

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 24th day of June 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 S.E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent was Paul Harpole. 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 Marcus Norris. Mayor Pro Tem Green led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ITEM 1: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented the minutes of June 17, 2014. Motion was made by Councilmember Simms; motion was seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented an ordinance annexing ± 1.70 acre tract of land of Section 24, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County. This was recommended for approval by a 6:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, and that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7464

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 8-4, ARTICLE II, SECTION 8-4-21 ADDING AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Pro Tem Green, Councilmembers Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of three substandard structures located at 4414 East Amarillo Boulevard. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades to select options iii and v, seconded by Councilmember Simms, 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 4414 East Amarillo Boulevard contains four buildings one of which has fire damage. It 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 June 3, 2014. There has been no recent permit activity or attempt by the owner to secure the property. There are no current taxes due on the property and no delinquent taxes due. There has been no water service on the property since January 28, 2013. There are no liens owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup on the property. Councilmember Simms inquired as to the disposition of the rest of the property. Mr. McDonald stated they were rough but secured. Oscar Gamboa, Lienholder, 709 South Polk Street, was also sworn in. He stated only three rooms were damaged by the fire. Mr. McDonald stated notices were sent to him but this was the first he has heard from any interested party. He stated the entire property would have to be brought up to current code and into compliance. There are no functional working systems. There has been no attempt to abate the structure prior to today's meeting. Councilmember Eades stated Mr. Gamboa would have to obtain permits and be in compliance fairly quickly. Councilmember Green asked if he had received notice, and why he did not respond before today. Mr. Gamboa stated he did not receive the letters until this week. He saw the condemnation sign and called his son. Mr. McDonald stated in order to obtain a provisional permit the owner must provide a plan of work, estimates along with the financial ability to rehab the structure, and the work would need to be done by licensed professionals.

Voting AYE were Mayor Pro Tem Green, Councilmembers Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Pro Tem Green 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. Award – Civic Center Auditorium Seating Maintenance:
Award on BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract: Irwin Seating Company -- \$401,884.02

This item approves a contract for the replacement of components for the 2,274 seats in the Civic Center Auditorium. This is a BuyBoard purchase. Additionally, the purchase includes 128 portable seats for the pit seating area. The project updates the seating components installed in the original construction of the Auditorium in 1968. The budget for the project was estimated at \$555,000. Funding for the project is available from multi-year Civic Center Capital improvements Project budgets.

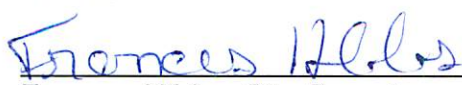
Mayor Pro Tem Green announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but time is reserved to hear any citizen concerning matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services not on today's agenda. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Council can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of city policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda.

Judy Glidewell, 176 Dolphin Terrace, read a quote from the newspaper concerning the hiring of an Animal Control Director. She inquired as to the Animal Control Director's job description, and why the City was not going to form a citizens' committee in choosing the director. Stephanie Cook, 1615 South Tyler Street, stated the Saturday adoptions at Animal Control was a step forward, but she suggested being open on Sunday's as well. Councilmember Eades stated that adoption events are being held around the city on Sundays. Sunny Hodge-Cambell, Animal Control President, stated they are at Petsmart, Petco, and Gebos. Councilmember Eades suggested the rescue groups promote these events.

There were no further comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Green advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


Ellen Robertson Green, Mayor Pro Tem