

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 30th 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
MARK NAIR	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

TERRY CHILDERS	INTERIM CITY MANAGER
BOB COWELL	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
MICK MCKAMIE	CITY ATTORNEY
BLAIR SNOW	MANAGEMENT ANALYST
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Greg Dowell, Central Church of Christ. 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:

A proclamation was presented for "National Hunger Action Month."

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes for August 23, 2016. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approve the minutes; motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole opened a public hearing and stated that the City of Amarillo is considering a tax rate of \$0.35072. This proposed rate will raise more taxes than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.24 percent. The tax on an average home last year was \$419.43. The tax on an average home would be \$434.32 under the proposed rate. Michelle Bonner stated the wording addresses the effective tax rate needed to raise the same amount of revenue on the same property. She further announced the meeting times to adopt the tax rate, September 6 and 13. There would be a second public hearing and then two readings to adopt tax rate.

Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, questioned the 4% tax increase coming in November and inquired how to simplify and reduce the 3.24% increase to pennies. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated the reality is property valuations go up and then taxes go up. Mayor Harpole replied there is a process to protest a PRAD revaluation. Councilmember Nair stated there is a separation between the entities because of the undue influence on the appraisal district. Mr. McKamie stated the state did away with assessments and created the appraisal district to take it out of the political realm. Irma Heras, 1604 South Harrison Street, stated she was tired of getting told seniors' taxes are frozen. She asked the Council to consider people with fixed incomes. There were no further comments. Mayor Harpole closed the public hearing.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance rezoning a 44.81 acre tract of land in Section 106, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys and public ways, to change from Planned Development 26 and 274 to Light Commercial District. (Address: 1415 Sunrise Drive) Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Nair, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7619

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 INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 40 AND SUNRISE DRIVE, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS PLACE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO was Councilmember Demerson; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance authorizing the Amarillo Fire Department to conduct Prescribed Fires. As a part of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), this ordinance would authorize the Amarillo Fire Department to remove excess fire fuel vegetation through a fuel reduction program that includes the practice of burning off the hazardous vegetation. All prescribed fire functions will be conducted in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations.

Matt Ricks 7101 Wolflin Avenue, stated this ordinance was for the safety and the protection of the community. He stated there are hostile situations between the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service. He inquired if there were legal procedures for these practices. Chief Jeff Greenlee, stated this was no different than a weed abatement. Councilmember Nair stated Section 10-3-56 Preparation, stated the ultimate decision rests with the Chief and there are a series of steps written in the ordinance. Motion was made by Councilmember Blake, seconded by Councilmember Nair, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7618

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 10-2, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 10-2-16; ADDING ARTICLE IV, FIRE MITIGATION, SECTIONS 10-3-54 THROUGH 10-3-57; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; SEVERABILITY REPEALER; PENALTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO was Councilmember Demerson; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the 2016/2017 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Tutbury Public Improvement District (PID). The Tutbury PID is located within the Tutbury Subdivision in Southwest Amarillo. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Blake, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7617

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE TUTBURY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN PERIODIC INSTALLMENTS AND OBLIGATING PERSONS PURCHASING PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND AN

EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO was Councilmember Demerson; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

Item was taken out of order.

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole and Councilmembers presented a resolution honoring the services of City employee Vernie Jerome Lyons. Motion was made that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-30-16-1
A RESOLUTION HONORING CITY EMPLOYEE VERNIE "JEROME"
LYONS, JR.

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 7: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution approving the 2016/2017 Amarillo Convention and Visitor Council (CVC) budget with funding from hotel/motel occupancy tax revenue collected within the City. The Amarillo Convention and Visitor Council performs tourism, convention and cultural events, promotions and recruitment efforts for the City. Gary Molberg, 6302 Hyde Parkway, stated Dan Quandt has over 36 years of experience in hotel/motel business. Dan Quandt, gave a presentation on the 2016-2017 CVC budget proposal. Irma Heras, 1604 Harrison Street, stated she was a Board Member of the War Memorial and there needs to be signs advertising it on Interstate 40 and the need for brochures. Councilmember Nair left the meeting. Dipak Patel, 46 Colonial Drive, stated that over the last 16-years there has been approximately 20 new motels and more in the pipeline. He stated the CVC website needed work and the need for nice city signs advertising the tourist attractions. Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, stated the need for better advertising other attractions such as the Amarillo and Railroad Museums. Motion was made by Councilmember Blake, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-30-16-2
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING
EXPENDITURE OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE BY THE
AMARILLO CONVENTION AND VISITOR COUNCIL FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.

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

ITEM 8: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution approving the 2016/2017 Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Budget. This budget is funded by an existing one-half cent local sales tax and is utilized to attract and develop industrial, manufacturing and associated economic development enterprises as well as to retain and expand existing qualified business. These activities create employment and economic development opportunities for our community. This budget is recommended for approval by the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Doug Nelson, Interim Executive Director, presented the AEDC budget. The project fund is a mechanism AEDC uses to make investments in companies and projects that bring job creation and capital investment. Councilmember Burkett inquired if there were parameters on projects. Mr. Nelson responded that the Texas Enterprise Center monitors the grants. He further stated there have been 77 grant recipients with over 80% still in business. Texas Enterprise Center provides coaching and they stay in contact with the recipients as they go through process. Keith Grays, 707 South Polk Street, stated the ½ cent sales tax should be used for acquisitions of properties that have been abandoned in North Amarillo. Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, inquired if the complete budget could be acquired and out of the \$8.2 million of debt service, how much debt was it servicing. Mr. Nelson replied it was for two different bond issuances with the remaining balance being \$60 million.

Mr. Schenck asked Council to consider an expense policy and if Council was considering moving types of corporations could they continue to operate on an edge funding itself. Councilmember Blake inquired as to what steps needed to be developed for an expense policy and guidelines. Mr. Nelson stated there were no written policies. Councilmember Burkett encouraged receipts. Mr. Nelson stated they are aware of how perception is construed. Councilmember Blake inquired as to a timeframe for guidelines. Mayor Harpole stated he would call the Board. Councilmember Demerson stated through the Interim City Manager and City Attorney they would ensure that the public's interest is maintained and identify where it was not as robust and identified. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson, seconded by Mayor Harpole, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-30-16-3
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING
THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-
2017 FOR THE AMARILLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole and Councilmembers Demerson; Voting NO were none; Abstained were Councilmembers Burkett and Blake; the motion carried by a 2:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 9: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Beth Duke, thanked the Council and stated Center City had many great events this past year. She presented Council with a picture book. Funds have been raised through membership drives and received they have sponsors for many events. Next Tuesday, there will be a decision from the Texas Commission on the Arts who will determine if Amarillo is on the map as a Cultural District. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Burkett.

A. Purchase – Traffic Signal Equipment:

This item is a purchase for Traffic Signal Equipment for new and replacement of equipment.

Signal Poles	\$43,596.00	Structural Steel Products Inc.
Cabinet Equipment	\$94,175.00	Mobotrex
Signal Display	\$9,083.25	Texas Highway Products
Signal Equipment	\$22,983.00	McCain Inc.
School Flasher Equipment	\$26,419.20	Consolidated Traffic Controls
Video Detection	\$13,656.00	Paradigm
Total	\$209,912.45	

B. Approval -- Agreement for Services with Center City Of Amarillo, Inc.:

This item approves a one (1) year agreement with Center City of Amarillo, Inc. for services associated with the preservation, improvement and revitalization of the Central Business District of Amarillo. Two sources of funding are included in the agreement:

- The City will provide \$90,000 for administrative operations.
- The City will provide \$70,000 as matching funds for a Center City façade grant program up to \$20,000 to a business for exterior building improvements

The Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 will provide \$150,000 for matching grants up to \$50,000 for streetscape improvements in the City's right of way.

C. Approval – Federal Aviation Administration for 90% funding of the Safety Management Systems:

This item approves a FAA AIP Grant No. 3-48-0007-41-2016 with the Federal Aviation Administration for 90% funding of the Safety Management Systems (SMS) Part 139 program development services.

D. Approval -- Task Order #18, AMA Airfield Electrical Improvements, Phase III:

Vault and Associated Electrical Circuit Upgrades, Design + Bid with RS&H, Inc. (Federal funding: \$238,050, local funding: \$26,450, total project: \$264,500) for the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport.

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.

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.

Matt Ricks, 7101 Wolflin Avenue, stated a piece of our history the Madame Queen 5000 needed to be preserved and it is what makes this a great community and a part of our heritage. Mayor Harpole stated they are not allowed to comment but he would address the issues after the meeting. Dipak Patel, 46 Colonial Drive, inquired as to any progress on welcome signs and the need for additional CVC advertisement. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated the DAUDS stifles development in the residential areas and the design standards make the properties more expensive when doing work. He stated the bond issue for street improvements is not needed because he saw no need for additional street improvements. He further stated the City Manager should work within the City's budget. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor