STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 22nd day of April 2014, the Amarillo City Council met at 1:30 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 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
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN
BRIAN EADES
LILIA ESCAJEDA
JIM SIMMS

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 Kevin Deckard, Polk Street United Methodist Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation was presented for "Beta Sigma Phi Week."

Mayor Harpole established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were conducted:

<u>ITEM 1</u>: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes of April 15, 2014. Motion was made by Councilmember Simms; motion was seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

<u>ITEM 2</u>: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of three substandard structures located at 1506 South Lincoln Street. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda to select options ii and v, seconded by Councilmember Eades, and that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 04-22-14-1

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 1506 South Lincoln Street 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 April 1, 2014. The foundation is cracked and the plumbing and electrical systems are inoperable. There has been no recent permit activity. There are no current taxes due on the property and no delinquent taxes due. There has been no water service on the property since March 2014. There are no liens 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.

<u>ITEM 3</u>: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of two substandard structures located at 100 North Louisiana Street. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades to select options ii and v, seconded by Councilmember Green, and that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 04-22-14-2

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 100 North Louisiana Street 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 April 1, 2014. The property is across from a park, has sustained three fires and has been tagged with graffiti. The plumbing and electrical systems are inoperable. There has been no recent permit activity. There are \$1,603.73 current taxes due on the property and \$18,061.29 delinquent taxes due for tax years 2005-2012. There has been no water service on the property since November 2002. There is \$2,162.27 owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup on the property. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 South Marrs, inquired why this process has taken so long. Mayor Harpole replied that the legislation now allows for a speedier process on these condemnation properties.

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 accepting a \$9,000 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for selective traffic (seatbelt) enforcement activities during the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday. This grant will pay for overtime wages and other associated expenses for Amarillo Police Department officers participating in the enforcement program. There were no comments. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Simms, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 04-22-14-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT FUNDS AND PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM PROVIDED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (SEATBELTS) DURING MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY PERIOD 2014; 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.

<u>ITEM 5</u>: 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 Simms, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. <u>Purchase – Street Sweepers:</u>

Award on HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Agreement to Schwarze Industries, Inc. -- \$526,040.00

This item approves the purchase of two (2) street sweepers. The purchases replace equipment which has exceeded its useful life. Delivery is anticipated in early June. One sweeper is for the Street Department and the other for the Drainage Utility Department. This purchase represents a 15% increase since the last sweeper purchase in 2012. Funding for this purchase is available in the approved Municipal Garage fund budget.

B. Award – Police Officer Professional Liability Insurance:

Best Evaluated Proposal - Neely, Craig & Walton-Scottsdale Indemnity Company -- \$179,144.00

This item awards a contract in response to a Request for Proposal for Police Officer Professional Liability Insurance coverage. The coverage is for \$16 million per occurrence and \$16 million aggregate limits. The annual premium is \$179,144 with a \$100,000 self-retention from the City's self insurance fund. The covered departments include the Amarillo Police Department, Amarillo International Airport Police, the Amarillo Fire Marshalls, and the Amarillo Emergency Communication Center. The term of the policy is one year with recommended two (2) one year renewal options. Funding for this contract is available from the City of Amarillo Self Insurance Fund.

C. Award – Heavy Trucks:

Award to low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

 Roberts Truck Center – Lines 3,7,10,11
 \$698,585.00

 Amarillo Truck Center – Lines 8,9
 201,198.00

 Total Award
 \$899,783.00

This item approves the purchase of 11 heavy trucks, trailers and equipment used by various City Departments which include Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Streets, Park Maintenance, Drainage Utility, and Water Distribution. Nine (9) of the purchases are replacement vehicles and two (2) are additions to the fleet as approved in the 2013-14 budget. This overall bid represents a 10.6% increase from the most recent purchases of similar equipment in 1999 and 2013. Funding for this award is available in the approved Municipal Garage fund budget.

D. Award – Forklifts:

Award to lowest responsive bidder: Associated Supply Co. - \$86,438.56

This item approves the purchase of four (4) forklifts to be used by various City Departments. The purchases replace existing equipment which has exceeded its useful life. Funding for the purchase is available in the approved Municipal Garage fund budget.

E. <u>Award – Colonies Public Improvement District Projects:</u>

Award to low responsive bidder: Amarillo Utility Contractors \$1,145,274.80

This item awards a contract for the construction of site amenities, lighting and landscaping for the Colonies Public Improvement District for Unit 50-A. Work will include the construction and installation of masonry, cast stone planters and logo, concrete pavers, lighting and planting beds. This project will be funded by the developer, who will be reimbursed by property assessments from Colonies property owners. Since this project will involve the future use of Colonies Public Improvement District funds, the City has overseen the design and bidding process of this project. The project is recommended for approval by the Colonies Public Improvement Advisory Board. No City Capital Funds are required for this project.

F. <u>Approval -- Lease Agreement</u>:

Lessor: Clarendon College Terms and Conditions as noted

This item approves a Lease Agreement for a parking lot located on Lakeview Drive in Section 227, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas. The Lessor will pay \$200.00 per month for a period of five (5) years.

Mayor Pro Tem Simms 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. Ron Kordas, 3443 Gladtone Lane, sought clarification on a comment made previously about the resurfacing of 34th Avenue between Coulter and Soncy. There were no further 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