

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 8th day of July 2014, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 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 5:30 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:

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 July 1, 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 the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Award – Traffic Signal and Control Detection:
Twincrest Technologies -- \$74,390.00

This item approves a Texas Smart Buy Contract purchase of radar detection signalized traffic units to replace the video detection equipment at four (4) intersections. The last purchase was in June 2013. Funding for this purchase is available in the approved 2013-2014 capital improvement program budget.

B. Award – Osage Water Treatment Plant Electrical Building Repairs:
Brown Construction Services -- \$170,480.00

This item awards a contract to the sole responsive bidder to repair and level the foundation at the Osage Water Treatment Plant Electrical Building. The estimated budget for the project was \$130,000. The additional funding needed for the award is available from the approved 2013-2014 Water Extension and Improvement budget.

C. Approval – Transportation Project Grant Agreement:
Grantor: Texas Department of Transportation
Grantee: City of Amarillo
Amount: \$353,145.00

This item accepts a contract from the Texas Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2014-2015 to support Amarillo City Transit. These funds will be used for renovations and improvements at the Transit maintenance facility. The grant requires no matching funds. The funding represents a 14% decrease from the current grant.

D. Sale – Property:
Sheriff Sale Property in Randall County.

ITEM 3: Tim Loan, Assistant Director of Utilities, presented the information for reporting water wasters by telephone (806) 378-6826 and by email waterwasters@amarillo.gov. He stated since 1980 there had been 151 weather climate related disasters with drought being the number one economic loss. He further stated the City was still in severe drought conditions but things have gotten a little better. The single highest water usage day was July 31, 2012 with 92.1 million gallons daily (mgd). Current production capacity is 107.4 mgd from the Carson County Wells - 35 mgd; Potter County Wells – 21 mgd; Southwest/Palo Duro Wells – 10 mgd; CRMWA - 26.4 mgd; and Reservoir Drawdown (for 30 days) - 15.0 mgd. He further stated Lake Meredith's water level on August 2013 was 26' and on July 1, 2014 it was at 41'.

Councilmember Simms asked if the City was being successful in getting people to conserve. Mr. Loan replied that the newspaper had a recently published an article on water wasters' which included their addresses and phone numbers. He stated the recent daily consumption was approaching winter time consumption.


Councilmember Eades inquired about the process of turning in a water wasters. Mr. Loan stated an initial contact would be attempted, and if they are not successful they would leave a door hanger. If there was a second complaint they would try to contact them in person and write a letter. He stated the worst case scenario was the City does have the authority to shut off water.

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.

Courtney Olsen, 4105 Tucson Drive, stated she was trying to start a car service much like a taxi or limousine service. She further stated she was appalled by the dishonesty and cleanliness of services currently available. Mr. Atkinson stated they were looking into an amendment for this type of service. Lynz Piper-Loomis, 7301 Ashland Drive, asked the Council to consider holding the meetings at a later time. She also asked for the Council to look at adding an adoption rescue coordinator at the animal shelter. She then asked for Amarillo residents whose addresses were outside the voting area be allowed to vote and have a voice in government. 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