

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 26th day of May 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	MAYOR
ELISHA J. DEMERSON	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
RANDY BURKETT	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 Kevin Deckard, Polk Street United Methodist 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:

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes of May 19, 2015. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd to approve the minutes as amended; motion was seconded by Councilmember Burkett, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance appointing Sunny H. Ratliff as a part-time Associate Judge for the City of Amarillo Municipal Court. This appointment is for the remainder of the current fiscal year and two (2) year period. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7531

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPOINTING A PART-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT JUDICIAL TERM OF FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND FOR THE FULL JUDICIAL TERMS OF FISCAL YEARS 2015-2016 AND 2016-2017; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Eades and Boyd; voting NO were Councilmembers Burkett and Demerson; the motion carried by a 3:2 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending the Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 2-6, Article XVI, to amend certain elements regarding the Emergency Care Advisory Board (ECAB). The proposed amendment will expand the membership of the ECAB to include a representative from the Thomas H. Creek Veterans Administration Medical Center and to expand the definition of eligible members for the current EMS receiving hospitals. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7532

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 2-6 ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 2-6-121 TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE EMERGENCY CARE ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance vacating a 20-foot alley in Block 110, Plemons Addition, in Section 170, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas. This vacation request is to consolidate the east and west halves of Block 110 in anticipation of upcoming development of the Southwestern Public Service (Xcel Energy) headquarters building. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7533

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: DETERMINING LACK OF PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR AN ALLEY IN THE VICINITY OF SOUTHEAST SEVENTH AVENUE AND BUCHANAN STREET, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; VACATING AND ABANDONING THE HEREIN-DESCRIBED ALLEY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution approving Premier High School and Vista Academy in Amarillo which are owned by Responsive Education Solutions. Responsive is seeking bond financing through the Arlington Higher Education Finance Corporation, which will be used for improvements at sites across the state, including Amarillo. The law for these types of bonds require the consent of the governing body in each city in which Responsive is located. The proposed resolution provides Amarillo's consent. The City of Amarillo is not issuing the bonds and has no liability or financial obligation for the bonds. Mayor Harpole stated this item was not connected with Vista College. Councilmember Demerson stated inquires were made, and staff provided information that there were no complaints filed with the Better Business Bureau. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-26-15-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE APPROVING BONDS FOR THE ARLINGTON HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE CORPORATION RELATED TO ITS EDUCATION REVENUE BONDS (RESPONSIVE EDUCATION SOLUTIONS) SERIES 2015A FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 147(F) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.

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

ITEM 6: 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 Eades, to approve the consent agenda after amending Item 6D to reflect \$953,562.00, motion was seconded by Councilmember Burkett, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Award – Rehabilitation of Fulton Drive from South Coulter Street to South Bell Street:

Award to low responsive bidder: Holmes Construction Co. LP -- \$799,973.30

This item awards a contract to reconstruct Fulton Drive from South Coulter Street to South Bell Street. This project will utilize a new approach to recycle and strengthen the base material in place before paving, which will allow the project to be completed in less time. Funding for this project is available in the approved FY 2014/2015 Street Department Capital Improvement Program budget.

B. Purchase – Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicle:

Award to low responsive bidder: Oshkosh Airport Products, LLC -- \$579,413.00

The item approves the purchase of an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Class 4 Vehicle for emergency response at Rick Husband International Airport. The vehicle replaces a 1990 ARFF truck which has reached its useful life expectancy. The cost of the vehicle is 5.5% less than the last purchase in 2007. Ninety (90%) of the funding for this purchase is available from the approved FY2015-16 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant. The remaining 10% (\$57,941.30) is available in the approved Airport Capital Improvement Program budget. This is a budgeted purchase.

C. Award – Fiber Optic Cable Installation for Airport Parking Revenue Control System:

Award to low responsive bidder: AAA Electric Company -- \$143,048.00

This item awards a contract to remove copper cable and install fiber optic cable between the Rick Husband International Airport and the parking garage entrance gates and exit plaza. This purchase is necessary to complete the upgrade of the parking management system. Funding for the project is budgeted in the approved Airport Capital Improvement Program budget for Outdoor Parking Lot Enhancement.

D. Approval – Task Order #5 – Professional Services Contract - Airport Master Plan Update:

RS&H Inc. -- \$953,562.00

This item approves a task order with RS&H, Inc. for a comprehensive update of the Master Plan for the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport. RS&H provides planning and engineering services for the Airport for the next five years. The scope of the update will include planning standards and future projects, as well as air service and business development. The cost of this task order will be funded 90% by current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) dedicated grant funds with the remaining 10%, \$95,397.20, funded by budgeted Airport matching funds.

E. Approval – Application and Letter of Agreement for Construction Services:  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company -- \$70,412.45 (estimated)

This item approves the agreement for the removal and relocation of AT&T cables and poles in the Buchanan and Pierce Street alleys between Southeast 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and Southeast 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and along Southeast 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the Johnson and Pierce Street alleys. The project included the installation of new AT&T lines. The relocation is required for the downtown redevelopment projects. Funding for the relocation is available in the approved Downtown Redevelopment capital improvement project.

7. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:** Melissa Daily, Downtown Amarillo, Inc. presented the proposed Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Application for a Complete Streets project on Polk Street and Southwest 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No action was taken on this item.

Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, inquired as to how far south the bike lanes would be on Polk Street and Washington Street. Ms. Dailey stated there were no dedicated bike lanes on Polk Street. Councilmember Burkett inquired if there was any data as to how many people use the Rails to Trails, and whether they were projected or actual numbers. Ms. Dailey replied that the numbers were not specific to the Rails to Trails but were anticipated uses. John Lutz, Chairman of Downtown Amarillo, Inc., stated he was encouraged from the questions being asked. He further stated that the community had concerns about revitalizing Polk Street from an economic standpoint, for nostalgic purposes and the principal being paid with federal dollars. He asked the Council for their support. Sally Jennings, 4503 Greenwich Place, owner of downtown property, stated it was vital to revitalize downtown to make it more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Mr. Atkinson stated a resolution would be on the agenda next week for Council's consideration.

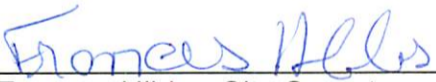
Mayor Harpole announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but time is reserved to hear any citizen concerning matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services not on today's agenda. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Council can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of city policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda.

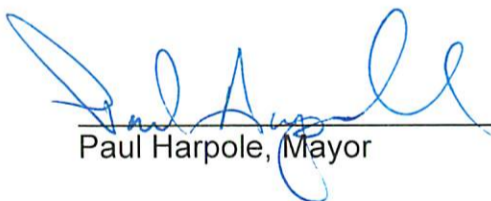
Mr. Norris reiterated the restrictions the Council faced with the Texas Open Meetings Act concerning public forums. The Council cannot deliberate on items not on the agenda, they can only respond with a statement of fact, a statement of policy, refer the question to staff or they may ask that the item be put on a future agenda.

Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, expressed concerns about poor police presence along the construction on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue to slow down traffic, and TxDot put in increased access for handicap along this section, but the City is not able to provide a bus stop on Route 5. He suggested more aggressive uses of bus stops so more people could take advantage of the transit system. Mr. Atkinson stated he would have Judy Phelps get in contact with Mr. Pfrimmer. 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:

  
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 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
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 Paul Harpole, Mayor