STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 9th day of September 2013, the Amarillo City Commission met at 6:00 p.m. in a special 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
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

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 an ordinance prescribing procedures for a gas utility company to follow as part of a Statement of Intent to increase rates under the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, as to certain required contents of their rate filing package to include specific schedules, data, and other information to be provided to the municipality. This is enacted in accordance with and to promote the City's original jurisdiction and to ensure orderly and complete data submission that accompanies a Statement of Intent. The ordinance requires the use of prescribed forms; requires that the rate filing package be supported by affidavit; and other provisions. It provides for a waiver of these filing requirements on good cause but not a waiver of municipal original jurisdiction. It also provides for the treatment of proprietary gas utility information. Mr. Atkinson stated the purpose of this ordinance is when a gas company provider (Atmos) comes in to file a Statement of Intent they will be given a definitive and uniform list of materials, information, narrative discussions and other matters relative to that Statement of Intent. The Statement of Intent is the first step whereby the gas rates would be raised. The items asked for and the manner asked for are not any different than the information provided, but would allow the complete comprehensive package upfront. This ordinance will also be passed by Lubbock. It protects the original jurisdiction. This will allow us to receive the information upfront in a common and uniform manner all at once to allow our consultants to go to work because of the ultimate timeframe. If we are unable to reach an agreeable resolution we would be headed to a rate case with the Railroad Commission. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7433

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS REGARDING A RATE FILING PACKAGE TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC SCHEDULES, DATA, AND OTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE MUNICIPALITY BY GAS UTILITIES AS PART OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE RATES UNDER THE GAS UTILITY REGULATORY ACT; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS CUMULATIVE AND THAT OTHER INFORMATION MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF FORMS AS PART OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENT; REQUIRING THAT THE RATE FILING PACKAGE BE SUPPORTED BY AFFIDAVIT; PROVIDING FOR EXPERT ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF THESE FILING REQUIREMENTS ON GOOD CAUSE BUT NO WAIVER OF JURISDICTION; PROVIDING FOR THE TREATMENT OF

PROPRIETARY GAS UTILITY INFORMATION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; 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.

There were no comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Frances Hibbs, City Secretary   Paul Harpole, Mayor