

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 7th day of January 2014, 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 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

PAUL HARPOLE	MAYOR
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	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 Michael Decker, Beyond The Walls Ministry. 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 December 30, 2013. Motion was made by Councilmember Simms; motion was seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

**ITEM 2:** Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 16-3-1002, Traffic Schedule B, of the Amarillo Municipal Code. This amendment will make the following changes to the speed limits on Interstate 27 (Canyon Drive):

Interstate 27, Main Lanes from Washington Street to Hillside Road – 60 miles per hour

Interstate 27, Main Lanes from Hillside Road to Bell Street – 65 miles per hour

Interstate 27, Main Lanes from Bell Street to South City Limits – 75 miles per hour

The proposed changes are requested by the Amarillo Police Department and have been verified through a recent speed study and review by the Texas Department of Transportation. The Traffic Commission has reviewed and approved the requested changes. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on the first reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7444**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 16-3, ARTICLE XXI, SECTION 16-3-1002, CHANGING THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON SEGMENTS OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 27; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW, PENALTY, PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO was Councilmember Eades; the motion carried by a 4:1:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 3:** Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of a 6.85 acre tract of unplatted land in Section 152, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County, in the vicinity of Southwest 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Osage Street from Agricultural District to Agricultural District with a specific use permit for a manufactured home. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on the second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7443

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 SOUTHWEST FIFTY-EIGHTH AVENUE AND  
OSAGE STREET, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS;  
PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING A  
REPEALER CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.

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

**ITEM 4:** Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 6696 River Road. Motion was made by Councilmember Green to select ii and v, seconded by Councilmember Simms, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 01-07-14-1

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 was sworn in and stated the property at 6696 River Road is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment and demolition and cleanup is recommended. The property was posted with a notice of condemnation hearing placard onsite December 30, 2013. The original placard was posted on November 6, and missing on November 18. A wrecking permit was issued on November 2011 expired on May 2012. There has been no other permit activity. There are \$135.98 current taxes due on the property and \$14,131.86 delinquent taxes due for tax years 2005, 2007-2013. There is no water service on the property. There is \$2,551.11 owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup on the property.

**ITEM 5:** Mayor Harpole presented a resolution setting the date and time for a public hearing on January 28, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. to determine if the properties at: 1300 South Cleveland Street, 1945 Northwest 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 1328 Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue constitute public nuisances and thereby declared as dangerous structures. A copy of this resolution will be mailed to all interested parties providing ten (10) days notice of public hearing. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 01-07-14-2

A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO  
DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN CONDITIONS  
DESCRIBED HEREIN CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC  
NUISANCE AT THE LOCATION(S) STATED; PROVIDING  
FOR NOTICE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda, Simms; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 6:** Mayor Harpole advised that an appointment is needed for a certain board and commission. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda seconded by Commissioner Eades, and unanimously carried to replace Tracy Dougherty and Benjamin Pollard on the Animal Control Board with CP Paullus, M.D. and Andrea Slater-Gulley, respectively, such term to expires January 12, 2016. Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7: 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, seconded by Councilmember Green, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Purchase – Public Safety Radio Equipment:  
Award to Motorola Solutions c/o WT Services on the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract - \$271,125.00

This item approves the purchase of radio equipment for the Amarillo Police and Fire Departments and the Office of Emergency Management. This project includes 57 vehicular radios and 99 multi-key upgrades for existing mobile and handheld units to provide additional capability and interoperability. All equipment is compliant with the FCC mandated narrowband requirements and is capable of accepting firmware upgrades to allow use on a future digital radio network.

Funding for this purchase is from the FY 2013 State Homeland Security Program and the FY 2013 Law Enforcement Prevention of Terrorism Activities Program grants. No City funds are required for this purchase.

- B. Award – Water and Wastewater Distribution Improvement Projects:  
Award to low responsive bidder: Perry Williams, Inc. -- \$129,493.56

This item awards a construction contract for the first phase of the relocation of water and sewer mains currently within the TXDOT right of way for the expansion of Loop 335 (Hollywood Road) and Western Street. Funding for this project is available in two approved Water and Wastewater Collection Capital Improvement program budgets.


- C. Award – Construction Sidewalks and Ramps:  
Award to low responsive bidder: Tri-State General Contracting Group, Inc. – \$63,048.30


This item awards a contract for the construction of residential sidewalk and curb ramps along the east side of Alabama Street from Southwest 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Southwest 3rd Avenue. This project will improve ADA accessibility. The project was estimated at \$75,000. Funding for the project is available from the 2013 approved capital improvement project.

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. There were no comments. Mayor Harpole introduced Club Scouts from Pack 80 in the audience.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
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Paul Harpole, Mayor