

STATE OF TEXAS  
 COUNTIES OF POTTER  
 AND RANDALL  
 CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 24th day of November 2015, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 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 6:00 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 L. DEMERSON	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
BRIAN J. EADES	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
RANDY BURKETT	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
MARK NAIR	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

There were none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

TERRY CHILDERS	INTERIM CITY MANAGER
WILLIAM MCKAMIE	INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Mayor Paul Harpole. 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 for November 17, 2015. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approve the minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Councilmember Demerson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Terry Childers, Interim City Manager, explained in order to have the meeting run more efficiently seating on the dais was changed. Mr. Childers further stated the Council will begin conducting their Work Sessions at 4:00 p.m. held in the Council Chamber and after evaluating the Council times, the regular meeting will be changed from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Ambucs presented a check to the City for the splash pad design and construction at Medical Center Park.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole stated this item conducts a public hearing to gather input on existing City Ordinance No. 7333 and the formation of an ad hoc subcommittee under the existing Amarillo Continuum of Care Collaborative including establishing its charge, constituting its membership, its reporting responsibilities and appointing citizen representatives to the subcommittee.

Mr. Childers stated the Council has heard a request from interested citizens on the impact of Ordinance No. 7333. Currently, Amarillo provides extensive quality service to the homeless community. It has been recommended to the Council that it establish an ad hoc subcommittee under the Continuum of Care Collaborative. This committee will evaluate Ordinance No. 7333, recommend changes, report back to the Council within 60-days after the ad hoc committee has been constituted. The recommended committee will consist of: citizen representatives, along with Faith City Mission, Guyon Saunders, Salvation Army, members of the police department, Potter County Judge, Texas Panhandle Center, Panhandle Recovery, former homeless persons, St. Mary's Cathedral and First Baptist Church. They will examine the funding received through HUD to make sure it will not be jeopardized. Councilmember Nair stated the need to evaluate the ordinance and research the possible consequences. Councilmember

Eades stated the ad hoc was a great way to proceed.

Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, inquired as to what the police will do in the interim to help the homeless. Mr. Childers replied that the ordinance would continue to be enforced and it impacts only a small percentage of the homeless based on information received from the police department. Mayor Harpole stated very few citations have been issued. Mr. McKamie stated only four citations have been issued since 2012 resulting in only one fine. Jim Thompson, 712 Southwest 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated he lives across from Ellwood Park. He stated it is great now and he does not want it changed. Donnie Lane, 2505 South Bolton Street, stated he is the Pastor at City Church and thanked the Council for allowing some discussion. He stated there has been a tremendous improvement. Victoria Williams Trice, 1504 Bowie Street, stated many homeless feel that they are harassed in public places and many do not feel comfortable with some of the agencies providing services. Hanna Huff, 107 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Canyon, stated the low citation rate shows how willing the homeless are to obey the laws. Councilmember Nair stated the Council's action today is to form an ad hoc committee.

Chris Searight, 1903 Beach Street, stated he believed it should not be a crime to have a blanket. Brandon Dicks, 3909 South Barclay Street, stated Ordinance No. 7333 should have already been investigated. Georgia Roman, 2301 South Austin Street, stated Ordinance No. 7333 affects camping from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Douglas Messer, 508 South Philadelphia Street, stated people need a place to sleep. Kelly Stephens, with Guyon Saunders, 200 South Tyler Street, stated there were now 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> generation homeless. She further stated camping on the streets creates various problems. Brandon Boyd, Bail Bonds on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, inquired if Ordinance No. 7333 was enacted for criminal justice or was it a health issue. Mayor Harpole stated the primary concern was public health.

Thomas Edwards, 107 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Canyon, stated Ordinance No. 7333 was not a ban on blankets, but a ban on sleeping in public places. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 South Marrs Street, stated she works with the homeless and they pay attention to the temperatures. Mercedes Alexander, 300 North McMasters Street, stated she was formerly homeless, she inquired if the police were equipped with pamphlets or able to assist with rides. Mr. Childers stated the homeless are directed to the various services that are available. Grant Ryer, 1017 South Rusk Street, suggested that officers approaching a homeless person sleeping should use caution and care. Chief Robert Taylor, stated special trained CIP officers are dispatched.

Raymond Gonzales, Faith City Mission, stated he looks forward to being a part of the committee. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, suggested the fine amounts be reduced. Diann Gilmore, Downtown Women's Shelter, 409 South Monroe Street, stated she has been worked with the homeless for 38 years and this is not the first time for this discussion. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, to form an ad hoc subcommittee under the existing Amarillo Continuum of Care Collaborative and report back in 60-days.

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 an ordinance annexing 480+ acres of land in Sections 2 and 3, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Section 2, Block 2, J. Poitevent Survey, and Section 232, Block 2, AB&M Survey, all in Randall County, Texas, in the vicinity of Hollywood Road/Loop 335 and Western Street. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7568

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, FINDING THAT ALL NOTICES AND HEARINGS AS REQUIRED BY LAW HAVE BEEN ISSUED AND CONDUCTED, DESCRIBING THE TERRITORY ANNEXED, OBLIGATING THE PROPERTY SITUATED THEREIN TO BEAR ITS PRO RATA PART OF TAXES LEVIED, PROVIDING RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS WELL AS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF

INHABITANTS AND OWNERS IN SAID TERRITORY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER 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 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 Nair to approve the consent agenda and authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Burkett.

A. Award – Design & Construction of Splash Pad at Medical Center Park:  
Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds & Water Parks -- \$434,236.57

This item awards a contract with Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds & Water Parks for the design and construction of a drain away splash pad at the Medical Center park, replacing an existing and aged playground. This facility is part of the planned barrier-free playground and is funded in its entirety through a donation by the Southwest Ambucs.

B. Award – Fire House Safety Trailer:  
Mobile Concepts -- \$56,896.38

This item awards the purchase of a trailer and fire safety house used for fire safety training, replacing an aged piece of similar equipment. Funding for the purchase is in the Municipal Garage's approved budget in the Rolling Stock and Equipment Account.

C. Award – Cutaway Transit Vans:  
Creative Bus Sales, Inc. -- \$2,110,247.00

This item awards the purchase of twelve new Cutaway vans built on Freightliner Chassis' for use by the Transit Department in the operation of Fixed Routes and Spec-Trans Service. The new vehicles are replacing current vehicles in the Transit fleet with excessive mileage. Funding for this purchase is through Transit's Federal allocations - \$2,110,247.00 (83%) and the Department's approved budget in the Rolling Stock Account - \$358,741.90 (17%).

D. Award – Service Center Transit Garage Improvements:  
Tri-State General Contracting Group, Inc. -- \$260,000.00

This item awards a contract with Tri-State General Contracting Group, Inc. for the construction of new overhead air and lube system, new interior and exterior lighting and associated electrical work and coating of the concrete work areas within the Transit Garage. Funding for this contract is through Transit's approved budget in the New Air/Lube System Account.

E. Award – Repair of Electric Blowers – Hollywood Road Wastewater Treatment Plant:  
The Pros Company -- \$50,529.40

This item award a contract with the Pros Company to repair electric blowers in two different locations used in wastewater treatment at the City's Hollywood Road Wastewater Treatment Plant. Funding for this contract is through the Department's approved budget in the R&M Improvements account.


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.

Mayor Harpole announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but time is reserved to hear from 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.

Carolyn Thornton, 1947 South Marris Street, welcomed the Interim City Manager and stated she liked the new dais organization. Mr. Childers introduced Paula Hertwig-Hopkins, Interim Assistant City Manager. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor