STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 29th 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

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 Davlyn Duesterhaus, Baptist St. Anthony's Health Systems. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation was presented for "Amarillo Tourism Week" and "Building Safety Month."

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 22, 2014. Motion was made by Councilmember Simms; motion was seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole opened a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed updates to the Amarillo Drought Contingency Plan. Emmett Autrey, Director of Utilities, stated the adoption is required by the State of Texas every five years. He further stated staff was recommending both minor and important changes. The proposed changes affect drought triggers for the five stages. After Mr. Autrey's presentation, Mr. Atkinson stated the Drought Contingency Plan can possibly be triggered by three main occurrences: 1) the capacity of the reservoir, 2) the amount of demand on system, or 3) failure or a line break. City's water capacity is 105 million gallons per day. Stage 1 would be triggered at 73.5 million gallons daily for five consecutive days, with voluntary conservation measures. Stage 2 would be triggered at 84 million gallons daily for five consecutive days, requiring mandatory restrictions. Stage 3 would be triggered at 89.25 million gallons per day for five consecutive days, requiring mandatory restrictions; Stage 4 would be triggered at 90 million gallons per day for five 5 consecutive days, requiring mandatory restrictions. Stage 5 would be the worse scenario. Lowering the percentage triggers puts the system in a better place to avoid excessive demands, excessive use and while still allowing for voluntarily management and best protects the resources.

Mayor Harpole stated the City is studying options for commercial and residential landscaping because approximately 50% of water usage is used for irrigation. He further stated the City had plenty of water for the next 200 years with our current growth rate, but a better statement would be enough water for the next 300 years. The Drought Contingency Plan helps raise a red flag sooner.

Councilmember Green asked for a point of reference such as the highest number of gallons used last summer. Mr. Atkinson stated 92 million gallons for one day, and those amounts stayed in the 80 million gallon range often last year. Mayor Harpole stated the City's reservoir has a 500 million gallon capacity, but if there was a major failure there is no protection. Councilmember Green inquired as to what would happen if someone did

not comply with Stage 2, a mandatory water restriction. Mr. Atkinson stated the fine was a municipal court fine. Councilmember Simms reiterated the need to educate the public on the need to conserve water.

Mayor Harpole inquired about the infrastructure and getting water from Roberts County. Mr. Atkinson explained the consolidated wellfield holdings in Carson County that has not yet been developed, and the same in Potter County, with the most expensive parts already having been done. Water rights also held in Roberts and Ochiltree Counties, to be developed in the future, protects them from competitive use and many decades from now can be developed.

Councilmember Green stated water conservation was the most important thing the City could do for economic development. There were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting a revised Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Amarillo, including necessary triggering events and regulatory compliance requirements. Upon final adoption, this revised Plan shall establish the terms and conditions under which the City of Amarillo will respond to water supply and demand conditions and the related implementation of the various stages of water demand reduction. Until such time as this proposed Plan is finally adopted, the existing Drought Contingency Plan shall remain in full force and effect. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, and that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7457

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE AMARILLO CODE, MUNICIPAL CHAPTER 18-2, **ARTICLE** SECTION 18-2-90 TO AMEND CRITERIA AND GOALS **FOR** DROUGHT STAGES: **PROVIDING PROVIDING** FOR SEVERABILITY: REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION 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.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution that provides the City of Amarillo's support for the Coors Cowboy Club Cattle Drive on June 5, 2014 and approve the temporary closures of certain streets and state highways in downtown Amarillo necessary for the safe conduct of the event. This resolution further requests the cooperation of the Texas Department of Transportation in approving the temporary closures. Dan Quandt, Convention and Visitor's Council, introduced Gary Molberg, Todd Mayfield, and Jeff Mitchell. Mr. Quandt stated the Coors Ranch Rodeo was having a cattle drive on June 5. The cattle drive would start at the Chamber of Commerce, down 10th Avenue and Polk Street, to 3rd Avenue and Taylor Street by the Courthouse, to Buchanan Street by the Civic Center and Globe News Center then back up Buchanan Street. The cattle would be then herded to the Fairgrounds with a VIP celebration following. Because the route included four blocks of state highway, TxDot was notified. Mayor Harpole inquired as to how many cattle. Mr. Mitchell answered a semi-truck would bring 25-30 nostalgic longhorn cattle. Mr. Mayfield stated it would be a photo opportunity around downtown. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, and that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 04-29-14-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO APPROVING PARTIAL, TEMPORARY, CLOSURE OF A STATE HIGHWAY ON JUNE 5, 2014; PROVIDING A 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.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution setting the date and time for a public hearing on May 20, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. to determine if the property at 5406 Keystone Drive constitutes public nuisance and thereby declared as a dangerous structure. A copy of this resolution will be mailed to all interested parties providing ten (10) days notice of public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Simms, and that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 04-29-14-2

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

<u>ITEM 6</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 – Transfer Station Heavy Equipment</u>:
 Award to low responsive bidder: Warren Cat -- \$159,084.74

This item approves the purchase of a 5.4 yard articulated wheel loader to replace a 2005 model unit that has exceeded its usable life span. The bid price reflects a trade-in value of \$30,000 for the current machine. The cost is 3% less than the last purchase in 2009. Funding for this purchase is in the approved Municipal Garage Machinery General budget.

B. Award – Radio Communications for School Flashers and Traffic Signals:
Award on HGAC Smart Buy Contract
Consolidated Traffic Controls, Inc. -- \$149,397.16

This item awards a contract for the installation of radio communication system for 80 school zone flashers and traffic signals. This is the second phase of a three-year replacement program of the outdated control system. There is no increase in cost. Funding for the purchase is available in the approved 2013 Capital Improvement Project for the Signal and School Flasher Communication System.

 C. <u>Award – Downtown Redevelopment Utility Relocation</u>:
 Award to low responsive bidder: L A Fuller & Sons Construction Ltd. --\$1,135,437.00

This item awards a construction contract to upsize and reroute the sanitary sewer line to Pierce Street from Southeast 5 Avenue to Southeast 8 Avenue. The project will replace the existing deteriorated sewer lines in the alley and will also provide additional capacity. During the construction XCEL Energy and ATMOS Energy will replace and relocate their existing infrastructure. Further, conduits will be installed to facilitate the relocation of AT&T, Suddenlink, City Communications and others at the same time. Each utility will fund their project separately. Funding is available for the City's project from the approved FY 2012 and 2013 Utilities Capital Improvement program.

D. <u>Award – Mowers, Golf Carts and Tractors</u>:

Award to low responsive bidders by line item as follows:

C&M Golf and Grounds Equipment	\$264,034.20
Lines 1, 2, 9	
Austin Turf & Tractor	96,865.64
Lines 3, 5, 6	
Professional Turf Products	138,797.88
Lines 4,7,8,12,15	
Kut-Kwick Corp	62,717.00
Line 10	

Poston Equipment Sales Inc. Line 11 Total Award 81,619.50

\$644,034.22

This item approves the purchase of mowers, carts and tractors for use by several departments. The equipment will replace units which have exceeded their useful life. The overall purchase represents a 16% increase in cost from the last purchases. Funding is available from the Municipal Garage Machinery budget.

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.

Mayor Harpole stated that the staff would present and discuss the continued evaluation, and plans for Animal Control at next week's work session for review and discussion.

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