STATE OF TEXAS COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 2nd day of June 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:

PAUL HARPOLE ELISHA J. DEMERSON BRIAN EADES RANDY BURKETT RONALD BOYD

MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent were none. 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 Greg Dowell, Central Church of Christ. 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:

<u>ITEM 1</u>: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes of May 26, 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 a resolution authorizing and approving the submission of a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation. The requested grant application is to rework Polk Street from 11th Avenue to 3rd Avenue and Sixth Avenue from the former Rock Island Railroad bridge to the historic Santa Fe Depot using a complete streets model. The complete streets model accommodates vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle transportation modes as well as major streetscape and other improvements. The proposed project is in the total amount of \$17.6 million. The requested grant funds are for 80% of the total, or \$14.1 million with the remaining 20% funded as a City match in the amount of \$3.5 million. Melissa Dailey presented a short presentation. Tom Warren, 2000 South Hughes Street, inquired how the City would fund the 20% match. Mr. Atkinson stated they would work it into the budget's capital improvements for Council consideration. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, asked Ms. Dailey several questions concerning the grant and made suggestions. Councilmember Demerson stated this resolution would just authorize DAI to submit an application. Bob Goodrich, 4011 Stony Point, stated he attended meetings held by DAI and suggested a roster of other possibilities, seeking grants and additional public input.

Councilmember Eades stated various grants are written throughout the City and they are technical and specific. Councilmember Burkett expressed concern about \$17 million for the Rails to Trails and the amount to be paid to Jacobs. Mr. Atkinson replied that the \$1.5 million would only be spent if the grant is award by Council. Ms. Dailey stated a traffic study was available on the DAI website. Councilmember Demerson stated that if the grant is not successful the first time, they would have an opportunity to resubmit, and possibly expand the project to go further north. Ms. Dailey stated after the announcement of an available grant there is 60-days to put together an application, conduct a study and rework the market analysis, and the need for an additional match

funds, if the grant is granted. Austin Sharp, (Mays Investment) 4506 Spartanburg Drive, offered his support for the downtown revitalization. He stated there is so much demand in the market there could be a shortage of properties. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated downtown should not have been allowed to deteriorate. He suggested other ideas for use of transportation funds. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-02-15-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PLEDGING THE MINIMUM 20% LOCAL FUNDING MATCH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, and Eades, Boyd; voting NO was Councilmember Burkett; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

<u>ITEM 3</u>: 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 Demerson, to approve the consent agenda, motion was seconded by Councilmember Boyd, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Award – Firefighting Clothing Contract:
 Award to lowest responsive bidders as follows:
 Daco Fire Equipment Company, Inc. -- \$152,625.00

This item approves an annual contract to purchase protective clothing for the Amarillo Fire Department. The contract provides for purchase of 75 protective bunker pants and coats. The purchase will replace existing protective clothing that is no longer serviceable and to equip new firefighters. The protective clothing is tailored to the individual. The bid price reflects a 2.67% increase from the last purchase in April 2014. Funding for this contract is available in the approved FY 2014-2015 Fire Department Operating Budget.

<u>ITEM 4</u>: Tim Loan, Assistant Director of Utilities, presented an overview of the water system through May 2015. He further stated that CRMWA would begin pumping out of Lake Meredith and the City should receive the water in approximately 10-12 days. Mr. Loan also presented some conservation tips and gave the water waster telephone number (378-6826) and website (<u>waterwasters@amarillo.gov</u>). Mayor Harpole recognized Emmett Autrey, Director of Utilities, who is retiring at the end of the month.

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. Johnny Cobb, 102 Sunset Terrace, suggested lighting up the buildings downtown in regard to downtown revitalization. Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, stated the need for water conservation and to recognize people who save water and not having a water rate structure. He further stated the need to update the City's online automatic billing process. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated the need to have a public hearing just on water consumption and conservation, and to fund a water study which has not been done since 2003. 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