

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 18th day of June 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 Dr. Burt Palmer from Polk Street United Methodist. 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 June 11, 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 changing the zoning of Lot 9, Block 8, Fairview Townsite Addition, Section 123, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County in the vicinity of Southeast 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Dallas Street from residential District 3 to Residential District 3 with a specific use permit for a Type B Manufactured Home. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7411

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 SOUTHEAST SIXTH AVENUE AND DALLAS STREET, POTTER 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 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance vacating an existing 20 foot alley and a public utility easement in Block 1, Western Plateau Addition Unit No. 1, Section 6, BS&F Survey, Randall County, in the vicinity of Southwest 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South Western Street. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7412

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING LACK OF PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR AN ALLEY AND A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT IN THE VICINITY OF SOUTHWEST FORTY-SEVENTH AVENUE AND WESTERN STREET, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; VACATING AND ABANDONING THE HEREIN-DESCRIBED ALLEY AND PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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 conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of substandard structures located at 1620 and 1622 North Arthur Street. Motion was made by Commissioner Green to select Options iii and v, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-18-13-1

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 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Scott McDonald, Building Official, Genevia Thompson, granddaughter of Dorothy Lee Ray, Walter J. Ray, son of Dorothy Lee Ray were sworn in. Mr. McDonald stated the properties at 1620 and 1622 North Arthur Street Avenue had been issued a permit for plumbing repairs on May 3, 2010 and again on August 23, 2010 for gas line replacement. There have been no applications for permits or attempts to abate the property since that time. The property is a nuisance to the community and creates multiple hazards and an unsafe environment. Current taxes due on the property are \$946.69; delinquent taxes are \$2,507.88. There has been no water service since July 3, 2012. The City has contractor liens totaling \$1,123.71 on the property.

Genevia Thompson, P. O. Box 1055, Ringling, Oklahoma, stated her family and relatives planned on destroying the store in the back of the residence, cleaning the lot and repairing the residence to sell. Walter J. Ray, 5201 Grande Drive, Amarillo, stated his daughter covered everything.

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 presented a resolution conducting a public hearing for review, comment and adoption of the 2013-2014 Public Housing Agency Annual (PHA) Plan as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The annual plan has been reviewed and approved by the PHA Tenant Advisory Committee and the Community Development Advisory Committee. The PHA Annual Plan has been available for public comment for 45 days. There were no comments. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-18-13-2

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, 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 advised that an appointment is needed for a certain board and commission. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda seconded by Commissioner Eades and unanimously carried to reappoint DJ Stubben to the Traffic Commission, such term to expire May 7, 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 7:** 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 Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Approval – Bank Depository Contract:  
 Best evaluated proposer: Bank of America  
 Terms and conditions as noted  
 This is the approval of a new three (3) year contract with two (2) one (1) year renewals for bank depository services for the City. Bank of America has been evaluated to be the best proposer with the lowest net cost to the City for comparable services.
- B. Award – Escalator Replacement at Rick Husband International Airport:  
 Award to lowest responsive bidder: Schlinder Elevator Corporation -- \$1,187,000.00  
 This item awards a contract to replace four (4) escalators in the airport terminal building. The Schlinder proposal has been evaluated and recommended by the City's consulting engineering firm, Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. The approved 2012-2013 FAA Airport Improvement Grant will provide 90% of the funding and the 10% balance is available in the approved Airport budget. The project budget is \$1,900,000.00.
- C. Approval – Lease Agreement for Mary E. Bivins Building:  
 Parties: City of Amarillo and Greater Southwest Music Festival, Inc.  
 Price -- \$3,513.84 per year  
 Terms and conditions as noted.  
 This item approves a two (2) year lease agreement with an additional five year term with the Greater Southwest Music Festival, Inc. for first floor office space at the Bivins Building at 1000 South Polk Street. This space was previously leased by the Amarillo Symphony. The proposed lease rate and term will put this agreement on the same conditions and terms as similar leases in the building.
- D. Approval – Amarillo Economic Development Corporation Projects:  
Project 13-05-01 –Western National Life/AIG – Facility Improvements:  
 This item approves a grant of \$1 million from the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) to Western National Life/AIG to bring a new AIG Benefit Solutions division to Amarillo. The project will bring up to 120 new jobs to its Amarillo operations. The grant will assist with facility improvements, equipment, software and training for the new positions. The new positions will include management, professional and customer service professionals. The annual payroll impact of the expansion is estimated \$4.7 million per year. AIG makes vendor purchases of more than \$2.2 million per year. This is the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) AIG expansion in Amarillo bringing their employment to 725 positions. This incentive agreement was considered and approved by the Amarillo EDC Board of Directors.

Project 13-01-01 -- West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) Enterprise Center – Business Facilitation Services Initiative:

This item approves a grant in the amount of \$250,000 annually to expand the WTAMU Enterprise Center's services in Amarillo by adding Business Facilitation Services. The new services will provide an Entrepreneur Eco-System Plan for the community. The goal is to support entrepreneurs to create profitable, sustainable growth companies that produce jobs and payroll in Amarillo and the region. The grant will provide matching assistance for up to five (5) years. This grant was considered and approved by the Amarillo EDC Board of Directors.

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.

Bill Sweney, 2605 S. Jackson, stated he was concerned about the safety of the children at the new splash pad located near Amarillo College and so close to a busy street. He asked that no parking restrictions be posted on the east side of the street all the time from 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 S. Marrs, read a letter addressed to her from Gary Fox, Coalition for the Homeless, which stated they would obey the rules set by the City's Health Department. She inquired as to why the City was involved. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor