

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 12th day of August 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 Southeast 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 Charles Davenport, Congressional Strategist for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. 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 August 5, 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 discuss and consider the proposed tax rate for maintenance and operation and debt service for the proposed 2014/2015 City of Amarillo fiscal budget.

Mr. Atkinson advised that this is the first step in the process to adopt the budget and associated tax rate for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. He stated that after the tax rate is set today, it cannot be raised but can be lowered when the City Council approves the final tax rate and budget.

Mr. Atkinson gave a summary of the proposed budget changes. The draft budget hires 33 full-time employees and reduces the part-time employees by 16. Mr. Atkinson stated that of the 33 new positions seven are police officers. Mayor Harpole stated the City would still be down police officers compared to the national average. Mr. Atkinson responded they would continue to evaluate crime rates, activities and costs.

Mayor Harpole stated seniors with frozen capped rates would not be affected by the proposed new tax rate. Mr. Atkinson stated the proposed fee and rate changes were: tax rate up \$0.005 cent up ½ cent from 2013; water rates in the 4th tier would increase from \$4.65 to \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons above 50,000 gallons; increase in fines for illegal water meters or tampering with water meters would rise from \$150 to \$500; residential solid waste would increase \$0.40 per month; public pool and spa inspection fees at \$250 and \$125, respectively; sewer disposal permits from \$160 to \$185 for residences and \$170 to \$195 for commercial businesses; and water sample collection fee from \$17 to \$40. Mayor Harpole inquired as to how much a ½ cent tax rate increase would generate. Mr. Atkinson responded \$453,000. The draft budget also includes \$11.7 million for capital construction and purchases.

There were no comments from the audience. Mayor Harpole closed the hearing.

Councilmember Escajeda, motion to set the proposed property tax rate at \$0.34509 per \$100 of taxable value, seconded by Councilmember Eades. Mayor Harpole asked for comments. There were no further comments. Mayor Harpole asked for a vote of the Council. Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Simms, Escajeda, Eades and Green; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of a 2.67 acre tract of unplatted land in Section 64, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, from Agricultural District to Moderate Density District, in the vicinity of Nancy Ellen Street and Hillside Road for residential development. This is recommended for approval by a 7:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, and that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7467

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR CHANGE OF USE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF NANCY ELLEN STREET AND HILLSIDE ROAD, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS, PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN 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 an ordinance changing the zoning of a 2.12 acre tract of unplatted land in Sections 24 and 25, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County, from Agricultural District to Office District 1, in the vicinity of Tascosa Road and Ravenwood Drive for various office related land uses. This is recommended for approval by a 7:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Simms, and that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7468

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR CHANGE OF USE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF TASCOSA ROAD AND RAVENWOOD DRIVE, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS, PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN 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 an ordinance amending Chapter 4-10, Division 6, of the Amarillo Municipal Code to provide comprehensive revisions to the landscaping requirements. This is recommended for approval by a 7:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Kelley Shaw, Planning Director, gave an overview of the impact of the new required landscaping requirements. The amendments to the landscaping ordinance were based on the recent drought conditions and meeting water conservation efforts. There is also a recommended plant list with 127 efficient plants suited for USDA hardiness in Zone 6. Mayor Harpole stated that a lot of discussion has been spent on this subject with voluntary participation and encouragement of better landscaping. Councilmember Escajeda reiterated that this does not apply to residential areas. Motion was made by Councilmember Simms, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7469

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 4-10, TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING CHAPTER 4-10, DIVISION 6; PROVIDING CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 4-10-246 THROUGH 4-10-265; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A 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 6: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance to amend Chapter 4-6, Article V, of the Amarillo Municipal Code to change the utility coordination meeting times to once per year. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7470

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-6, ARTICLE V, SECTION 4-6-207; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; 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 7: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the 2014/2015 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Colonies Public Improvement District (PID). The Colonies PID is located within the Colonies Subdivision in Southwest Amarillo. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Colonies Public Improvement District Board of Directors. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7471

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE COLONIES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN PERIODIC INSTALLMENTS AND OBLIGATING PERSONS PURCHASING PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND AN 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 8: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the 2014/2015 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Point West Public Improvement District (PID). The Point West PID is located adjacent to the Amarillo Medical Center in West Amarillo. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Point West Public Improvement District Board of Directors. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Simms, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7472

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE POINT WEST PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN PERIODIC INSTALLMENTS AND OBLIGATING PERSONS PURCHASING PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE;

PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND AN 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 9: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the 2014/2015 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Tutbury Public Improvement District (PID). The Tutbury PID is located within the Tutbury Subdivision in Southwest Amarillo. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Tutbury Public Improvement District Board of Directors. Motion was made by Councilmember Simms as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7473

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE TUTBURY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN PERIODIC INSTALLMENTS AND OBLIGATING PERSONS PURCHASING PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND AN 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 10: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the 2014/2015 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Redstone (PID). The Redstone PID is located South of Coulter Street and Hollywood Road in Amarillo. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Redstone Public Improvement District Advisory Board. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7474

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE REDSTONE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND AN 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 11: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution setting the date and time for a public hearing on September 9, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. to determine if the property at 1506 Southeast 4th Avenue, constitutes a 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 Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned resolution be passed on first reading:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-14-1

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.

ITEM 12: 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 Green, seconded by Councilmember Simms, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Approval – Affiliation Agreement with Vista College:

This item approves a Clinical/Externship Site Affiliation Agreement with Vista College for vocational nursing students at the Amarillo Department of Public Health. The term of the agreement is three years. Nursing students must have educational hours in a clinical setting. The Public Health Department offers these opportunities to not only Vista College, but also Amarillo College, WTAMU, and Texas Tech School of Medicine for nursing students and residents.

ITEM 13: Mr. Atkinson presented a City of Amarillo Economic Update on the local economy. He stated that years 2011, 2012 and 2013 were record years for sales tax collection and the expectation for 2014 is 3% over 2013. HOT tax receipts increased 13.77% over 2012. Hotel room counts have been up 32.7% since 1998. Mr. Atkinson stated the new hotel properties have not driven down the rates or occupancy and they have been absorbed into the market. Mayor Harpole stated these revenues have helped offset the property tax.

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. There were no comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned and the Council would return to a short Work Session and a Closed Session.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor