

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 9th 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
ELISHA L. DEMERSON
LISA BLAKE
RANDY BURKETT
MARK NAIR

MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

TERRY CHILDERS
MICK MCKAMIE
JACKSON ZAHARIA
FRANCES HIBBS

INTERIM CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Manny De Los Santos. 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 August 2, 2016. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approve the minutes; motion was seconded by Councilmember Demerson.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake and Burkett Voting NO were none; Councilmember Nair abstained; the motion carried by a 4:0:1 vote of the Council.

ITEM 2: Mr. Childers stated they have worked with Bond Counsel and the City Attorney to create the necessary propositions for the November ballot. Seven propositions were developed in accordance to the statutory requirements and for the approval of the Attorney General. The \$340 million five-year Community Investment Plan for consideration would be grouped together with like projects. Mayor Harpole presented charts detailing the proposed overall property tax increases for Potter and Randall Counties. Councilmember Nair stated detailed lists would be made available on the City's website. Councilmember Blake stated she appreciated the transparency and clarity of the propositions and that the final decisions will rest with the voters.

Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, presented a document with data calculations. He also stated the City would also be proposing water, sewage and drainage rate increases. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated Council has not mentioned the water and drainage rate increases. He inquired if the proposals were going over and above what we are currently providing. Paul Matney, 3918 Eaton Drive, stated Council has done some important work with the Community Investment Plan and Wise Investments. He stated these changes would make a difference today and for generations to come. He further stated it is time to start in investing in Amarillo's future again. Charlene Cole, 6805 Rochelle Lane, stated Proposition 3 supported a new senior center and the senior centers are struggling in Amarillo.

Trevor Caviness, 2410 Lipscomb Street, stated the City has seen the needs and has the completed surveys. Keith Grays, 2326 Northwest 11 Avenue, stated the community engagement meetings have allowed the citizens to become involved. Council has heard from the citizens from all communities and the need to improve the equality of life for all of Amarillo's citizens. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, inquired as to the bond rate and total finance charges anticipated. Mr. Childers replied they have not nor

have they attempted to develop these amounts until the bonds are sold because of the number of assumptions that need to be made. Mr. Childers further stated they are not proposing to issue all the debt at once but over a five-year period. Tony Freeman, 3916 Linda Drive, inquired as to the consequence if we do not fund these projects. Mr. Freeman also spoke about the lack of youth baseball fields. Cindi Bulla, 1400 Reagan Court, stated she was in favor for putting these items on the ballot. Ray Dodson, 5601 Spencer, stated on behalf of senior citizens, she encourage voting for these propositions. Stan Morris, 6308 Calumet Street, echoed some of the previous comments. He also reminded the Council of something Mr. Warford had just said about standing on the shoulders of giants. He stated we all have enjoyed the benefits made by prior giants in the community. The responsibility of the current citizenship is to practice good stewardship, and fiduciary to take care of those resources.

Jim Lowder, 6723 Emerald Court, inquired as to the percentage of projects that are shovel ready. Mr. Childers replied that they do not have projects ready until there is final approval. Councilmember Demerson stated he supported taking these seven propositions to a bond election so that citizens could determine which ones the community is willing to move forward. Mr. Lowder encouraged the Council to prioritize the items and take it slow. Kathy Altman, 2105 South Lipscomb Street, stated that Council should put off the projects unless they are crucial or essential, including the ballpark. Mayor Harpole closed public hearing.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented a proposed resolution to call November 8, 2016 election to fund the five-year capital plan. Councilmember Demerson stated the Council does not want to appear to be biased in any way and has decided the best way is to offer options to the voters. Councilmember Blake stated the Council has done a great job at listening to the citizens and being transparent. Councilmember Blake further stated Council has asked the City Manager to present to Council by January 15, 2017 an economic development strategic plan.

Councilmember Burkett, also stated Council has been discussing the possibility of a TIRZ on the east side of town. Mayor Harpole stated a group of citizens have said they can raise \$25 million to support youth activities. Mr. McKamie stated the resolution contains the actual ballot language for the November ballot. If the resolution passes tonight, Council cannot be advocates on any of these items, they may only give factual information. Mayor Harpole stated Council will be allowed to attend meetings, but they may only state facts. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair and seconded by Councilmember Blake, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-16-2
A RESOLUTION ORDERING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE
CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE
CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS
INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION.

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

Item taken out of order.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution to rename the North Branch YMCA building located at 1330 Northwest 18th Avenue to the Charles E. Warford Activity Center. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson and seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-16-1
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS RENAMING THE
NORTH YMCA TO CHARLES E. WARFORD ACTIVITY CENTER.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake, 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 conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of an accessory structure located at 601 West Amarillo Boulevard. Motion was made by Councilmember Blake to select Option(s) II and V seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-16-3

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED HEREIN ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND REQUIRING THE TAKING DOWN AND REMOVAL OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS, PROVIDING FOR FILING OF LIENS, PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Harpole opened the public meeting.

Randy Schuster, Interim Building Official, Roscoe White, Dennis Cobbins, Keith Grays, John Tyler, were all sworn in. Mr. Schuster stated the property at 601 West Amarillo Boulevard consists of four buildings (three residential-motel type use and one assembly ballroom, office, restaurant use), a pool, a sign, a pergola and solid waste accumulations. The structure has had fire damage on four separate occasions. There has been minimal attempt by the owner to repair the structures. The Amarillo Police Department has been called more than 30 times over the last five years. There have been no permits or recent activity. The property is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment. There are no current taxes or delinquent taxes due on the property. There is an active water account. The City is owed \$186.35 for prior mowing and cleanup. Mayor Harpole asked if there was an owner, property owner or neighbor in attendance. No owner or lien holder appeared. Councilmember Burkett inquired if there was an estimate to clear property. Mr. Schuster stated he had no idea and it would depend on how much asbestos there was in the structures. Roscoe White, 3131 Redwood Street, stated the buildings are in bad shape. There are vagrants coming and going from the structure and drug activity. Dennis Cobbins, 1300 North Taylor Street, stated he is a manager at an adjacent building. He stated there was high traffic, unsavory people and rodents. He stated he has waited a long time for something to be done. Keith Grays, 2326 Northwest 11 Avenue, stated there are many empty buildings in the area such as the St. Anthony's hospital. He requested the structures be removed so developers could see the potential in the area. John Tyler, 209 North Belleview Street, stated he builds homes for veterans and he would like to see what he could do about renovating the structures for veterans or the homeless. Councilmember Nair inquired why it has taken six years. Mr. Schuster stated Mr. Swan had come up with a plan to redevelop the structures much like Mr. Tyler had mentioned but Mr. Swan could not make it work. There were no other comments. Mayor Harpole closed the public hearing.

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

Mr. McKamie stated Judge Robinson has dismissed the complaint for equal protection and due process on the Amarillo Municipal Court regarding misdemeanor crimes. This decision was dismissed in favor of the City.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Kevin Starbuck, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that Item 5D, was for training for the siren techs. The signal techs learn maintenance for the sirens and the grant funds half that position. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Nair.

- A. Purchase – Heavy Trucks:
Awarded to low bidder meeting specification:
Premier Truck Group – \$101,439.00
This item is the scheduled replacement of a heavy truck that has reach or exceeded usable life approved in the 2015-2016 replacement budget.
- B. Award – Top Dress Sand Annual Contract:
Texas Sand and Gravel -- \$66,000.00
This award is to approve an annual contract for the purchase of top dress sand for the City of Amarillo.
- C. Acceptance – Pantex Plant Agreement-In-Principle Amendment No. 7 to Contract No. CP1205:

This item is acceptance of Amendment No. 7 to Contract CP1205 from the State Energy Conservation Office in the additional amount of \$50,650.00.

- D. Acceptance – FY2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant:
This item is acceptance of the FY2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Texas Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$65,906.20.
- E. Approval – Lease for Landfill Compactor:
Awarded to evaluated bidder meeting specification through BuyBoard Warren Cat -- \$14,186.00 per month
This item is the scheduled replacement of Landfill Compactor Unit 7254, 2010 Cat Landfill Compactor. Equipment has reached or exceeded usable life approved in the 2015-2016 replacement budget. Funding for this award is available in the approved FY 2015-2016 Fleet Services Equipment Fund.


Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake, 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.

Bob Roth, President of the Railroad Museum, inquired as to a public hearing to stop the sale of the Madame Queen. The Museum's goal would be to preserve the train. Carol Fuel, 4616 Buck Street, stated there were dangerous dogs in her neighborhood near Buck and Colorado Streets. Dipak Patel, 46 Colonial Drive, inquired as to how many conventions the Convention and Visitor's Council had booked for the new convention hotel. Mr. McKamie reminded Council that they would only give a factual statement. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor