

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 14th day of August 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, for a discussion and report by the Traffic Commission regarding cell phone use while driving and associated recommendations, discussion of the fiscal year 2012/2013 City of Amarillo budget and related 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 was none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

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 Gil Lain, Paramount Baptist Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A proclamation was presented for "Georgia O'Keeffe Day."

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 August 7, 2012. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution creating and appointing members to a citizen advisory committee for the photographic traffic signal enforcement system as required by state law. The Photographic Traffic Signal Enforcement Citizen Advisory Committee must consist of one member appointed by each member of the City Commission. The Citizen Advisory Committee will review traffic engineering studies and advise the City Commission on the installation and operation of the photographic traffic signal enforcement system. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that as selected by each member of the City Commission the following persons be appointed to serve on the Photographic Traffic Signal Enforcement Citizen Advisory Committee:

Mayor Harpole - Mark Nair
Commissioner Green – Frank Nelson
Commissioner Eades – Craig Gualtiere
Commissioner Escajeda – Ken Graham
Commissioner Simms – Dean Downey

and the City Commission appointed Dean Downey to serve as Chairman, and the following captioned resolution passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-12-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPOINTING A CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE 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 opened a public hearing to discuss and consider the proposed tax rate for maintenance and operation and debt service for the proposed 2012/2013 City of Amarillo fiscal budget. Mr. Atkinson advised that this is the first step in the process to adopt the budget and tax rate for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. He stated that after the tax rate is set today, it cannot be raised but can be lowered when the City Commission approves the final tax rate and budget. The proposed tax rate is \$0.32009, which is the same as last year's tax rate. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, to set the rate of \$0.32009 per \$100 of taxable value. Mayor Harpole asked for comments. Dora Barrera, 5704 Leigh, appeared and stated that it is difficult for senior citizens to pay their taxes and asked if something could be done to help them. Mayor Harpole advised that the taxes are frozen for senior citizens so their taxes will not increase. Several suggestions were made about what is available to help senior citizens pay their taxes and be able to stay in their homes. She was advised to meet with Mr. Norris and Mr. Frigo after the meeting to find out about the options that are available. There were no further comments. Mayor Harpole asked for a vote of the Commission. 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 advised that appointments are needed for the Downtown Urban Design Review Board. Motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Melissa Henderson, land use planning professional designation, Kevin Nelson, downtown property owner designation, Bob Rathbun, downtown resident designation, and Howard Smith, real estate professional/downtown resident/downtown business owner designation, and appoint Charles Lynch, architect designation, to the expired term of Mason Rogers, such terms to expire August 17, 2015.

ITEM 5: 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 Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Award – Annual Supply Agreement for Clamps:
Low responsive bidders by line item as follows:

Power Seal Pipeline Products	
Lines 1-7, 15-26	\$57,581.52
HD Supply Waterworks	
Lines 36-41	7,123.14
Western Industrial Supply	
Lines 33,34,35,44	5,465.76
Water Products	
Lines 8-14, 27-32,42,43	<u>30,288.02</u>
Total Award	\$100,458.44

B. Award – Water Distribution Improvements Extension Project:
Low responsive bidder: Amarillo Utility Contractors - \$557,298.10

This is a contract to install a new 16 inch water main along Amarillo Blvd. from Western Street to Bible Church.

- C. Acceptance – Texas Traffic Safety Grant:
Grantor: Texas Department of Transportation
Grant Amount: \$112,500.00
Match Amount: \$128,095.08
Total: \$240,595.08

This is the acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2013 Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant. The Texas Department of Transportation provides funding to the Amarillo Police Department to focus additional resources on Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) offenses, Speed Enforcement, and Safety Belt and Child Safety Seat. DWI and Speed Enforcement efforts will be focused on areas where there is an over-representation of accidents or offenses while the Safety Belt enforcement efforts are jurisdiction wide.

- D. Approval – Amarillo Economic Development Corporation Project:
Prana Development Group – CenterPort Business Park

This approves an Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) project to promote additional growth and development in the CenterPort Business Park. The project includes the sale of ten (10) acres of undeveloped property in the CenterPort Business Park to the Prana Development Group for the development of a multi-tenant industrial building. The property will be sold to the Prana Development Group for \$10,000 and the AEDC will provide up to \$200,000 in site development costs to support the development of new industrial space for retention and expansion of industrial prospects. The Prana Development Group intends to develop a 50,000 square foot industrial building on the site with expansion capabilities up to 125,000 square feet. This project will assist in the retention and expansion of a local firm (Lindsay Corporation) that manufactures agricultural irrigation sprinklers.

- E. Approval – License and hold Harmless Agreement:
License and Hold Harmless for an existing overhead canopy with vertical support bars in a median encumbering Taylor Street right-of-way for Polk Street United Methodist Church.

- F. Purchase – Real Property:
Grantor: Amarillo National Bank Trust Department, Trustees of the Josephine Attebury Trust C
Grantee: City of Amarillo, TX
Cost: \$101,250.00

This is the purchase of an approximately 7.15 acre tract in the vicinity of Farmers Avenue for the construction of a large drainage channel. This channel is necessary to accommodate a future drainage project that will accommodate existing storm water flows from the area to the west. This project will reduce flooding potential in the targeted area and will also accommodate future growth in the area. The portion of the property necessary to accommodate future growth is being provided to the City at no cost.

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole and the City Commissioners invited employees representing the River Road and Hollywood Road Wastewater Treatment Plants to appear. The employees were presented the Platinum Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. The award is for the complete and consistent permit compliance performed by each of these plants. It was stated that it is a team effort by all the employees working at the plants to be able to receive this award. The Mayor and Commissioners thanked them for their hard work and service to the city of Amarillo.

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. There were no comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Paul Harpole, Mayor