

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 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, presentation and discussion of a proposed Municipal Annexation Policy, 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
DEAN FRIGO	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
DONNA DERIGHT	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Marcus Norris, City Attorney. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Commission recognized Amarillo Police Officers Christopher Cruz, Vinilla King, Quirinio Mariscal and Cole Thurman for receiving the 2011 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award for Valor. The Officers were honored due to their response to a car wreck in 2011 in which the car burst into flames with two victims trapped inside. The Officers were able to provide first aid to the victims until the Fire and EMS responders arrived. The other award was received by Corporal Carlos Perez, who was named the Texas Narcotics Officers Association West Region Narcotics Officer of the Year. He participated in a multi-agency investigation which resulted in the identification and arrest of numerous individuals involved in the illegal drug trade.

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 September 18, 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 changing the zoning of a tract in Section 161, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Willow Creek Drive and River Road from Moderate Density District to General Retail District for a Dollar General retail store. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7367

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 WILLOW CREEK DRIVE AND RIVER ROAD, 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 advised that an appointment is needed for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, and unanimously carried, to appoint Matt Thomas, as a regular member, to the expired term of Tom Higley on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, such term to expire September 1, 2015.

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. Purchase – Tractors:

Low responsive bidder: Green Country Equipment -- \$58,620.42

This is the purchase of two farm type tractors for use by the Street Department in their daily operations.

B. Purchase – Stainless Steel Diaphragm Valves:

Low responsive bidder: HD Supply Waterworks -- \$56,382.11

This is the purchase of two replacement diaphragm valves. One is a replacement for the existing 20" valve at the 34<sup>th</sup> Pump Station and one is a replacement for the existing 8" valve for the McCormick Road metering station.

C. Approval – Agreement for Services with Downtown Amarillo, Inc.:

This approves a one (1) year agreement with Downtown Amarillo, Inc. for services associated with the successful implementation of the approved Downtown Amarillo Strategic Action Plan, the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 (TIRZ) Project and Financing Plan, and the Civic Center Area Redevelopment Plan for the revitalization of downtown Amarillo. In consideration for these services, the City of Amarillo is to provide \$276,298 in total funding.

ITEM 5: Kevin Starbuck, Emergency Coordinator, appeared on behalf of the Emergency Management Department and introduced Maribel Martinez, Assistant Emergency Coordinator. Ms. Martinez stated that in support of National Preparedness Month, the Emergency Management Department will conduct an all-out test of the emergency notification systems on Friday, September 28, 2012. She advised that this test is being conducted to make the public aware of the various options available to receive emergency notifications. She, also, stated that notifications will be sent to various companies and City departments that need to be put on alert during an emergency situation.

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. Rev. Robert Taliaferro, 4400 S.W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, appeared and stated that the City Commission did not comply with the City Charter, State law, and various policies and procedures when they passed Ordinance No. 7366. Trina Fournier, 4427 S. Hayden, appeared about her statements at last week's meeting concerning comments made to the City Commission by a Traffic Commission member. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned and stated that the City Commission would reconvene to Closed Session.

ATTEST:

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Donna DeRight, City Secretary

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Paul Harpole, Mayor