

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 2nd day of August 2016, 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:

PAUL HARPOLE	MAYOR
ELISHA L. DEMERSON	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
LISA BLAKE	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
RANDY BURKETT	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3

Absent was Councilmember Mark Nair. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

TERRY CHILDERS	INTERIM CITY MANAGER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS	DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY
BLAIR SNOW	MANAGEMENT ANALYST
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Lisa Blake. 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 July 26, 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: Sonya Letson, Municipal Court Judge gave the Oath of Office to Lisa Blake. She will fill the unexpired term of Brian J. Eades.

ITEM 3: A statement was given by Councilmember Blake.

ITEM 4: Mr. Childers stated this item would be pulled for a future date.

RESOLUTION NO. _____
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS RENAMING THE
NORTH YMCA TO CHARLES E. WARFORD ACTIVITY CENTER.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. James Allen, Community Development Administrator, spoke on Item B. He stated this was for a four-unit affordable housing in Southeast Amarillo. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Burkett. Edmond Johnston, 2116 South Hayden Street, inquired as to the increase on Item A. Floyd Hartman, CIP Director, stated the scope of this change order was to remove approximately 2,000 feet of the 8,000 feet pipe from the ground to be tested to determine the reason it failed.

A. Approval – Change Order No. 1 – Job # 521943: Hillside Terrace Estates 30" Sewer Replacement Contract 1-Soncy Road to Arden Road Project:

Original Contract:	\$ 986,565.00
Previous Change Orders:	\$ -
Current Change Order:	\$ 54,785.00
Revised Contract Total:	\$ 1,041,350.00

This item is to approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Condie Construction Company, Inc. for additional work required on the 30" sewer pipeline and sampling of existing pipe.

B. Approval - Agreement with Jason Lamons for the construction of a multi-family rental unit and award of \$225,500 from the City's Home Rental Rehabilitation Program:

This is approval of a rental housing rehabilitation project to construct a multi-family rental unit at 3501 SE 21st. Of the \$445,000 total cost for this project, the project owner will provide \$222,500 of the funding. The Home Rental Rehabilitation Program will provide the remainder or \$222,500 of project funding. The Community Development funding is from federal funds allocated to the City for this purpose.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake and Burkett; Voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

Mr. Childers stated Council had preliminary discussions on the proposed bond propositions. With the help of Bond Counsel they have identified seven different propositions: street and traffic, public safety projects, municipal facilities, parks and recreation facilities, Civic Center improvements, vehicles and fleet, and athletic facilities. Council will make a recommendation for the tax rate. The maximum would be twenty cents over four years, but it could be less.


ITEM 6: Russell Grubbs presented the artwork for the 2016 Every Drop Counts Calendar winners. There were more than 30 submissions, K-2nd grade; 3rd -5th grade; middle school, and high school. Nine finalists were selected.

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.

William Sumerford, 6103 Blue Sage Circle, read a prepared statement. He requested funding sources to include AEDC and AEDC changed to a Type B corporation. Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, presented a spreadsheet and he stated he supported Mr. Sumerford's comments. Edmond Johnston, 2116 South Hayden Street, apologized to Mayor Harpole. Jim Lowder, 6723 Emerald Court, commended staff on preparation of the budget and items presented by City staff but he urged caution. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, agreed with the previous speakers. He suggested the taxation concerns be addressed in May, and suggested a study done on the specific proposed capital improvements. Danny South, 7003 Windridge Place, stated he has spoken before on changing AEDC to Type B. Alan Abraham, 7205 Southwest 35th Avenue, stated he was disappointed in Council's handling of the City's resources due to the backlog of infrastructure. He further stated many abatements and rebates have been invested in the downtown revitalization. He asked that the ballot in May include a referendum to move AEDC to a Type B corporation. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, concurred with changing AEDC to a Type B. He questioned the seven proposed propositions on the ballot and raising fees and taxes. Keith Grays, 2326 Northwest 11th Avenue, stated the Council has not listen during the Community Engagement meetings and that pedestrian crosswalks are needed to protect students crossing the streets on Hughes to Northeast 24th Avenue. Lila Mitchell, 3124 Redwood Street, stated the children of north Amarillo need activities and to get involved. Robert Goodrich, 4111 Stony Point, stated the need for an advocate for the private citizens. Dipak Patel, 46 Colonial Drive, inquired as to how many conventions have been booked and how much HOT tax supports the convention hotel. He also stated a need for welcome signs. Tom Warren, 2000 South Hughes Street, stated not many people are wanting a tax increase and Council needs to look at changing AEDC. He also stated the need for open dialogue and to listen to the citizens. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole stated that the meeting was adjourned and the Council would go into Executive Session.

ATTEST:


 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


 Paul Harpole, Mayor