

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 21st day of October 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  
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN  
BRIAN EADES  
LILIA ESCAJEDA

MAYOR  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3

Absent was Jim Simms. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON  
VICKI COVEY  
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS  
KELLEY SHAW  
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER  
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER  
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY  
PLANNING DIRECTOR  
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Gene Shelburne, Anna Street Church of Christ. Mayor Harpole also led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for "World Polio Day" and "Lights On Afterschool Day."

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 October 14, 2014. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda; motion was seconded by Councilmember Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

**ITEM 2:** Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 1, Block 11, Estacado West Unit No. 1 in Section 30, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, in the vicinity of Hurst Road and Columbia Lane, from Residential District 2 to Planned Development District for single-family attached housing units. This is recommended for approval by a 4:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7494**

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 HURST ROAD AND COLUMBIA LANE, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**ITEM 3:** Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance vacating the remaining portion of Harrison Street between Southwest 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, and the alley segments within Block 8, all in Glidden and Sanborn Addition, Section 169, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Harrison Street. This is recommended for approval by a 4:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7495

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, DETERMINING LACK OF PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR STREET AND ALLEY SEGMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF SOUTHWEST SECOND AVENUE AND HARRISON STREET, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; VACATING AND ABANDONING THE HEREIN-DESCRIBED RIGHT-OF-WAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 4-6, of the Amarillo Municipal Code, regarding the layout and locations of alleyways. This amendment will update the Municipal Code to match current City development policy. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7493

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-6, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2, SECTION 4-6-126 AND CHAPTER 4-6, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 4, SECTION 4-6-72 ADDING MINIMAL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLEYS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 3616 Southeast 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Scott McDonald, Building Official, was sworn in and stated the property at 3616 Southeast 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue was involved in a fire on January 12, 2014 and no effort has been made to repair or remove this unsafe structure. It is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment and demolition and cleanup is recommended. The structure has been vacate since August 2013. The original placard was posted on September 30, 2014. There has been no permit activity. The current taxes due on the property are \$2,098.29 for 2014 and there are no delinquent taxes owed. There is \$2,878.77 owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup on the property. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades to select options ii and v, seconded by Councilmember Green, and that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 10-21-14-1

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.

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

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 2722 South Highland Street. Scott McDonald, Building Official, was sworn in and stated the property at 2722 South Highland Street was involved in a fire on May 26, 2013 and no effort has been made to remove this deteriorated structure. It is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment and demolition and cleanup is recommended. The original placard was posted on September 30, 2014. There has been no permit activity. The current taxes due on the property are \$864.94 and the delinquent taxes are \$32,997.81 for years 1992-2013. There is \$866.39 owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup on the property. Motion was made by Councilmember Green to table this item for one week, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried.

ITEM 7: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution setting the date and time for two public hearings on November 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. to determine if the properties at 914 North Washington Street and 1109 North Washington Street constitute public nuisances and thereby declared as dangerous structures. 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 Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 10-21-14-2

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, and Escajeda, the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 8: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution approves the application for the 2015 Regional Solid Waste Grant Program Application to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC). The Solid Waste Department will use the requested \$24,628 to purchase six, used oil collection containers and associated decals to replace aged and irreparable collection containers. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, and that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 10-21-14-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FY 2015 REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (PRPC) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REPRESENT THE CITY IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THIS APPLICATION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.


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

ITEM 9: Mayor Harpole advised this item would also be tabled.

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.

ATTEST:

  
 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
 Paul Harpole, Mayor