

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 6th day of January 2015, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall on the third floor in Room 303 in the Conference Room for review of agenda items, and consideration of future agenda items,

The City Council met at 5:30 p.m. in regular session 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
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
RONALD BOYD	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
VICKI COVEY	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Davlyn Duesterhaus, Baptist St. Anthony's Health Systems. Mayor Harpole also 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 of December 22, 2014. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd; motion was seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of a 2.36 acre tract of land, all in Section 30, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, from Planned Development District 331 to Moderate Density District, in the vicinity of Bell Street and Hyde Parkway. This is recommended for approval by a 6:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7501
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 BELL STREET AND HYDE PARKWAY, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution suspending the effective date of the rate increase filing from Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) for period of 90 days, until at least April 12, 2015. This action allows the City of Amarillo and other affected parties time to evaluate, negotiate or deny the requested increase. This resolution further authorizes the City to participate in the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities (AXM) and to hire the necessary attorneys, consultants and other experts to assist the City in its efforts. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-06-15-1

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS ("CITY"); SUSPENDING SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE IN CONNECTION WITH ITS STATEMENT OF INTENT SUBMITTED ON ABOUT DECEMBER 8, 2014; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO JOIN WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE ALLIANCE OF XCEL MUNICIPALITIES ("AXM") TO DIRECT THE ACTIVITIES OF LAWYERS AND CONSULTANTS; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTANTS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF REASONABLE LEGAL AND CONSULTANT EXPENSES; REQUIRING PROOF OF NOTICE, FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution setting the date and time for a public hearing on January 27, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. to determine if the properties at 2108 Pioneer Lane and 1900 Northwest 12th Avenue, constitute public nuisances and thereby declared as dangerous structures. A copy of this resolution will be mailed to all interested parties providing ten (10) days notice of public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-06-15-2

A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN CONDITIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AT THE LOCATION(S) STATED; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd to approve the consent agenda, motion was seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. **Purchase – Liquid Ferrous Chloride:**
Award to sole bidder: OFS, Inc. -- \$134,820.00

This item approves the annual contract for the purchase of liquid ferrous chloride. This chemical is used by the City's Wastewater Collection Department to help control odors in the system. The annual contract is for approximately 180,000 pounds of product delivered in a liquid form. The cost has increased 13.35% from the last contract. Funding for this purchase is available the approved FY 2014-2015 Wastewater Collection Department Operating Budget.

B. **Award – Sidewalks, Ramps and Driveways Construction:**
Award to low responsive bidder: WSCA, Inc. -- \$132,253.44

This item awards a contract for the construction of sidewalks, ADA ramps and driveways on the west side of North Grand Street from Amarillo Boulevard East to Northeast 16th Avenue. This project will improve pedestrian access along a major thoroughfare. The estimated cost of the project was \$148,000.00. Funding for this project is available in the approved Capital Improvement Program.

C. Approval – Change Order #2 – Storm Sewer Line Repair Contract for Hagy Boulevard:

Parties: Rudd-Palmer Co., Inc. and City of Amarillo
Original Contract: \$42,993.23
Prior Change Order: \$8,816.92
Change Order #2: \$1,713.00 (net)
Revised Contract Total: \$53,523.15

This item approves a change order for the Hagy Boulevard Storm Sewer Repair Project. The change order is necessary due to additional undermining of the line that was discovered during the original repair. This change order will substitute the installation of concrete in the void under the storm sewer line rather than base material. The concrete will result in additional protection from future erosion. Sufficient funds are available in the approved Capital Improvement Program project for this contract.

D. Approval – Engineering Services Contract – Osage Water Treatment Plant:

Award to Alan Plummer & Associates, Inc. -- \$64,120.00

This item approves a consulting engineering contract with Alan Plummer and Associates, Inc. for engineering services at the Osage Water Treatment Plant. The proposed contract includes the evaluation of identified issues with the existing filter beds and the development of recommended improvements. Funding for this project is available from the approved Utilities Division Capital Improvement Program Air Scour System project budget.

E. Dedications and Acceptances:


- 1) Dedication of a 20 foot public utility easement in Section 64, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, Texas for upcoming utility improvements.
- 2) Acceptance of a .70 tract of land at the northwest corner of Section 414, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County for the installation, construction and maintenance of a Lift Station (LS32) and appurtenances from Attebury Grain L.L.C.

Mayor Harpole announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but time is reserved to hear 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.

Bill Wright, 4712 Eagle Lane, stated he was advocating for medical marijuana. He asked the Council to consider allowing the Officer at the scene to make the decision to arrest a person for less than 2 ounces. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned and the Council would return to Closed Session.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor