

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 28th day of January 2014, the Amarillo City Council met at 1:00 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 Gene Shelburne, Anna Street Church of Christ. 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 21, 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 an ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Amarillo, Texas, Tax Notes, Series 2014." The ordinance is associated with the City of Amarillo's construction of any public work; purchase materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, buildings, land and rights-of-way, acquire rolling stock, equipment and vehicles for the municipal garage purposes and financing. Steven Adams, Specialized Public Finance, stated the ratings for the \$2,650,000 bonds were AAA from Standard & Poor's and AA1 from Moody's Investor Services. There were 13 bids for this bond issue. He recommended BOSC, Inc. with a .916% interest rate. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda to accept BOSC, Inc. as the purchaser, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on the first and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7445

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, TAX NOTES, SERIES 2014"; SPECIFYING THE TERMS AND FEATURES OF SAID NOTES; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID NOTES; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE, PAYMENT, AND DELIVERY OF SAID NOTES, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND THE APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; 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 3: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and to consider ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 1328 Northwest 16th Avenue.

RESOLUTION 01-28-14

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 stated permits were taken out to demolish this property by the owners.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and to consider ordering the removal of two substandard structure located at 1945 Northwest 15th Avenue. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades to select option ii, seconded by Councilmember Green, and that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 01-28-14-1

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 1945 Northwest 15th Avenue is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment and demolition and cleanup is recommended. The property was posted with an onsite notice of condemnation hearing placard on January 8, 2014. There has been no permit activity. There are \$110.92 current taxes due on the property and \$1,533.65 delinquent taxes due for tax years 2007-2012. There has been no water service on the property since June 2007. There is \$1,035.68 owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup on the property.

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 5: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution reopening a public hearing on and to consider ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 1300 South Cleveland Street. Motion was made by Councilmember Green to select options ii and v, seconded by Councilmember Simms, and that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 01-28-14-2

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 1300 South Cleveland Street is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment and demolition and cleanup is recommended. The property was posted with an onsite notice of condemnation hearing placard on January 8, 2014. There has been no permit activity. There are \$281.80 current taxes due on the property and \$5,134.20 delinquent taxes due for tax years 2003-2012. There has been no water service on the property since January 1999. There is \$4,141.42 owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup on the property.

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 6: Mayor Harpole represented a resolution reopening a public hearing on and to consider ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 3702 Southeast 13th Avenue. Motion was made by Councilmember Simms to select options ii and v, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 01-28-14-3

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 this item concerning 3702 Southeast 13th Avenue was previously tabled on January 14, 2014. Additional notices were sent to other interested persons who may have a legal interest in the property at 3702 Southeast 13th Avenue. He further stated the there has been no additional initial contact by interested persons and the nuisance still exists.

Aurora Pereida, 3209 Carter Street and Christina Lang, 205 North Forest Street were sworn in. Ms. Pereida stated she is the sister-in-law to Maria Torres and stated she has legal power of attorney to speak on her behalf and recently spoke to a social worker and agreed to demolish the structure because of the lack of manpower and resources. Ms. Lang is the granddaughter to Aurora Pereida, she stated they believed her grandfather was deceased.

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 7: Mayor Harpole represented a resolution reopening a public hearing on and to consider ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 1644 South Cleveland Street. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda to select options ii and v, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 01-28-14-4

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 sworn in and stated this item at 1644 South Cleveland Street was previously tabled on January 14, 2014. Additional notices were sent to other interested persons who may have a legal interest in the property at 1644 South Cleveland Street. He further stated this property is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment and demolition and cleanup is recommended.

Piedad Arebalo, 1107 South Arthur, was sworn in and stated she met with Mr. McDonald and his staff and thanked them for their time. Due to the timeline and financial status her final decision was to demolish the structure. She inquired about having the opportunity to have it demolished or being able to be at the location when the structure is demolished. Mr. McDonald stated depending on outcome of this hearing, if ordered for removal the owner within 10 days must secure a permit to remove the structure. He further stated if the owners failed to secure a permit, the City would then schedule a date when the structure would be demolished.

Victoria Arebalo, 2406 South Garfield, and Rosa Padilla, 2002 South Cleveland were sworn in. David Sanchez, acting as translator was also sworn in. David Sanchez stated Mrs. Arebalo wanted to know who would own the lot after the demolition. Mr. Norris stated the City Council did not make the determination on who owns the lot, only that the property is a nuisance or a danger to the neighborhood. He further stated that should the City Council order the structure demolished the City would make a demand upon the owner to pay for costs of the demolition. If there is a debate on ownership that must be settled in Court.

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 8: 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 – Vactor Truck:

Cooperative Purchasing Purchase: Freightliner of Austin – \$329,051.00

This item approves the purchase of a storm drain vactor truck from the Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Contact. This truck budgeted addition to the Drainage Utility budget and is being purchased through the BuyBoard to ensure this unit will match existing equipment for uniformity in parts, service and training. The cost of the vactor truck increased 3% from the last purchase in 2013. Funding for this purchase has been transferred to Municipal Garage Rolling Stock budget.

B. Approval – Engineering Services – Filter Air Scour System:

Award to best evaluated proposer: HDR Engineering, Inc. -- \$328,700.00

This item approves a contract for engineering services for the Osage Water Treatment Plant's Filter Air Scour system. The contract provides for preliminary and final design, bidding, survey and geotechnical services. Project management expenses are included based on the estimate construction costs. Funding for the engineering services is available from the approved FY 2012 and 2013 Utilities Division Capital Improvement budgets. The estimated cost for project construction is in excess of \$2 million.

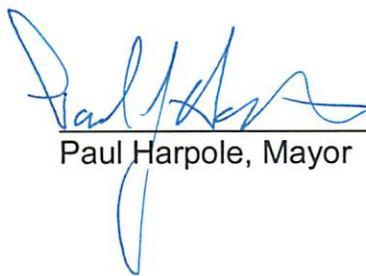
Mayor Harpole announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but time is reserved to hear any citizen concerning matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services not on today's agenda. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Council can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of city policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 South Marrs Street, wanted to recognize a City employee, Amanda Hyppolite with whom she is dealing with on a HUD issue. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor