

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 14th day of June 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:

ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	MAYOR PRO TEM
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COMMISSIONER NO. 3

Absent were Paul Harpole, Mayor, due to out of town City business, and Jim Simms, Commissioner No. 4, due to personal business. 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
CRIS VALVERDE	SENIOR PLANNER
DONNA DERIGHT	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Gene Shelburne, Anna Street Church of Christ. Mayor Pro Tem Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ITEM 1: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented the minutes of the orientation meeting and regular meeting held June 6, 2011 and June 7, 2011, respectively. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented a resolution approving the City of Amarillo's participation in the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority purchase of approximately 211,000 acres of additional groundwater rights in the Roberts County and surrounding area to support the Conjunctive Use Groundwater Project. The City of Amarillo will execute Amendment #5 for the purchase and acquisition of this groundwater supply and will be obligated for approximately \$38.3 million or 40.621% of the total not to exceed acquisition cost of \$94,275,000, inclusive of financing costs. The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority will issue bonds for the acquisition of these water rights in the total amount with each participating member city being responsible for the repayment of their share.

Mr. Atkinson provided an overview of Items 2, 3 and 4 regarding the purchase of groundwater rights by the City of Amarillo and Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. He advised that the purchase amount is for the groundwater rights only and it does not include the infrastructure costs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-14-11-1

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE AMOUNT OF PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE CANADIAN RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY AND THE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S

**CONJUNCTIVE USE GROUNDWATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH
THE CANADIAN RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY.**

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

ITEM 3: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented a resolution establishing the City of Amarillo's expectation and intent to fund the reimbursement of the purchase of groundwater rights in the Ochiltree County area and related costs with the proceeds of a future debt issuance not to exceed \$17.5 million. Amarillo will fund repayment of this obligation through water and wastewater system revenues. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-14-11-2

**A RESOLUTION OF THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION, DECLARING
EXPECTATION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS
OF FUTURE DEBT.**

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

ITEM 4: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented the approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Amarillo and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) whereby the City will purchase approximately 32,000 acres of groundwater rights from CRMWA. The identified groundwater rights are located primarily in Ochiltree County and are either contiguous to existing City of Amarillo groundwater rights in Roberts and Ochiltree Counties or are located such that they are advantageous for the future development and use by Amarillo. Purchasing these groundwater rights will benefit both the City of Amarillo and CRMWA by allowing for more effective and efficient future development and by ensuring both parties have access to viable long-term water supplies. The estimated cost of these groundwater rights is \$17,500,000 inclusive of financing and related costs and will be financed by Amarillo through the future issuance of debt to be repaid by water and wastewater system revenues. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the Interlocal Agreement.

ITEM 5: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented a resolution conducting a public hearing and authorizing the City of Amarillo to submit an application to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for fiscal year 2010-2011 operating and capital assistance of the Amarillo City Transit Department. The City will receive an allocation from both the Federal Transit Authority and the Texas Department of Transportation.

Judy Phelps, Transit Manager, appeared and explained how the funding is allocated between the operating and capital budgets. She stated that it has been difficult to find drivers and that has caused route delays. Al Alford, Steve Dawson, 7902 Prosper, Mr. Jennings, 3621 Ong, and Alan Finegold, 2601 N. Grand, appeared concerning the bus service. It was stated that the buses do not stay on schedule and do not arrive on time. It was also stated that shelter is needed at the bus stops. Mr. Atkinson explained that the bus benches had been privately owned but now they will be installed and maintained by the City. He stated that the City has purchased new ones and has begun removing the old ones and replacing them. He advised that funding is limited so we are not able to provide shelters at all of the bus stops.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-14-11-3

**A RESOLUTION CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
AMARILLO CITY TRANSIT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING
THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR A GRANT UNDER THE URBAN MASS
TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING A
REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

ITEM 6: Mayor Pro Tem Green stated that appointments were needed for the Quail Creek Public Improvement District. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Ricky Culp and Jim Lugenbill, such terms to expired September 1, 2014.

Mayor Pro Tem Green advised that Item 8 would be presented at this time. During the presentation of Item 8, Commissioner Eades advised that he needed to be excused from the meeting due to an emergency. Mayor Pro Tem Green stated that due to the lack of a quorum the presentation would continue without discussion and Item 7 would be considered at next week's meeting.

ITEM 7: Mayor Pro Tem Green advised that the consent agenda would be considered at next Tuesday's meeting.

A. Purchase – Light Duty Pickup Trucks:

Low responsive bidder: Philpott Motors -- \$65,394.00

This is the purchase of three half-ton pickup trucks. Each unit is a replacement for an existing unit that has reached its usable lifespan. One pickup will be used by the City Engineering Department and the two four-door pickups will be used by Amarillo Police Department supervisors as replacements for two sport utility vehicles.

B. Purchase – Police Personal Protective Equipment:

Proprietary provider - Allen Vanguard Corporation on General Services Administration (GSA) Purchasing Contract -- \$42,242.76

This item is the purchase of two protective bomb suits and related items for use by the Amarillo Police Department Bomb Squad.

C. Purchase – Traffic Light Poles:

Award to low responsive bidder:
Structural Steel Products, Inc. -- \$27,523.00

This is a contract for the purchase of highway light poles to be used as replacements for existing units. In 2010, the City of Amarillo assumed responsibility of the maintenance of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) continuous lighting along Interstate 40, Interstate 27, U.S. Highway 287 and Amarillo Boulevard. At that time, TxDOT transferred their existing inventory of poles to the City and that supply has now been exhausted. The requested purchase will provide an inventory of available poles to be used in the event the existing units are damaged or destroyed.

D. Purchase – Submersible Well Pumps and Motors:

Low responsive bidder: Gicon Pumps & Equipment -- \$107,351.80

This is the purchase of two well pumps and motors and associated cabling. These units will be placed into inventory to be used as replacements in the Carson County Wellfield. One unit will produce 500 gallons per minute and one will produce 700 gallons per minute. Having these units on-hand and available will ensure that prompt replacement can be made in the event an existing unit fails.

E. Award – Sacked Cement Annual Contract:

Award to low responsive bidder: Tascosa Brick, Inc. -- \$61,138.00

This is the annual contract for sacked cement and accounts for more than 8,100 bags of sacked cement and concrete.

F. Approval – Working Agreement for Services to the Shelter Plus Care Program:
Texas Panhandle Centers -- \$346,452.00

This approves an agreement between the City of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle Center for the provision of client services associated with the Shelter Plus Care Program recently awarded to the City of Amarillo by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Shelter Plus Care Program provides rental subsidies to assist homeless, disabled individuals with a chronic mental illness and their families. This program must be matched equally with supportive services. Under the terms of the proposed agreement, Texas Panhandle Centers will provide case management, counseling life skills training, vocational rehabilitation, pharmacological management and psychiatric services to program participants.

G. Dedication and Acceptance – Drainage Easements:

- 1) Dedication of a 20-foot wide drainage easement in Tracts 111A and 111B, Pleasant Valley Unit No. 11, in Section 159, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas in the vicinity of St. Francis Avenue and River Road.
- 2) Dedication of a 154.59 acre drainage easement in Sections 24 and 45, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County, Texas in the vicinity of Ravenwood Drive and Bridlewood Drive.

ITEM 8: Mayor Pro Tem Green stated that Joe Esch, Wallace Bajjali Development Partners, would present an overview of the variety of available economic development tools and programs at the federal, state and local level which may be considered as potential funding sources for downtown redevelopment projects. Mr. Esch stated that the federal programs that are available include historic tax credits, new market tax credits and EB5 financing. He advised that funding sources available through state programs are an enterprise zone, neighborhood empowerment zone and state rebates and explained several local programs that could be considered for the projects. Mr. Esch stated that some of the programs require approval by an election and some do not. He commented that they will continue to review the potential programs and determine which may be most appropriate for the downtown projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Green announced that because there was no quorum of the Commission no comments could be received and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Ellen Robertson Green, Mayor Pro Tem