

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 6th day of September 2016, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 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 Leah Fort, Worship Pastor at Amarillo First Nazarene 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:

Proclamations were presented for "National Preparedness Month," and "Life Insurance Awareness Month."

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes for August 30, 2016. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to change the AEDC budget vote to a 2:0 vote instead of the 4:0 vote. He stated he and Councilmember Blake did not approve the AEDC budget. He approved the minutes as corrected; motion was seconded by Councilmember Demerson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes. *Original vote on August 30, 2016 was announced as a 4:0 vote.

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 is required by state law and addresses the increases. She presented the certified values, effective tax rate comparisons, increase in revenues, general fund budget and how the increased tax dollars will be used to for the pay and compensation plan, health insurance increase and retirement plan increase. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated he checked into the tax issue language and stated it was because of a possible citizen rollback. He further stated citizens need to be made aware that the City is getting more money than planned. Councilmember Nair stated the additional funds will be used for the pay compensation to City employees. Michelle Bonner explained the property tax is related to the general fund and there were significant cuts in the budget. Mr. Childers stated the bottom line budget was \$3.28 million compared to \$3.36 million. He further stated that the appraisal district does not reappraise every house each and every year, 1/3 of the city is covered and 2/3 have not had their property values adjusted. The property tax also includes the added new values to the tax roll. Councilmember Nair stated Council has the fiscally responsibility to do the right thing for City employees and provide livable wages. He further stated compression has not yet been addressed and they are continuing to look at these employees. Councilmember Burkett stated the average

person was not getting a pay raise and Council was asking them to pay more taxes. Mayor Harpole stated sales taxes have raised \$20 million from what it was 10-years ago and HOT taxes continue to grow. John Ingerson, 48 St. Andrews Drive, stated that no one likes to pay more taxes. He inquired about the tight budget and expressed concerns for potential projects the City may not be able to do such as the water line for the proposed Texas Tech Vet School. Mr. Childers replied that the capital plan has considered utility rate increases specifically designed to address this type of opportunity. He further stated rates will go up over the next five years. He stated there was growth in northwest Amarillo. Dipak Patel, 46 Colonial Drive, inquired about the price of the Sam's Club sewer line. Floyd Hartman, clarified that the sewer line cost was \$4 million its original estimate, and they received \$1 million for completing the project on time from Sam's Club and it was completed by a local contractor.

Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated that inflation occurs every year and the City does have to anticipate for inflation each year. He suggested the City consider other sources of revenue such as land the City owns in excess of what it needs currently and in the future. He stated they should also look into the rapid costs of asphalt which rose 22% in a single year. He further asked for a special agenda to discuss water rates and revenues from the water and sewer system. Councilmember Nair inquired if there was a map of City owned property. Councilmember Burkett inquired if there were properties not being utilized. Mr. Childers replied he had requested a list of properties detailing City owned property and stated there was little surplus. He further stated he was reluctant to release the report due to security concerns. Mayor Harpole closed the public hearing.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole opened a public hearing on the fiscal year 2016/2017 budget. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$1,425,385 or 3.67%, and of that amount \$744,267 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Michelle Bonner, stated the proposed budget addressed the BluePrint for Amarillo and there were changes made in the budgeting process. There were no further comments and the public hearing was closed.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the City of Amarillo budget for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. This budget allows for the City to continue providing effective public services, programs and assistance to Amarillo residents in the upcoming year. Councilmember Blake motioned to adopt the proposed budget which reflects an increase in revenue derived from property tax revenues over last year's budget. It was seconded by Councilmember Nair and the following captioned ordinance passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7620

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2016, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, FOR THE CITY OF AMARILLO; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH BUDGET; AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD, MODIFY, INCREASE, OR DELETE VARIOUS FEES AND RATES; CHAPTER 4-6, ARTICLE 1, AND CHAPTER 4-1, ARTICLE I, CONCERNING VARIOUS FEES FOR PLAN REVIEW, INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS; CHAPTER 8-5, ARTICLE IV, CONCERNING CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEES; CHAPTERS 18-2 AND 18-3, VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER RATES; AMENDING DEFINITIONS AND REGISTRATION PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 8-5 CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH; AMENDING CHAPTER 4-3 CONCERNING JUDICIAL REVIEW RELATED TO DANGEROUS STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING 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 5: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance approving the City of Amarillo tax roll, setting an ad valorem property tax rate and levying a tax on all property subject to

taxation within the City for the 2017 tax year. This ordinance establishes an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.32698 per \$100.00 property valuation for City maintenance and operations expenses and \$0.02374 per \$100.00 property valuation for existing debt expenses resulting in a total ad valorem rate of \$0.35072 per \$100.00 property valuation. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.24 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$1.32.

Councilmember Nair stated pursuant to Texas Tax Code section 26.05(b), he moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate, being \$0.35072, which is effectively a 3.24% increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake and the following captioned ordinance passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7621

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING TAX ROLL; SETTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF AMARILLO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

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 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 Demerson, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final 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 were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

Item taken out of order.

ITEM 7: Mayor Harpole and Councilmembers presented a resolution honoring the services of City employee Claud H. Drinnen, III. Motion was made that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-06-16-1

A RESOLUTION HONORING CITY EMPLOYEE CLAUD H. DRINNEN, III.

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 8: Mayor Harpole advised that appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Blake to appoint to the newly created Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee: Joe Chris Rodriguez, Tim Ingalls, Stephen Hayward, Stefanie Carruth, Austin Collins, Councilmember Nair; to reappoint to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, William Hallerberg, such term to expire July 31, 2018; to appoint Suzanne Tally to replace Jeff Bara and appoint Elisha Demerson to replace Randy Burkett on the Convention and Visitor Council, such terms to expire September 30, 2018; to appoint to the newly created Environmental Task Force Committee: Sy Campbell, Cole Camp, Mindy Cox, Chris Gully, Tom Johnson, Taylor Finley, John Kiehl, Mayor Harpole, such

terms to expire July 11, 2017; to reappoint William Chafin and Terry Easterling, appoint Terry Price to replace Rene McCown, and appoint John Ingerson to replace David Hudson on the Parks and Recreation Board, such terms to expire July 1, 2019.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake, Burkett and Nair; voting NO none; the motion carried by a 5:0 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.
Childers, improve commercial air service in and out of Amarillo.

Sara Freese, Director of Aviation, stated the Department of Transportation helps smaller communities address daily service. This grant will be used for direct service to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (operate by American Airlines) beginning the second quarter of 2017. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Nair.

- A. Purchase – Wavetronix Radar Detection: Purchased off of State Contract 550-A2:
Twincrest Technologies -- \$71,830.00
This item is purchased for the addition and replacement of Traffic detection at 8 intersections, 2 new Intersections and 2 replacements of old outdated Video Detection. The Radar detection picks up the movement of vehicles approaching the intersection and inputs a call to the controller to give a green light.
- B. Purchase – Pipe Fusing Machine:
HD Supply Water Works -- \$65,913.08
This item is a budget approved addition to the Fleet. Addition approved in the 2015-2016 budgets. This award will be used by the Waste Water Collection department for daily operations. This bid represents a first time purchase. Funding for this award is available in the approved FY 2015-2016 Fleet Services Machinery General Budget.
- C. Award – Oils and Greases Annual Contract:
Griffin Oil -- \$ 118,721.14
This award is to approve an annual contract for the purchase of Oils and Greases.
- D. Award – Medical Supplies Annual Contract:
Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance (MMCAP) -- \$155,579.32
This award is to approve an annual contract for the purchase of Medical Supplies.
- E. 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.
- F. Approval – Change Order Nos. 2 and 3 – Job 521984: Water Main Replacements in Morningside/Plemons and Miscellaneous Subdivisions:
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| Original Contract: | \$600,156.00 |
| Previous Change Orders: | Days Only |
| Change Order No. 2: | \$32,678.63 |
| Change Order No. 3: | \$70,080.00 |
| Total Change Orders: | \$102,758.63 |
| Revised Contract: | \$702,914.63 |
| Percent of Changes: | 17.2% |
- This item approves Change Order Nos. 2 and 3 to the contract with Roberts Ditching, LLC, for a change in work required on Job 521984.
- G. Approval -- Federal Department of Transportation, Small Community Air Service Development Grant, (SCASD) FAIN: DOT-OST-2016-0037-0003, Purchase Order: 2616007SC, Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport:

This grant provides up to \$750,000 funds to provide a Minimum revenue guarantee (MRG) program to recruit, initiate, and support new daily service between the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport (AMA) and Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX). There is a \$150,000 local match component.


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.


Dipak Patel, 46 Colonial Drive, stated he has not heard anything on the welcome signs. He further inquired about a requested meeting with the CVC. Councilmember Burkett inquired if they could look at welcome signs. Mr. Childers stated as a point of information, he and the Mayor met with TxDot and began conversations about the community appearance, the rights-of-ways and welcome signs at the major gateways. They will develop a specific plan for the maintenance of the rights-of-ways and address the gateway signs into the community. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated with the upcoming seven propositions he was surprised no one was saying no. He stated there would be a lot of people voting since it was during a presidential election. He inquired if having two Councilmembers on the DAI Board displayed an influence, collusion or conflict of interest. Kit Rudd, 6850 Grande Drive, stated he will begin an awareness campaign in three weeks accepting donations to the tiny house program. He stated he will receive good coverage and the City needed to help with a positive spin. He inquired about possible surplus property for a homeless village. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor