

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 10th day of May 2011, 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:

DEBRA MCCARTT	MAYOR
MADISON SCOTT	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
RONALD BOYD	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 Gene Shelburne, Anna Street Church of Christ. Mayor McCartt led the Pledge of Allegiance. She had Amarillo Song by Andy Chase Cundiff play to allow people time to reflect and be thankful for the city we live in.

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 May 3, 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 Lot 8 and the south half of Lot 9, Block 4, Nobles Subdivision of Plemons Addition, in Section 170, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Southwest 17th Avenue and Polk Street from Multiple-Family District 2 to Planned Development District 367 for a cigar shop. Irma Heras, 1604 S. Harrison, appeared against the zoning change. Todd Daily, the applicant, appeared in favor of the zoning change. Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7276

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 SOUTHWEST SEVENTEENTH AVENUE AND POLK STREET, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN 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 vacating a portion of Kingsgate Drive east of the southwest corner of Lot 6, Block 6, The Greenways at Hillside Unit No. 24, in Section 39, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, in the vicinity of Kingsgate Drive

and Parkwood Place. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7277

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO DETERMINING LACK OF PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR A PORTION OF A STREET IN THE VICINITY OF KINGSGATE DRIVE AND PARKWOOD PLACE, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; VACATING AND ABANDONING THE HEREIN-DESCRIBED RIGHT-OF-WAY SAVE AND EXCEPT CREATION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Voting AYE were Mayor McCartt, Commissioners Eades, Boyd and Simms; voting NO were none; ABSTAINING was Commissioner Scott; the motion carried by a 4:0:1 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4: Mayor McCartt asked Joe Esch with Wallace Bajjali Development Partners to appear and provide information concerning the selection of the architect and engineering team and multi-purpose venue operator for the downtown redevelopment project. Mr. Esch advised that local and national firms were contacted regarding the RFQ for the architect and engineering services. He stated that a review committee from Wallace Bajjali, the City of Amarillo and Downtown Amarillo, Inc. selected a short list and conducted interviews with those firms. HKS, Inc. and Lavin Associates Architects, a local firm, were chosen by the review committee and recommended to the Local Government Corporation Board. Mr. Esch advised that operators for the multi-purpose event venue were contacted and the only response was received from the Southern Independent Baseball, LLC. He stated that the Local Government Corporation Board of Directors concurred with the selection of the architect and engineering team of HKS, Inc. and Lavin Associates Architects and Southern Independent Baseball, LLC as the multi-purpose event venue operator. Motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Simms, and unanimously carried, to concur with the selection of the architect and engineering team of HKS, Inc. and Lavin Associates Architects and Southern Independent Baseball, LLC as the multi-purpose event venue operator for the downtown redevelopment project.

ITEM 5: Mayor McCartt presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Buzz David, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, and Dr. Bud Joyner, Amarillo Area Foundation, appeared on behalf of Item D and stated that if the grant were received it would provide support to young adults in the community as they begin to enter the workforce. Alice O'Brien, 3003 S. Travis, and Mark Bivins, 3007 Lipscomb, appeared in favor of the grant program. Buzz David and Dr. Paul Matney, Amarillo College, appeared on behalf of Item E and stated that a training program for Industrial Electrical Technicians would be a benefit to many companies in the city who employ individuals with this type of training. Dr. Fouts, Amarillo College, appeared and stated that there is a need for people with training in the utility level electrical sector. Edmund Johnston, 2116 S. Hayden, appeared in favor of both Item D and E.

Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Purchase – Well Pumping Equipment for Potter County Well Field Additions:
Best evaluated bidder: Smith Pump, Inc. -- \$2,364,891.00

This approves a contract to purchase 21 well pumping units for the Potter County Well Field. This is an addition to the City's existing water production capability and includes submersible pumps and motors meeting the specific design criteria for each well and a continuous power cable extending from the motors to the motor starter on the surface. The equipment will be delivered in two phases with the equipment for the first 9 wells delivered within 120 days. Installation of the equipment will be performed by a separate contractor.

B. Approval – Oils and Grease Annual Contract:
 Low responsive bidder by line item as follows:

CHS Lubricants (Lines 1-3, 12, 13, 15, 16)	\$113,133.73
Lubrication Services (Lines 7, 17)	\$4,442.62
Western Marketing, Inc. (Lines 5, 6, 8, 9, 14, 19, 21-23)	\$25,280.51
Griffin Oil (Lines 4, 10, 11, 18, 20)	<u>\$37,986.66</u>
Total Award	\$180,843.52

This approves the annual contracts for various automotive and equipment oils and greases for city vehicles and equipment.

C. Approval – Chlorine Annual Contract:
 Low responsive bidder: DPC Industries, Inc. -- \$165,048.00

This approves the annual contract for chlorine to be used at the Osage Water Treatment Plant, the Carson County Pump Station, and the River Road and Hollywood Wastewater Treatment Plants.

D. Approval – Amarillo Economic Development Corporation Project:
 Gates Foundation “Partners for Postsecondary Success Grant” Matching Funds Award:
 AEDC Matching Funds: \$100,000/yr x 5 years
 Gates Foundation Grant Request: \$1,500,000 over a 21 month period

This approves an Amarillo Economic Development Corporation project to provide \$100,000 per year over a five-year period to serve as community matching funds for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation “Partners for Postsecondary Success” program grant. Amarillo has been selected as one of only four communities to compete for this grant. If successful, the grant funds will be used to provide training and education to lower income young adults between the ages of 16 to 26 to assist in securing living wage employment. This grant application is a project of the Amarillo Area Foundation with twenty local institutions and organizations participating in the planning process.

E. Approval – Amarillo Economic Development Corporation Project:
 Amarillo College Industrial Electrical Technician Training Program Matching Funds Award:

AEDC Matching Funds:	\$369,400
Amarillo College Matching Funds:	<u>\$369,400</u>
Total Program Cost:	\$738,800

This approves an Amarillo Economic Development Corporation project to provide \$369,400 as 50/50 matching funds to Amarillo College for the creation and implementation of an Industrial Electrical Technician Training Program. This training and education program is designed to prepare students for careers in the utility level electrical sector related to the wind energy industry, electrical grid construction and regional electrical utility providers. Amarillo College has received significant support from partner organizations in the industry and this project will provide students with essential training needed to further local workforce development.

ITEM 6: Melissa Daily, Downtown Amarillo, Inc. and Joe Esch, Wallace Bajjali Development Partners, appeared and stated that they have conducted outreach and education events for the downtown redevelopment efforts. These were conducted to many local businesses, civic groups and public meetings held throughout the city over the last two weeks. They advised that questions, comments and concerns were received and those will be taken into consideration as the downtown redevelopment efforts move forward. It was stated that this project is for the entire city and it is important that everyone have the opportunity to provide input in the redevelopment efforts. Ed Braden, 6600 Drexel Road, appeared and stated that due to the current economic conditions, he does not think this is the right time to begin the downtown redevelopment project.

Mr. Atkinson made a brief presentation on the status of the proposed purchase of the Mesa groundwater rights by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the City of Amarillo. A map of the Mesa groundwater rights being considered for purchase was shown indicating the location to the groundwater rights CRMWA and the City now own.

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.

Irma Heras, 1604 S. Harrison, appeared concerning citizens rights. Manny Perez, 1101 S. Seminole, appeared concerning the baseball park. Carol King appeared concerning the conflict of interest for the City Commission. Jimmy Hammons, 1514 S. Pierce, appeared concerning his tax statement. Edmund Johnston, 2116 S. Hayden, appeared expressing appreciation to the City Commission for all they do for our community. Todd Daily, 1706 S. Polk, appeared and thanked the City Commission for the way they represent the city.

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

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Debra McCartt, Mayor