

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 9th day of June 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:

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| 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:

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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 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 June 2, 2015. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd to approve the minutes as amended; motion was seconded by Councilmember Eades, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance vacating portions of an existing 20-foot alley in Section 149, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County, in the vicinity of Osage Street and Southridge Drive. This vacation request is located in the City's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and was originally dedicated via a plat of Arrowhead Unit No. 1. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7531

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: DETERMINING LACK OF PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR PORTIONS OF AN ALLEY IN THE VICINITY OF OSAGE STREET AND SOUTHRIDGE DRIVE, RANDALL 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 none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 2712 Center Avenue aka 305 South Florida Street (rear). Motion was made by Councilmember Eades to select Option ii, seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned resolution be passed by a 5:0 vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-09-15-1

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED HEREIN ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND REQUIRING THE TAKING DOWN AND REMOVAL OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF LIENS; PROVIDING A REPEALER

CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.

Scott McDonald, Building Official, and Velara Smith, Priscilla Field and Venea McClellan were sworn in. Mr. McDonald stated the property at 2712 Center Avenue aka 305 South Florida Street has been vacant since the first fire on July 22, 2011 and the structure sustained another fire on April 13, 2014. There have been no applications for permits to abate the nuisance. The property was originally posted with a condemnation placard on May 12, 2015. The property is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment. There has been no water service since September 20, 2011. The City has liens on the property in the amount of \$749.50.

Velara Smith, 905 South Virginia Street, stated the property in question was the scene of her cousin's death in 2011. She further stated nothing has been done to fix the property and she would like to see it demolished. Priscilla Field, 905 South Virginia Street, stated her brother had also stayed at this location where her nephew was killed. Venea McClellan, 1125 Northwest 14th Avenue, stated this structure brought back many memories where a life was taken, and the family members would like to have the structure demolished.

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

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution rescinds the approval of a Buyboard Purchase by the City Council on March 3, 2015 for horizontal directional drilling equipment. This purchase will proceed with competitive sealed bids for equipment upon updated, different or additional specifications. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-09-15-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO
RESCINDING BUYBOARD PURCHASE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY
CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Eades, Burkett and Boyd; voting NO none; 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. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, spoke on the cost increase of the asphalt. Mr. Atkinson stated the increase includes labor and does reflect several updates to the requirements, testing to ensure the quality of the product and quality assurance. Robert Taliaferro, 4400 Southwest 3rd Avenue, stated overlaying the streets was a temporary fix. Mayor Harpole replied the Council chose to spend more on street repairs and they are behind on rotating the arterials streets. Mr. Atkinson stated the cost is approximately \$2.2 million a mile for total reconstruction. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd, to approve the consent agenda, motion was seconded by Councilmember Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Award – 2015 Milling and Overlay of Various City Streets:
Award to low responsive bidder: L.A. Fuller & Sons Construction, LTD. – \$2,394,000.00

This item awards a contract for the annual street milling and overlay project. The contract includes the needed repairs, milling, and installation of a new layer of hot-mix asphalt on eight existing arterial streets. The bid price is a 22.33% increase from 2014 – All bids received were in excess of the funds budgeted for the overlay project. Therefore, the contract will be accompanied by a substantial deduct change order which will result in a reduced scope of services from the originally planned ten arterial streets to the recommended eight arterial streets and associated contract price. The change order will be executed concurrent with the contract resulting in a net project cost of \$1,914,675.50. Funding at this level is available in the approved FY2014/2015 Street Department Capital Improvement

Project and Street Improvement Fund.

B. Acceptance – Agreement between the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior and the City of Amarillo:

This item is the approval of an agreement for Mutual Aid Services between the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior and the City of Amarillo. This agreement will provide mutual firefighting assistance in and near the Lake Meredith Recreation area and the City of Amarillo.

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 reminded everyone of the rules in an open forum and that there could be no robust discussion on items not on the agenda. Council could listen, but the law restricted them from anything other than a statement of fact, a statement of law, refer to staff or the item could be placed on a future agenda.

Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, asked the Council to review why there were not more bus stops on Route 5. He also appreciated the extra police sent out to slow the traffic down at the construction site.

John Myer, 7504 Stuyvestant, expressed the need to build the MPEV as quickly as possible or private money for the construction will go away. He further stated that the MPEV will bring money to that location and attractions around the city. He also expressed support to local businesses and the opportunity to grow downtown. Judge Brian Poff, 2409 South Hughes Street, inquired if there were any local people that have a financial interest in the downtown hotel. Vince Nowak, 1301 Dodge Drive, inquired as to who the local investors were in the downtown hotel. Mayor Harpole replied he had no idea who Mr. Patel may have signed up as investors, and he believed Mr. Patel could put the deal together without investors. Mr. Atkinson stated Mr. Patel will present his funding and debt structure to the Local Government Corporation Board but he is not required to tell us who his investors are. Councilmember Burkett stated he also has not been able to find out who the investors were. Councilmember Boyd stated Mr. Patel may decide to disclose who the investors or any investors group consists of. Mr. Norris reminded the Council about having a discussion on something not on the agenda. Sunny Hodge-Campbell, 3203 South Milam Street, presented the Council with a document forwarded to her for distribution to the Council. Robert Taliffero, 4400 Southwest 3rd Avenue, inquired about the access to documents concerning the multipurpose venue and actions that have taken place. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated he had read recent articles in the *Amarillo Globe News* concerning the water system and the excessive rates charged. He suggested public meetings to hear complaints and how to refund citizens. He further stated a need for a comprehensive review of water usage and the water and sewer rates currently charged.

Megan Riddlespurger, 6900 Alpine Lane, stated the impertinence of the MPEV, its logistics, and the importance of downtown revitalization for the young citizens. She supports moving forward with the MPEV construction. Councilmember Boyd stated the need to be progressive for our future and our grandchildren's futures. Robert Taliaferro, 4400 Southwest 3rd Avenue, inquired as to how many Councilmembers attend the Town Hall meetings held by the Mayor. Mayor Harpole replied that posting rules would apply and it would be illegal for more than one of the Councilmembers to attend at one time. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 South Marrs Street, stated Amarillo was not an old town, but a growing town.

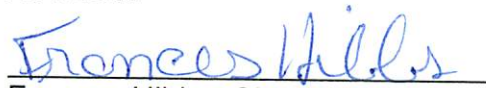
Charles Ferrell, 2513 Orange Street, stated the Civic Center needs a lot of work. He inquired if the funds for the MPEV could be used to remodel the Civic Center. Mayor Harpole responded that various conventions have stated they would not submit a request unless there was a hotel close to the Civic Center. There is then a need to build the hotel, the MPEV and garage in order for the Civic Center to support the events. Councilmember Burkett inquired if hot tax could be used for the Civic Center remodel. Mr. Norris replied that they could.


Taylor Willis, 2330 Hawthorne Street, stated the need to build something new and creative to grow downtown and allow Polk Street to be the core of Amarillo. Let Amarillo grow and flourish, extend the city and create a future. This project will trigger and get things rolling. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated downtown Amarillo used to be viable in the 1960's and 1970's and there was no baseball stadium or hotel downtown. He further stated the need for further discussion and debate. Sebastian Ramon, 1318 Bellaire Street, stated that the downtown area is the true character of Amarillo and the need to revitalize shows people Amarillo can get something accomplished. Councilmember Boyd reminded the Council that the Medical Center was told it would never work when it was created.

Mr. Scott, 1835 North Adams Street, asked if the Council had any beautification plans for North Amarillo. Mayor Harpole replied he would like to see a study to create a TIRZ from Hughes to Grand Streets and possibly enforcing rental standards. Thomas Warren, 2000 South Hughes Street, inquired if there was enough hot tax to fund the Civic Center. Mr. Atkinson stated the hot tax funds covers the operational losses of the Civic Center and also sponsors the Convention and Visitors Council. Connie Paetzold, 4622 Pond Drive, stated she had experienced Polk Street in the past, but felt there were too many bars now. Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, stated he was a transplant from Grapevine Texas, and he enjoyed Amarillo's culture. Charlie Myer, stated downtown revitalization will take a long time and will not happen all at once. The charm of Amarillo will not go away. 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