

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 15th day of July 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:

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 Bryan Houser, Amarillo Area Baptist Association. 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 8, 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 a resolution to conduct the final public hearing to allow interested parties to comment on the proposed activities and programs and authorizes the City of Amarillo to submit the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan of the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Beginning October 1, 2014, this federal funding will provide a variety of programs, services and projects which benefit low and moderate income residents and neighborhoods in Amarillo. The Annual Action Plan is recommended for approval by the Community Development Advisory Committee. Bill Bandy, Chairman of the Community Development Advisory Committee, appeared and introduced board members present: Rita Saldierna, Ruben Rivera, Glenda Grisham, Mary Jane Nelson, Lo Van Pham. Mr. Bandy presented information regarding the recommended allocations. He further stated the requests made were for \$326,450 and they were able to fund \$225,232. There were no comments. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-15-14-1**

**A RESOLUTION CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVING THE 2014-2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND FILE SAID PLAN WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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 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.

Mr. Atkinson stated the amendment for the summer lunch program would provide 4,500 meals to qualifying children extending the program. Brent Hoover, AISD, expressed his appreciation for the extension. Councilmember Green stated the importance in covering those two weeks. Councilmember Escajeda stated that with partnerships lots of things can be accomplished in filling the community's needs.

A. Award – Water Distribution Improvements: Loop 335 Expansion Project Phase III:

Award to low responsive bidder: Amarillo Utility Contractors -- \$1,370,046.00

This item awards a contract to relocate water mains to outside the TXDOT Right of Way as required for the extension of Loop 335 from I-27 to the railroad east of Georgia Street. This is Phase III of the utilities (water) relocation along Loop 335. The bid was 21% lower than the estimate cost. Funding for this award is available in the approved Utilities Division Capital Improvement Program budget for the Loop 335 project.

B. Award – Wastewater Collection Improvements: Loop 335 Expansion Project Phase III:

Award to low responsive bidder: Amarillo Utility Contractors -- \$725,907.00

This item awards a contract to relocate sewer mains to outside the TXDOT Right of Way as required for the extension of Loop 335 from I-27 to the railroad east of Georgia Street. This is Phase III (wastewater) of the utilities relocation along Loop 335. The bid was 41.5% lower than the estimate cost. Funding for this award is available in the approved Utilities Capital Improvement Program budget for the Loop 335 project.

C. Acceptance – Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant:  
Grantor: Texas Department of Transportation

Grant Amount:	\$161,078.40
Match Amount:	<u>\$201,592.60</u>
Total:	\$362,671.00

This item accepts the Fiscal Year 2015 Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant. The Texas Department of Transportation provides funding to the Amarillo Police Department to focus additional resources on Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) offenses, Speed Enforcement, Occupant Protection (Safety Belt and Child Safety Seat) and Distracted Driving. The required matching funds are available in the Police Department operating budget.

D. Amendment - Summer Lunch Program Extension at City Parks:

This item accepts the extension of the 2014 Summer Lunch Program through August 22, 2014 at seventeen (17) park sites. The extension will provide an additional 10 days and approximately 4,500 meals to the existing Summer Lunch Program. This Texas Department of Agriculture grant amendment will reimburse the City for the staff and meal costs associated with this extended program.

ITEM 4. Tim Loan, Assistant Director of Utilities, presented the 2014 Every Drop Counts poster contest winners. Brownie Troop #5109 members were in attendance working on a merit badge and presented tips for conserving water. Sonja Gross, Community Relations Coordinator, stated the 13-month calendars would be available in November.

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.

Councilmember Escajeda invited the public to attend a special meeting concerning payday lending and title loans on Monday, July 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Ballroom at 401 South Buchanan Street. A presentation will be made by Brett Merfish of Texas Appleseed and Dallas Councilmember Jerry Allen who will share information and concerns. Councilmember Escajeda also asked for input from the community to offer insight and perhaps testimony.

Mr. Collins, address unintelligible, encouraged the Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting immigration of children in Amarillo. Eloy Heras, 1604 South Harrison Street, stated there were enough people here, and granting amnesty for illegal children here would tax our resources including the police force, schools and food programs. He also spoke on how the Civic Center was losing events because it was too small.

Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated he thought it was a disgrace for this country not to host the displaced immigrant children. He also suggested a meeting in the near future to discuss the City's general water policy. Lynz Piper-Loomis, 7301 Ashland Drive, stated she has heard complaints about the size of the Civic Center and believes the City should allocate funds for its growth rather than the proposed ballpark. She also stated her husband fought in multiple wars and she believed there is no regard for what he fought for. Mayor Harpole stated he has spoken to several concerned citizens, but there has been no indication they were sending any of the Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) to Amarillo.

Councilmember Simms invited the public to the next budget review to begin on August 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 South Marrs Street, stated she attended last year and was looking forward to attending again this year. She also encouraged others to attend.


Nancy Koons, 7407 Limestone, Catholic Charities, gave accolades to the Community Development committee and staff. She also stated the Catholic agency has been approached about UAC, but they have taken the stand, they do not have the infrastructure needed. 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