

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 7th day of July 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 L. DEMERSON
BRIAN J. EADES
RANDY BURKETT
MARK NAIR

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 Shawn Freeby, Hillside Christian 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 30, 2015 and July 1, 2015. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades to approve the minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Councilmember Burkett, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Mayor Harpole stated Item B (1) of the Worksession has been withdrawn. This action will be addressed in January with the normal performance review.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance rezoning a 5.38 acre tract of land in Section 191, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, from Agricultural District to Residential District 3, in the vicinity of Broadway Drive and St. Francis Avenue/Loop 335. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Nair, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7534

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 BROADWAY DRIVE AND SAINT FRANCIS AVENUE/LOOP HIGHWAY 335, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution for an agreement to contribute right-of-way funds – specified percentage with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) for certain highway improvements on Northeast 8th Avenue from Buchanan Street west to Taylor Street which will require the acquisition of certain right-of-way and the relocation of utilities. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by

Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-26-15-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING AGREEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE RIGHT OF WAY FUNDS – SPECIFIED PERCENTAGE WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACQUIRE RIGHT OF WAY AND ADJUST UTILITIES FOR A PROJECT ON NORTHEAST 8TH AVENUE FROM BUCHANAN WEST TO TAYLOR STREET; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole advised that appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, and unanimously carried to appoint to the Animal Management & Welfare Board, Dale Potter to replace C. P. Paullus, M.D., such term to expire 01/16/2019; to appoint to the Greenways Public Improvement District Advisory Board, Kim Dryden to replace Grant Smith such term to expire 09/30/2019.

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

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole stated Item 5 was to consider removal of one or more Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Board Member(s). Motion was made by Councilmember Nair that this item be stricken from the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Eades. Councilmember Nair stated the Council would be speaking to the AEDC Board in the near future.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Eades, Burkett and Nair; 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, motion was seconded by Councilmember Nair, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Award – Oils and Grease Annual Contract:
Award to low responsive bidder by line item as follows:

Griffin Oil (Lines 2-9, 14-18, 20-22, 26, 30, 35)	\$107,244.54
Western Marketing (Lines 10,11,13,19, 23, 25, 27-29, 32-34)	\$ 24,298.90
Coastal Chemical (Lines 1, 12)	\$1,340.42
Total Award	\$132,883.86

This item approves the annual contract for oils and greases used throughout the year by the City’s Municipal Garage as well as the Airport, Street, Surface Water, Solid Waste, Transit, and Hollywood and River Road Wastewater Treatment plants. This contract represents an average decrease of 21.55% from last year. Funding for the annual contract is available in each Department’s approved operating budgets.

ITEM 7: Mayor Harpole stated this item would be postponed to a future date.

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.

Dana Havlik, Amarillo Fire Department, stated the Council has been presented with a ‘Meet and Confer’ petition and he encouraged the Council to review it in a timely

manner. Mr. Atkinson replied the petition has been received and signatures were being verified, and it would be presented to Council. Judy Glidewell, 2834 Lloyd Street, stated Richard Havens, Animal Control Director, was doing an amazing job at the Animal Management & Welfare (AM&W). Councilmember Burkett replied the euthanasia rate has gone down. Robert Goodrich, 4111 Stony Point, stated he was President of the Lodging Association. He stated members have submitted a petition and requested it be addressed. Mr. Atkinson replied it was received last week and Mr. Patel is adding signatures. If time permits, Council could review it next Tuesday. Rev. Rupert C. Brashears, 2422 Popular Street, stated he saw Mayor Harpole at the June 19 celebration and wanted everyone to know that the Emancipation Proclamation did not free the slaves. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 South Marrs Street, vocalized her displeasure with recently Council events.

Becky Salian, 1100 South Rosemont Street, requested the Council review the hotel petition issues and do its research on the proposed convention hotel. She stated the conditions on I-40 also need to be addressed. Mayor Harpole stated they were working with TxDot on the beautification of I-40 with landscaping and mowing issues. Casey Fox, 5408 Nova Scotia Court, stated he was a City employee in the Street Department and there were wage pay issues. Mr. Atkinson replied there were job classification deficiencies and they are looking into those for the next fiscal budget. Charles Miller, 913 North Fairmont Street, expressed happiness about the new Councilmembers. He stated the proposed growth was hurting the tax base. Bill Wright, 4712 Eagle Lane, stated would like Amarillo to have a legalized marijuana dispensary and asked the Council to keep an open minded. John Lutz, 2106 South Tyler Street, Chair of Downtown Amarillo, Inc. (DAI), appreciated the attendance on last week's meeting. He again expressed DAI's commitment to working with Councilmembers, coming together and moving forward. Sue Hudson, 7807 Tripp Avenue, stated true leaders were servants of the heart and did not have personal agendas.

Terry Orand, 4523 Willow Street, stated he would like Mr. Norris to reconsider his resignation. He was worried the City would step back on downtown and Amarillo needed the young kids here for Amarillo's future. Councilmember Burkett stated they did not prohibit developers, it is market driven and the City does not dictate where a person locates their business. Mike Ford, 7005 Alpine Lane, thanked the Council for taking a deep breath and taking it down a notch. He further stated the MPEV would be a great thing for this City. Lilly Gamble, stated she is part of the Amarillo Millennial Movement and encouraged revitalization. Austin Sharp, 4506 Spartanburg Drive, stated at trade shows and shopping center events they inquire about what's your community doing to invest in itself. Amy Taylor Restine, 721 Short Street, stated it was not too late to represent the people. She encouraged the Council to dissolve the boards and that were not elected. S. Patel, 4200 Erik Avenue, stated his concerns about the need for a hotel in downtown. He asked that there be a study first. Mark Crosser, 5218 Floyd Avenue, stated the need to vote on the ballpark. Andrew Holly, 51st Avenue, stated the problem was with decision-making comments made by the Manager-Commission form of government. Jimmy Presley Hammonds, 1514 South Pierce Street, read a quote from the Globe News. Andrea Gulley, 3533 Sleepy Hollow Boulevard, stated Mr. Havens has been doing an excellent job at the AM&W. She asked the Council to consider additional funding in the next City budget.

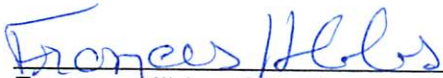
Richard Determan, 728 East Bonita Avenue, suggested the new Councilmembers step back and take a look at what has been done in Amarillo. There has been a lot of improvements. He further stated the current ballpark cannot be repaired. Brenda Holland, Xcel Energy, expressed that City staff has been very professional in the dealings with their new building and in during their due diligence. Shed stated a lot of Boards have put a lot of time and efforts into the revitalization projects. Kevin Nelson 2120 South Harrison Street, stated the City was going to get through this, the City was a city of progress, vision and need to move forward. Bob Juba, 550 Avondale Street, noted recent comments on Facebook. He further stated we can have it all and not to lose track of the ideas of growth. Downtown is the most productive part of the city as far as tax revenue. Dipak Patel, 47 Colonial Drive, stated when he builds hotels he is required one parking space for each room.

Wes Allen, 1626 North Apache Street, inquired if Faith City Mission will be affected with the proposed development. Doug Woodburn, 2616 Juniper, stated things change when you go from advocate to decision maker, your whole life changes. He further stated

candidates cannot come in with preconceived ideas. He asked the Council to consider, if we do not go forward with the plan, and to consider what is going to be left if we abandon these ideas. Carly Dumenil, 6200 South Bonham Street, stated she chose to stay in Amarillo. She encourage the Council to rise above the noise and move us forward. Rodney Darns, City employee, stated he was for revitalization, but the City did not need any more night clubs downtown. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor