

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 7th day of May 2013, the Amarillo City Commission 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 Commission met at 3:00 p.m. in regular session in the Commission Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

PAUL HARPOLE	MAYOR
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

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

VICKI COVEY	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Greg Dowell, Central Church of Christ. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for "National Train Day in Amarillo" and "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month."

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 April 30, 2013. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance approving a negotiated settlement agreement on Southwestern Public Service Company's proposed increase in electrical rates. The agreement was negotiated and is recommended by the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities and the special counsel and consultants hired by the Alliance. If approved, the proposed settlement will result in an overall increase to all customer classes of \$50.8 million rather than the requested \$90 million. Impact to the average residential customer will be approximately a 6.6% increase. Mr. Atkinson stated through the efforts of the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities, counsel and consultants hired and SPS' team he believed they came to a favorable resolution. The original settlement request was for \$90 million and it was settled for just under \$51 million. The residential class will see a 6.6% increase and a larger increase for larger customers.

Mr. Norris stated the increase will be broken into two steps. The first step will be effective May 2013. This increase will include \$37 million. The second step will be effective September 2013 with the lesser increase of \$13.8 million. This two-step process will minimize the impact to customers through the summer months. The Company will also forego several previously planned rate case increases of various types. There will not be another general rate case before January 2014. Mr. Norris noted that the Company has made significant capital improvements in their infrastructure.

Mr. Atkinson introduced David Hudson, Brenda Holland and Wes Reeves from SPS/Xcel Energy in the audience. David Hudson stated staff was pleased with the results of the rate case. The agreement includes all of the 80 Texas cities SPS/Xcel serves.

Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7406

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALLIANCE OF XCEL MUNICIPALITIES ("AXM") AND SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY ("SPS" OR "COMPANY") REGARDING THE COMPANY'S STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE ELECTRIC RATES IN ALL CITIES EXERCISING ORIGINAL JURISDICTION; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE; FINDING THE CITY'S RATE CASE EXPENSES REASONABLE; DIRECTING SPS TO REIMBURSE THE CITY ITS REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ANY PRIOR RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of a 35.02 acre tract of unplatted land in Section 231, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County, in the vicinity of Farmers Avenue and City View Drive from Agricultural District to Residential District 2. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on the second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7405

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION 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 FARMERS AVENUE AND CITY VIEW DRIVE, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution setting the date and time for a public hearing to determine if a property constitutes a public nuisance and thereby declared 9511 Crystal Avenue as a dangerous structure. The public hearing date was set for June 11, 2013. Motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-07-13-1

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, Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms;

voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole advised that appointment is needed for a certain board and commission. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried to reappointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission, David Craig and Howard Smith, such term to expire May 15, 2016. Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6: 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 Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Purchase – Street Sweeper:
TYMCO, Inc. -- \$228,565.00

This item approves the purchase of a TYMCO street sweeper from the HGAC purchasing agreement. This is new equipment for the Drainage Utility Department. This purchase represents a 4% increase since the last sweeper purchase in 2012. Funding for this purchase is available from the Municipal Garage Rolling Stock Fund.


ITEM 7: Presentation 2013 Every Drop Counts. Emmett Autrey stated the City of Amarillo remains in a persistent drought category. The historical water usage high was 92MGD in 2012. The level of Lake Meredith is down to 27.69'. The Water Conservation team has partners such as the water districts, AISD, and McCormick Advertising. The Water Conservation team participates in various events such as BusinessConnection and High Noon on the Square. He stated he believed they were starting to make a difference. Several rebate programs have also been successful and he would like to see more. The team has meetings with the Top 20 users to discuss water saving techniques. The Top 20 users use 24% of the water usage each day. A website and telephone number has been set up to report water wasters. There are three methods in contacting a water waster, use of door hangers, a telephone call or face-to-face meeting, and letters sent to commercial and residential customers. Mr. Autrey stated they are currently working on contacting restaurants about not delivering glasses of water unless requested to save water. He further stated that it takes approximately two glasses of water to clean one glass. Mayor Harpole stated the Commission supports the efforts of the Water Conservation team.

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. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Commission can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of city policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda.

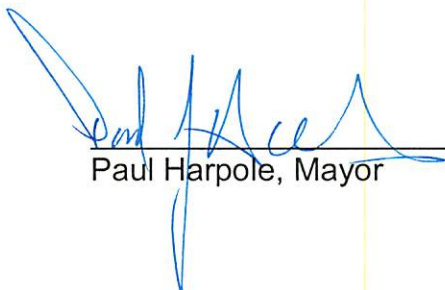
Carolyn Thornton, 1947 S. Marrs, introduced Vicki Lamoreaux. She stated Ms. Lamoreaux was homeless and frightened. She had previous stayed at Salvation Army and Faith City Mission but had used all her days. Mr. James Allen, Community Development Administrator was asked to assist. Larry Bridges and his daughter, Lana Chandler-Eckiss appeared inquiring about the repairs to her home (1003 S. Kentucky) which burned in 2010. Mr. James Allen, Community Development Administrator and Vicki Covey, Deputy City Manager were asked to assist. There were no other comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor