

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 29th day of March 2011, the Amarillo City Commission met at 4:30 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 5:30 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:

DEBRA MCCARTT	MAYOR
MADISON SCOTT	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
RONALD BOYD	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	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 Jeff Geske, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Mayor McCartt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McCartt established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were conducted:

ITEM 1: Mayor McCartt presented the minutes of the regular meeting held March 22, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor McCartt presented an ordinance changing the zoning of a 28.10 acre tract of unplatted land in Section 25, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Ravenwood Drive and Bridlewood Drive from Agricultural District to Residential District 2 for single-family detached homes. Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7272

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 RAVENWOOD DRIVE AND BRIDLEWOOD DRIVE, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor McCartt, Commissioners Scott, Eades, Boyd and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3: Mayor McCartt presented an ordinance amending the Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 2-4, Article III, Section 2-4-35, Contracts or Transactions with debtors. This amendment clarifies the definitions of debt and provides for a remedy period. It also ensures that the City will not execute new contracts or approve new transactions with parties who have delinquent debts or other legally enforceable obligations in arrears to the City of Amarillo. Johnny Johnson, 708 E. St. Francis, appeared and asked if this would eliminate the procedures for people to have the proper amount of

time to get the money to pay their debts. Mr. Atkinson advised that this provides an additional process in which people can pay the debt they have to the city. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7273

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 2-4, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-4-35, DESCRIBING PERSONS INELIGIBLE FOR CITY CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor McCartt, Commissioners Scott, Eades, Boyd and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4: Mayor McCartt advised that appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions. Johnny Johnson, 708 E. St. Francis, appeared and stated that until a new Commission takes office he does not think the present Commission should appoint any new board members. Mayor McCartt advised that it is necessary to appoint members to boards and commissions in order for them to continue meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Simms, and unanimously carried, to the Advisory Commission for People with Disabilities reappoint Doug Hammett, Jim Mitchell, Joe Rogers, Mark Sturkie, Richard Wagner, III, such terms to expire March 1, 2014.

ITEM 5: Mayor McCartt presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Purchase – Cars and Trucks:

Award to low responsive bidder: Sam Packs Five Star Ford
(Lines 1 – 6) -- \$268,448.00

This is the purchase of cars and light trucks to serve as replacements for existing fleet units that have surpassed their usable lifespan. This purchase includes one van, four sedans, and 10 pickup trucks.

B. Purchase – Police Equipment Wireless Video Transceiver:

Award as a proprietary item to Remotec, Inc. -- \$25,117.00

This is the purchase of a wireless video transceiver system to be used on the existing Amarillo Police Department Bomb Robot. The addition of this unit will provide members of the Bomb Squad with the capability to have the robot provide live video images from a scene to the command post through wireless technology. This is an upgrade from the current wired technology and will provide enhanced capabilities for the unit.

C. Purchase – Lift Station 32 Site:

Seller: Attebury Grain, LLC.
Tract: 0.191 acre (8,320 square feet)
Temporary Construction Easement: 14,049 square feet
Total Purchase Price: \$8,976.87

This is the fee simple purchase of a 0.191 acre tract and an associated 14,049 square foot temporary construction easement for Lift Station Number 32.

D. Approval – Amarillo Economic Development Corporation Location Incentives Grant Award:

American General Life (AIG)

This is the approval of an incentive grant to American General Life to establish thirty (30) new professional jobs in Amarillo. The total grant amount is \$300,000 or \$10,000 per employee. Funds from this grant will be used by American General Life to assist in facility improvements, equipment, software and training for the new positions in their Amarillo operations center. The total annual payroll impact for this expansion is approximately \$1,000,000 per year. This award represents the sixth expansion for American General Life in Amarillo which has resulted in nearly 500 new jobs being created in Amarillo.

E. Dedication and Acceptance – Aviation Clear Zone Easement and Utility Easement:

1. 4600 ft. MSL above the plat of South Georgia Place Unit No. 27, in Section 183, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County.
2. 4600 ft. MSL above the plat of Miller Paper Unit No. 2, in Section 174, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County.

ITEM 6: Mayor McCartt introduced Deputy Chief Monty Owens and Lt. Dana Havlick with the Fire Department. They presented two steel remnants received from the former World Trade Center. Lt. Havlick stated that they would be on permanent display at the Fire Museum and would also be taken to different locations for viewing.

Mayor McCartt 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 Texas Open Meetings law sets out the responses that can be made by the City Commission during the Public Forum. The responses are to provide a policy or state a fact that may address or answer the concern, direct the person to contact the City Manager or other City staff or consider placing the topic on a future meeting agenda for full discussion. In order to speak at this time an Appearance Registration form is to be completed and submitted to the City Secretary prior to the meeting.

Jimmy Hammons, 1514 S. Pierce, appeared concerning the amount of money spent by the City Commission. Amy Taylor-Restine, 721 Short Street, appeared and stated that she is fearful of losing her home because of what is happening in her neighborhood. Eloy Heras, 1604 S. Harrison, appeared about a red light camera ticket he received in Sugarland, Texas. Danny South, 7003 Windridge, appeared stating he did provide factual information last week about the amount of debt the city has due to the issuance of certificates of obligation since 2001 and he provided the information to the Commission again. Steve Dawson, 7902 Prosper, appeared and stated that Kid's, Inc. should have gotten financing on their own. He stated that this is not the right time for the City to help fund this facility. Janet Taylor, 1404 S. Jefferson, appeared concerning the homeless situation at Ellwood Park and in her neighborhood. Erma Heras, 1604 S. Harrison, appeared and read a poem. She commended the Fire Department for bringing a piece of history to our city. She stated that she hopes the senior park will help the homeless problem in Ellwood Park.

No one else from the audience requested to appear before the City Commission. Mayor McCartt stated that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Debra McCartt, Mayor