

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 9th day of July 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:

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 Mayor Harpole and he 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 July 2, 2013. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, 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 substandard structure located at 823 North Van Buren Street. Stella Glasco was also sworn in and stated she was the daughter of Jessie Marie Ates, owner of the property. She further stated she has paid all the taxes due on the properties. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda to select Options ii and v, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-09-13-1

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 was sworn in and stated the property at 823 North Van Buren Street is a fire burned structure. There have been no applications for permits or attempts to abate the property. The property is a nuisance to the community and creates multiple hazards and an unsafe environment. There are no current taxes due on the property and no delinquent taxes are owing. There has been no water service since May 1999. The City has contractor liens totaling \$260.80 on the property.

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 a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of substandard structure located at 825 North Van Buren Street. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades to select Options ii and v, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-09-13-2

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 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Scott McDonald, Building Official and Stella Glasco were sworn in and stated the property at 825 North Van Buren Street had been abandon since October 1985. This address has sustained two fires. There have been no applications for permits or attempts to abate the property. The property is a nuisance to the community and creates multiple hazards and an unsafe environment. There are no current taxes due on the property and no delinquent taxes are owing. There has been no water service since October 1985. The City has contractor liens totaling \$803.78 on the property

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 the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Award - Water Well Pump Improvements:

Award to lowest responsive bidder: Smith Pump Company -- \$396,340.00

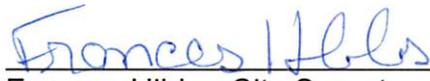
This item awards a contract for the repair and rebuild of rotating elements for the Masterson well field pumps 2 and 3. The project includes the purchase of two spare rotating elements. The recommendation includes the vendor requested exception to the bid specification. Funding for the project is available from two approved capital improvement budgets and the 2012-13 Water Production Repair and Maintenance budget.

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.

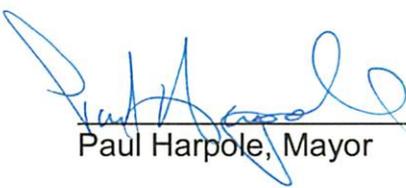
Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand, appeared and urged review of abandon or unsound structures in the City. Mr. Norris stated there was no law against abandon buildings as long as they were secure. David Merkerison, 1422 East Hastings, appeared and stated he was overwhelmed with dogs in the yard next door along with trailers and other debris. He further stated he had made numerous complaints to the Animal Control, Sanitation, Health and Police Departments. He stated he had been bitten by a dog, shot and killed the dog and was being charged with criminal charges. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned and the Commission would return to Closed Session.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor