

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 10th day of February 2015, the Amarillo City Council met at 1:30 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 3:00 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
BRIAN EADES
LILIA ESCAJEDA
RONALD BOYD

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

Absent was Ellen Robertson Green. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON
VICKI COVEY
MARCUS NORRIS
KELLEY SHAW
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
PLANNING DIRECTOR
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Bryan Houser, Amarillo Area Baptist Association. 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 of February 3, 2015. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd; motion was seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution authorizing the execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the proposed improvements on Loop 335 (Soncy) from Hillside Road to Business I 40-D (Amarillo Boulevard West). The agreement specifies the City's pro-rata share for right-of-way acquisition and utility adjustment costs. The cost to the City is estimated at 10% of the total, or \$15,345.50. Funding is available in the Public Works and Utilities Divisions capital improvement program budgets. Consideration of this agreement allows the proposed improvements to this important Loop segment to proceed. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-10-15-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING AGREEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE RIGHT OF WAY FUNDS (FIXED PRICE) AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACQUIRE RIGHT OF WAY AND ADJUST UTILITIES FOR A PROJECT ON LOOP 335 FROM HILLSIDE ROAD TO POTTER COUNTY AND FROM RANDALL COUNTY TO BI 40-D; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole advised that an appointment is needed for a certain board and commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, and unanimously carried to reappoint to the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board, Jeff Bryant and Frank Wilburn such terms to expire 12/31/2016 and to appoint Richard Constancio to replace Dana Walton, such term to

expire 12/31/2016. Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Boyd, Eades and Escajeda abstained; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: 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. Award – Electric Golf Carts for Ross Rogers Golf Course:

Award to lowest responsive bidders as follows:
Club Car, LLC. North Texas Branch -- \$93,621.00

This item approves the purchase of 30 electric golf carts for use at the Ross Rogers Golf Course. This is a BuyBoard purchase which allows uniformity of the cart fleet for maintenance and a quicker delivery. This is a scheduled replacement of equipment. The net unit price has increased 13% since the last purchase in 2013. Funding for this purchase is available in the Municipal Garage Machinery budget.

B. Purchase – Residential Solid Waste Refuse Bags:

Award to low responsive bidder: Central Poly Corporation -- \$83,475.00

This item approves the purchase of refuse bags used by the Solid Waste Collection Department. Bags are provided to residential solid waste customers located on hand-trash pickup routes. This purchase is for 105,000 pounds of bags that will supply customers for one year. The price reflects a 7.43% increase from last year's purchase. Funding for this purchase is available in the current Solid Waste Department operating budget.

C. Purchase – SCADA Software:

Award to sole source: Rexel, Inc. -- \$72,650.00

This item awards a contract to upgrade and integrate the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for the Osage Water Treatment Plant. The SCADA system provides the necessary communications with remote units to allow monitoring and control of the well fields, pump stations and the treatment plant. Funding for the project is available in the approved SCADA Upgrade and Integration Capital Improvement Project budget.

D. Approval – Professional Services Agreement:

Blackridge - \$120,000 annually

This item is the approval of a professional services agreement to provide Austin, Texas based legislative consulting services to the City of Amarillo. The agreement is proposed for a 12-month period at the rate of \$10,000 per month and is based on satisfactory representation of the City since 2006. Blackridge and its principals have represented and assisted the City before the Texas Legislature and numerous state agencies. The proposed agreement is for a one-year term with up to two, one-year renewals at the same price. The contract price has remained the same since December, 2011.

E. Approval – License and Hold Harmless Agreement:

License and Hold Harmless Agreement for Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Plemons and Glidden & Sanborn Addition, in Sections 169 and 170, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, for placement of conduit for fiber optic cable under the Southeast 6th Avenue right-of-way and under City of Amarillo property.

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.

Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 Milam Street, presented his water rates from 1999 to present. He inquired as to why a person who uses zero consumption still pays the 3,000 gallon consumption rate. He would like his meter read at the same time each month in order to accurately read his own meter. Mr. Pfrimmer also stated there is only one storm drain between Georgia and Washington Streets which creates drainage issues. He stated 58th Avenue has been under construction for some time. Mayor Harpole stated that he would refer this issue to staff since it is not an item on the agenda that Council could discuss. Mr. Atkinson stated the base rate is the lowest cost which includes 3,000 gallons of water. The water rates escalates over 3,000 gallons. He further stated there were 70,000 meters read each month but conditions may prevent them from being read at the exact time each month. Mr. Pfrimmer stated a dramatic increase in water rates in the past six years. Mr. Atkinson stated that the City has made major improvements in the City's water system and the City has gotten much larger since 1957 when the last water well field was purchased. Council has secured additional future water rights, made improvements at the water plants that will allow for growth, continues to plan for higher water capacity days ahead, and the City strives to keep rates as low as possible. Mr. Pfrimmer stated water conservationists should be rewarded for their water conservation.

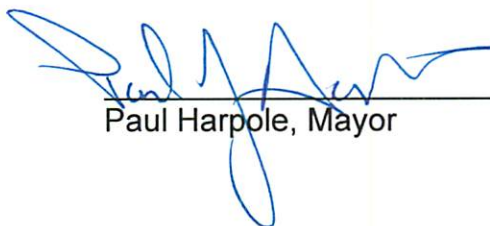
Dr. Tim Revell, 4827 Tulip Street, complimented the City on closing a drug house. He further stated he would like clarification on the Wallace Bajjali projects. He inquired if the projects were going forward, if they would use local contractors, and if they were going to be paid with public or private funds. He further stated at the last election, Council negated any real chance to have petitions and citizens have less input. Mayor Harpole stated they were not allowed under Open Meetings to debate this item. He encouraged Mr. Revell to schedule time to discuss these issues with staff. Alan Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated he also had a fundamental disagreement for how water rates are handled for low water users. He also suggested separate Council meetings to be held on land use, water rates, public safety, Parks & Recreation and one or two other major issues. 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