

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 21st day of January 2014, the Amarillo City Council met at 12:00 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 3:00 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 Davlyn Duesterhaus, Baptist St. Anthony's Health Systems. 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 January 14, 2014. Motion was made by Councilmember Simms; motion was seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution to suspend the effective date of the rate increase filing from Southwestern Public Service Company for a period of ninety (90) days, until at least May 12, 2014. This action allows the City of Amarillo and other affected entities time to evaluate, negotiate or deny the requested increase. This resolution further authorizes the hiring of the necessary attorneys, consultants and other experts to assist the City in its efforts. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 01-21-14-1

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS ("CITY") SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR NINETY DAYS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RATE INCREASE FILING OF SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY MADE ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 7, 2014; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO JOIN WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE ALLIANCE OF XCEL MUNICIPALITIES ("AXM") TO DIRECT THE ACTIVITIES OF LAWYERS AND CONSULTANTS; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTANTS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF REASONABLE LEGAL AND CONSULTANT EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING 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 3: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution adopting the guidelines and associated criteria for the abatement of the taxable value of improvements to real property or tangible personal property that is brought to real property on land located within a reinvestment zone created in the City of Amarillo. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 01-21-14-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL: ADOPTING GUIDELINES AND
CRITERIA FOR TAX ABATEMENT WITHIN
REINVESTMENT ZONES FOR THE CITY OF
AMARILLO; PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE;
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 the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Simms, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Purchase – Dell Computer Equipment:

Award on State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Purchase Program to Dell Computers -- \$213,774.25

This item approves the purchase of 160 Dell desktop computers and 30 Dell laptops as replacements for existing equipment and as the first time purchase of 36 monitors and one laptop. The existing equipment has been in service six (6) years and the new equipment for the Amarillo Police Department will enhance productivity and investigations. Funding is available in the approved FY 2013-2014 Information Technology and Police Department budgets.

B. Approval – Tickets.com Software Upgrade:

Award to proprietary source: Tickets.com -- \$159,500.00

This item approves the extension and upgrade of the existing ticketing software and services provided to Amarillo Civic Center Complex and Panhandle Tickets. Tickets.Com is a propriety source. The new agreement is a seven (7) year extension with 3 additional one-year options to extend. The new agreement provides upgrades to the software, hosting services and interfaces available to the Civic Center customers, and to organizations that use Panhandle Tickets services. The new agreement decreases the cost by an average of 14.25% over the term of the agreement. Funding for upgrade is available from approved Box Office operating budget.

ITEM 5: Mr. Atkinson thanked the Amarillo Globe News who instigated the contest for a City logo. He also introduced Les Simpson with the Amarillo Globe News and Craig Gualtiere who also offered a contest prize. Councilmember Green announced the logo was chosen by a five member committee of marketing or graphic designers, and the winner chosen was Tyler Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell stated he appreciated hearing the positive feedback on the logo. Mr. Gualtiere stated he appreciated the citizens having been a part of the process. Councilmember Simms stated this logo will be a part of the City's history.

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution designating an official City of Amarillo Logo based on the results of the recently completed Logo Contest. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Simms, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 01-21-14-3


A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: ADOPTING A LOGO AS THE OFFICIAL LOGO OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND 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.


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 advised that the meeting was adjourned and the Council would return to Closed Session.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor