

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 9th day of December 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:

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| PAUL HARPOLE | MAYOR |
| ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN | COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1 |
| BRIAN EADES | COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2 |
| LILIA ESCAJEDA | COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3 |
| RONALD BOYD | COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4 |

Absent were none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

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| 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 Burt Palmer, Polk Street United Methodist Church. Mayor Harpole also 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 December 2, 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 a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 810 North Arapahoe Street. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades to select Options ii and v, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-09-14-1

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 810 North Arapahoe Street has been vacant since November 2012. There have been three separate fires on the property since 2008. There have been no applications for permits to abate the nuisance. The property was posted with a condemnation placard on November 4, 2014. The property is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment. Current taxes due on the property are \$311.30; there are \$797.00 in delinquent taxes due for years 2012-2013. There has been no water service since November 2012. The City has contractor liens totaling \$1,585.99 on the property.

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 3: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution setting the date and time for a public hearing on January 13, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. to determine if the properties at 810 South Florida Street and 2810 San Jacinto Avenue 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 Green, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 12-09-14-2

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 4: Mayor Harpole advised that an appointment is needed for a certain board and commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Green, and unanimously carried to appoint Ellen Robertson Green to replace Brian Eades on the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). 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 5: Mayor Harpole advised that an appointment is needed for a certain board and commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, and unanimously carried to appointment Scott Bentley as the Chairperson to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 (TIRZ), to replace Richard Brown. Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades and Escajeda abstained; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Councilmember Boyd arrived during this item.

Buzz David, AEDC, stated Item 6E would construct a ramp that will be secured to the ground and allow Bell Helicopter to test new aircraft on the ground in the run mode. He further stated the AEDC Board approved this item not to exceed \$3 million on November 20, 2014. George Herring, Bell Helicopter manager, stated this expansion would possibly allow Bell to assemble the V-280 Valors in Amarillo. He further stated Bell is competing to develop aircraft to replace many of the helicopters now used by the military. Councilmember Green inquired about the recent layoffs. Councilmember Escajeda stated Bell is always waiting to see if the military will get increased funding for more capacity or more opportunity. Mr. David stated payroll still meets or exceeds expectations.

Craig Gualtiere, 3509 South Lamar Street, stated that AEDC was not giving the public the opportunity to speak at their meetings. He stated that he believed they were not following the rules of the Open Meetings Act. He further stated that AEDC needed to recruit new companies. Mr. Norris replied that he had spoken to Dave Kemp, County Attorney, and he acknowledged the difference of opinions regarding the Open Meeting Act rules. but he saw no criminal offense being committed. Councilmember Eades stated this item was an AEDC recommendation. The obligation today is whether or not to approve this item. He further stated that perhaps more open-ended discussions were needed on AEDC projects.

Motion was made by Councilmember Green to approve the consent agenda, motion was seconded by Councilmember Boyd, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. **Purchase – Aerial Manlift and Truck:**
Award on BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract to Silsbee Ford, Inc. – \$116,505.00

This item approves the purchase of an 18,000 GVW truck with a Versalift aerial manlift. This vehicle is an addition to the Traffic Engineering Field Operations fleet and will be used to access lighting fixtures and other items that cannot be safely reached with existing equipment. Funding for this purchase is in the approved FY 2015/2015 capital Improvement Program budget.

B. Award – Amarillo and Airport Police Uniforms:

Award to low responsive bidder: Miller Uniforms & Emblems, Inc. -- \$82,756.55

This item awards a supply agreement for the purchase of uniforms for both the Amarillo and Airport Police Departments. The uniforms are stocked at the Police Department as inventory and distributed to officers as replacements for worn-out uniforms and issued to new officers. This award represents a 17.43% increase from the 2013 award. Funding for this purchase is in the approved departmental quartermaster inventory budgets.

C. Amendment #1 – Airport Lease and Concession Agreement:

Parties: City of Amarillo and Tailwind AMA, LLC

This item approves an amendment to the existing Lease and Concession Agreement at the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport to add approximately 787 square feet on the airside of the terminal that was contemplated but not exercised in the original agreement. This amendment will further remove an area in the basement which is no longer used by Tailwind. The additional 787 square feet will be used by Tailwind to start a second coffee bar for passengers and to improve customer flow.

D. Approval – Amendment to Airport Terminal Building Escalators Task Order #14:

Award to Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc. (RS&H)
Current task order - \$29,000
Amendment - \$21,000
Total task order - \$50,000

This item approves a \$21,000 addition to the existing task order #14 for the Airport Escalator project. This additional funding is required due to contractor delays in installing and commissioning the escalators, which necessitates additional project inspection services by RS&H. The airport will provide the initial funding for this amendment and the original task order of \$29,000. These funds will be recouped from the contractor upon completion.

E. Approval – Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Project – Bell Helicopter:

This item approves an AEDC project for Bell Helicopter in an amount not to exceed \$3 million. The project will provide funding to construct a run stand to be used in the testing of tilt-rotor aircraft. Specifically, this test stand will support the production and testing of the Joint Multi-Role (JMR) Technology Demonstration (TD) Program. The run stand will aid ground and flight tests for the JMR-TD and will be compatible for future use with the V-22 Osprey. Construction of this test stand assists in the continued diversification of the existing Bell Helicopter operations in Amarillo and supports current and future opportunities.

F. Dedications and Acceptances:


Two 20' public utility easements for sewer and water in Section 44, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County, Texas for installation, construction and maintenance of a sanitary sewer outfall main and appurtenances to service the northwest are of Amarillo.

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.


Craig Gualtiere, 3501 South Lamar Street, stated AEDC does not give the public notice of the projects they are discussing and does not allow public comments. Robert Goodrich, 4111 Stony Point, stated his support of Scott Bentley as Chairperson on the TIRZ Board. He further recommended limiting the use and discretion of Executive Sessions and how they are used. Sara Faulkner, 3507 Farwell Street, Hope Veterinary Clinic, expressed her concerns about the distemper outbreak in Amarillo. She suggested a committee be formed immediately to address these issues. Scott McDonald stated the Humane Society has available funds for community outreach to inform the public of the importance of vaccinations and the distemper problem in our community. He further stated these diseases are not just isolated to the shelter. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor