande Drive, stated he was concerned about the homeless and the need to make it a priority. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor