

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012, 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:

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| 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:

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| JARRETT ATKINSON | CITY MANAGER           |
| VICKI COVEY      | ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER |
| DEAN FRIGO       | ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER |
| MARCUS NORRIS    | CITY ATTORNEY          |
| KELLEY SHAW      | PLANNING DIRECTOR      |
| DONNA DERIGHT    | CITY SECRETARY         |

The invocation was given by Mark Love, Central Church of Christ. Mayor Harpole led 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 January 3, 2012. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance to amend various provisions of the City of Amarillo Municipal Code. The changes are to assure compliance with current law and practice and to make non-substantive procedural changes. The affected sections of the Code include Chapter 4-10, Zoning to clarify the requirements of a super-majority of the Commission; Chapter 2-3, Assistant and Deputy City Attorney to clarify current practice; and Chapter 8-3 clarifying and amending the requirements for hauling solid waste within the City. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7309

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT LAW AND PRACTICES AND NON-SUBSTANTIVE PROCEDURAL MATTERS AS FOLLOWS: CHAPTER 4-10, SECTION 4-10-23 CLARIFYING CERTAIN ZONING VOTES; CHAPTER 2-3, SECTION 2-3-3 AMENDING AND CLARIFYING THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEYS; CHAPTER 8-3, SECTIONS 8-3-46 THROUGH 8-3-49, PERTAINING TO HAULING SOLID WASTE, ARE MERGED AND AMENDED TO SHORTEN AND CLARIFY WITH NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND 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 a resolution conducting a public hearing on and ordering the removal of substandard structures and solid waste accumulation located in the city. Mr. Atkinson presented for consideration the properties at 1701 S. Nelson Street and 1300 N. Spring Street for demolition. There were pictures of the structures shown on the screens.

Mayor Harpole asked for comments regarding the property at 1701 S. Nelson Street. Tom Roller, 2101 S. Coulter, appeared representing the property owner. He stated that the property owner asked if the Commission could allow him some additional time to be able to come here and oversee that the renovations are properly completed.

Mayor Harpole asked for comments regarding the property at 1300 N. Spring Street. Stan Wheeler, 1302 N. Spring, Sharon Gowens, 4206 N. E. 13<sup>th</sup>, Hanna Van Note, 4013 N. E. 13<sup>th</sup>, and Jean O'Neil, 1209 N. Spring, appeared concerning the property. They asked that the house be demolished because it has been an eyesore to the neighborhood for years. It was also stated that transients get in it and they are afraid.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that these properties be approved for demolition and the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 1-10-12-1

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.

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 an ordinance to amend and clarify the terms of the City of Amarillo Self-Insurance and Risk Management Program. The amendment provides that the City of Amarillo's Self-Insurance Program is secondary coverage to any other purchased or third-party policies that may be applicable. Motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7308

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 5705, 5706, ET AL, TO PROVIDE THAT CITY'S SELF-INSURANCE IS SECONDARY TO ANY AVAILABLE INSURANCE POLICY COVERAGE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; 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 5: Mayor Harpole advised that appointments are needed for the Potter-Randall County Emergency Communication District Board of Managers. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to appoint Judith Weshinsky-Price to fill the position vacated by Fire Chief Steve Ross and reappoint Perry Gilmore.

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. 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 – Police Personal Protective Equipment:  
Award to proprietary bidder: Allen-Vanguard Corporation – \$31,308.00

This approves the purchase of three lightweight bomb suits for use by the Amarillo Police Department Bomb Squad. These suits can be worn in conjunction with HazMat suits and provide greater protection and flexibility for technicians.

B. Purchase – Electronic Ticket Writers:

Award to proprietary vendor: Brazos Technology Corporation -- \$116,000.00

This approves the purchase of thirty-four electronic ticket writer machines and related software for use by the Amarillo Police Department. The overall software package from Brazos Technology provides the necessary field performance, download capability, and integration with the public safety data network. These units will be used to equip current and new officers with the remainder being maintained in inventory for replacements and future use.

C. Award – Gate and Tapping Valve Supply Agreement:

Low responsive bidder: J&S Valve, Inc. - \$54,356.00

This is the annual supply agreement to provide various gate-valves and tapping-valves to the City Warehouse.

D. Acceptance - Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program:

Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant -- \$135,849

This is the acceptance of a contract from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide 25 homeless veterans in Amarillo with rental assistance. The program is coordinated with the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center which provides case management and makes referrals for participation in the program. This is a new housing program for the City's Community Development Department. The effective date of the program is January 1, 2012.

E. Acceptance –HIV Prevention Contract:

Texas Department of State Health Services -- \$219,500

This is the acceptance of the 2012-13 contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services for outreach, HIV testing and field protocol-based counseling. Required activities include a HIV prevention community assessment, a risk reduction program and prevention case management.

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.

Stan Wheeler, 1302 N. Spring, appeared and asked about the money from the sale of Northwest Texas Hospital and about the sale of Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital. Commissioner Simms advised him that the money for the sale of Northwest Texas Hospital is in the bank and the interest is used to fund indigent care. He also advised that Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital is a private entity and the City is not involved in the sale of that hospital. There were no further comments.

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

ATTEST:

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Donna DeRight, City Secretary

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Paul Harpole, Mayor