

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 20th day of November 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:

PAUL HARPOLE
LILIA ESCAJEDA
JIM SIMMS

MAYOR
COMMISSIONER NO. 3
COMMISSIONER NO. 4

Absent were Commissioners Ellen Robertson Green and Brian Eades. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON
VICKI COVEY
MARCUS NORRIS
KELLEY SHAW
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
PLANNING DIRECTOR
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Perry Hunsaker, Saint Paul Methodist Church. Mayor Harpole 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 November 13, 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 creating Reinvestment Zone No. 8, to accommodate Bell Helicopter's military and commercial aircraft assembly. The proposed boundaries for Reinvestment Zone No. 8 would also include additional property owned by Amarillo Economic Development Corporation and adjacent to the Bell Helicopter expansion abatement for commercial and industrial business located in the zone area. Brian Jennings, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation stated this is a hurdle for projects that may relocate within a reinvestment zone. These sites not only benefit the Bell project but also puts this property in a more marketable position.

Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7376

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS:
CITY COMMISSION: DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS
AS REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 8 FOR COMMERCIAL /
INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT, CITY OF AMARILLO,
TEXAS, PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE, CHAPTER
312, SUBCHAPTERS A & B, ESTABLISHING THE
BOUNDARIES THEREOF AND OTHER MATTERS
RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING A SEVERANCE
CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 3:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of Lots 1 through 14 and Lots 56 through 64, Block 12, Quail Creek Addition Unit No. 31, in Section 25,

Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Baccus Drive and Bridlewood Drive from Residential District 2 to Residential District 3 for preparation of single-family detached home development. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7377

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 BACCUS DRIVE AND BRIDLEWOOD DRIVE, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 3:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of Lots 18 and 19, Block 34, Ridgecrest Addition No. 15, in Section 7, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, in the vicinity of Ridgecrest Circle and Western Street from Residential District 3 with Specific Use Permit 69 to Residential District 3 with Amended Specific Use Permit 69A for day care expansion. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7378

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 WESTERN STREET AND RIDGECREST CIRCLE, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 3:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance appointing an Associate Judge for the City of Amarillo Municipal Court. This appointment will be effective January 1, 2013 for the unexpired fiscal year term of 2012-2013. This appointment fills the Associate Judge position held by Sonya Letson recently appointed Presiding Judge. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, to appoint Inda L. Crawford as Associate Judge for Municipal Court, motion was seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7379

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT PRESIDING JUDGE FOR UNEXPIRED TERM OF FISCAL YEARS 2012-2013 AND 2013-2014; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 3:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole advised that appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Simms, and unanimously carried the following appointment for the Board of Review for Landmarks and Historic Districts: reappointment of Carson Burgess, representing the banking industry; appoint L.B. Perkins, representing building trades and Tom Thatcher, representing real estate, such terms to expires May 21, 2015, and to appoint to the Traffic Commission, Walt Kelley to replace Ken Graham, such term to

expire March 31, 2016. Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 3:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7: 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. Purchase – Wheeled Hydraulic Excavator:

Award to Kirby-Smith Machinery, Inc on Buyboard Purchase -- \$319,900.00

This item approves the purchase of a Wheeled Hydraulic Excavator for the Drainage Utility Department. The purchase is a scheduled replacement of a 1998 Gradall Excavator which has exceeded its useful life and is being traded-in. The BuyBoard purchase is recommended as Kirby-Smith is the proprietary dealer for Gradall Equipment which is the only source for an excavator of this type and size. Funding for the purchase is available in the Municipal Garage Machinery Fund.

ITEM 8: Mayor Harpole advised that a presentation would be made on the graduation of the inaugural class of "Amarillo 101." Mr. Atkinson stated this opportunity was to recognize the 14 individuals who volunteered to be in the pilot class of "Amarillo 101." After the summer of 2011, staff developed for the benefit of the three new members to the City Commission, an extensive City orientation. He stated the City has an opportunity and an obligation to show City residents their ownership of the City of Amarillo, the involvement, size, scope and diversity of the City operations.

Plaques were presented to: Richard, Biggs, Joy Brenneman, Dr. Rob Chafin, Dora Chavarria, Lee Colaw, Martha Del Toro, Smith Ellis, Patrick Miller, Mark Nair, Mark Rowh, Matthew Smith and Wendi Swope. Individual comments were made by the group. Favorable comments were made regarding the City's operations, staff and employees.

Mr. Atkinson advised that the next class would begin March 21, 2013. It will consist of five Thursday sessions and three Saturday sessions. Twenty participants will be chosen as a result of an application process.


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. Bill Moser, South Harrison Street, appeared and stated that the Commission has recently negotiated the Atmos rate increase. He asked what the FFRider was on his statement and he questioned the FFRider 40% tax. Mr. Norris advised that it was a portion of the franchise fee from Atmos to use the public's rights-of-way for gas lines. Mr. Frigo stated he would look into the matter concerning the tax percentage. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand, appeared and stated the conditions of the sidewalks in the industrial areas of Grand Street were absent or in need of repair. Also, he asked that the City of Amarillo or TxDot put a stripe on the new bridge to indicate the curvature of the bridge. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor