

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 7th day of April 2015, the Amarillo City Council met at 3:30 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 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:

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| 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:

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| 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 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for: "National Cancer Registrars Week," "Autism Awareness Month," and "National Public Health Week." Municipal Court was presented with a Safety Award from the Texas Municipal Courts Center.

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 March 31, 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 an ordinance changing the zoning of 97.88 acres of unplatted land, in Section 231, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County, from Agricultural District to Residential District 2, in the vicinity of Bismarck Avenue and Georgia Street. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7523

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 BISMARCK AVENUE AND GEORGIA
STREET, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A
SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE;
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of 8.03 acres and 19.25 acres of unplatted land, in Section 40, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, from Agricultural District to Planned Development District 378 and Residential District 1, in the vicinity of Wesley Road and Liberty Circle North. Motion was made by

Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7524

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 WESLEY ROAD AND LIBERTY CIRCLE NORTH, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution regarding the May 9, 2015 municipal election to update polling places and other related administrative matters. Mr. Atkinson explained that the City of Amarillo contracts with both counties. The Potter County Election Administrator established their polling places, and Randall County Election Administrator established their vote centers. Potter County will have the vote center model beginning in November. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-07-15-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE AMARILLO CITY COUNCIL: REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, TO BE CONDUCTED ON MAY 9, 2015 IN THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, AS A JOINT ELECTION WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER ENTITIES; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES AND VOTE CENTERS; DESIGNATING JUNE 13, 2015 AS THE RUN-OFF ELECTION DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION, EARLY VOTING, PAYMENT OF ELECTION EXPENSES; PROVIDING OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CLAUSES.

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

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole advised that an appointment is needed for a certain boards and commissions. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried to reappointment Richard Wagner to the Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities, such term to expire March 1, 2018. Mayor Harpole stated this board is one that does not have term limits. 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.

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.


Mayor Harpole announced that after next week's council meeting he would hold a public meeting in the Downtown Library to hear any questions from constituents. This meeting would not be restricted by the open meeting rules. He also stated he would continue to have these forums in different quadrants of the City. He intends to have at least one staff person in attendance.

Cheryl Austin, 141 Westside Drive, stated the demolition contractor the City employs does not have their license number on their vehicles. Mr. Atkinson replied that if Ms. Austin had specific questions, he would suggest speaking to Mr. McDonald or himself. Keith Grays, 2326 Northwest 11 Avenue, thanked for the Council for demolishing these unsightly structures. Mayor Harpole replied that since the Council has been in place they have taken down 58 structures. There are approximately 200 properties that are currently being processed.


Eloy Heras, 1604 South Harrison Street, stated concerns on the influx of refugees in Amarillo and the need for more police manpower. He also expressed concerns on the animal registration ordinance. Mayor Harpole stated informational Community Consultation meetings are on-going and the City shares in his concern in helping refugees. Mayor Harpole responded that the Council has not discussed this ordinance however, they have heard numerous comments from the public. Councilmember Eades replied that recommendations that come out of boards and commissions are not policies but ideas presented to the Council. These types of issues will need huge input from the public. There were no further comments.

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

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor