

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 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:

PAUL HARPOLE	MAYOR
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

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
DONNA DERIGHT	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Gene Shelburne, Anna Street Church of Christ. Mayor Harpole led 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 the special meeting and regular meeting held July 5, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

**ITEM 2:** Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and approving the adoption of an amendment to the current Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development. The amendment, called a substantial change, will increase the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to the Hamlet Park Play structure and Park Improvements Project by \$84,300.00. The increased funding will provide for security cameras, walkway lighting, drinking fountains, trash cans, and two baseball backstops. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-11-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVING A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE TO THE 2010-2011 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO MODIFY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION HAMLET PARK PROJECT WITH THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT DATED OCTOBER 1, 2010, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND FILE SAID CHANGE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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 appointments were needed for the Emergency Care Advisory Board. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Dr. Darrell Morgan and appoint Dr. Kevin Rickwartz to the expired term of Dr. Brian Barkley, such terms to expire April 21, 2013.

**ITEM 4:** Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Mr. Atkinson reviewed Item F regarding the groundwater rights sale in Hartley County. Barbara Burnette, 4406 Prairie Avenue, appeared and asked how much the return would be on the purchase. Mr. Atkinson advised that it would vary with the different sections. 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. Award – Carson County Land Lease:**

Award to high bidder: Leven Farms  
Lease Amount: \$11,450/year  
Lease Term: 3 years  
Total Due to City: \$34,662.00

This is the award of a lease agreement for 640 acres of land owned by the City of Amarillo in Carson County. Under the terms of the agreement, Leven Farms will have use of 146 acres for dryland farming operations with the remainder of the acreage available for non-farming operations such as livestock grazing and pasturage.

**B. Award – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Supply Agreement:**

Award to sole vendor: Panhandle Breathing Air Systems -- \$38,067.20

This awards the annual supply agreement to provide repair parts for the SCBA units used by the Amarillo Fire Department. These parts are used for the ongoing maintenance, repair and certification of the SCBA units. Maintenance and repair activities are conducted in-house by trained personnel.

**C. Purchase – Mobile Water Well Pulling System:**

Award to Roberts Truck Center -- \$394,685.00

This is the purchase of a truck-mounted water well pulling system. This unit includes a tandem axle truck and chassis with a well pump hoist bed that is capable of servicing eight-inch and larger water wells. This unit will be used to allow the City to pull well pumps for routine servicing or for replacement using in-house resources. This is a replacement for a 1981 model well pulling system that is past its usable service life and is not sufficiently sized to pull the larger pumps found in the Carson and Potter County Wellfields.

**D. Acceptance – Women’s, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program - Contract Amendment:**

Original Contract Amount	\$1,797,032.00
Proposed Amendment	<u>\$ 59,683.00</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$1,856,715.00

This accepts an amendment to the contract between the City of Amarillo and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the provision of services to participants in the WIC Nutrition program. DSHS notified the City of an amendment to the current contracts for three programs: Peer Counselor Breastfeeding Promotion, Registered Dietician Program, and Obesity Prevention. The WIC program provides supplemental nutritious foods, health assessments and referrals, and nutrition and breastfeeding education. The target population served is low income women, infants, and children up to 5 years of age. WIC assists an average of 8,208 participants each month.

- E. Acceptance – 2011/2012 Immunization Grant:  
Grantor: Texas Department of State Health Services  
Grantee: City of Amarillo Public Health Department  
Grant Amount: \$261,049.00

This is the acceptance of the 2011-2012 grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Public Health Immunization Program.

- F. Approval – Groundwater Rights Sale Contract:  
Parties: City of Amarillo and 0208TXUS Hartley, LLC (“Hartley”)  
Closing 1: 25,792 +/- acres  
Closing 2: 16,340 +/- acres

This is the approval of a sales contract for certain City-owned groundwater rights located in northern Hartley County. These groundwater rights are in an area of intense competition from irrigated agricultural operations and have been impacted by historical operations in the area. The sale of these groundwater rights will reduce the City’s exposure to this area of competition and decreasing availability. The contract is structured in two sequential closings, with the first being for 25,792 +/- acres and the second, optional closing being for 16,340 +/- acres. The proceeds of the sale will be placed in a restricted fund to be used for future groundwater rights purchases and for the long-term protection and improvement of existing groundwater rights.

- G. Approval – Agreement for Professional Services:  
Texas Association of Local Health Officials -- \$30,000.00

This approves an agreement with the Texas Association of Local Health Officials (TALHO) for the implementation of an epidemiological surveillance and information system between the Amarillo Department of Public Health and local hospitals to facilitate the early detection and mitigation of disease in the Amarillo community.

- H. Approval – Water Reservoir Circulation Machine Rental Contract:  
Award to SolarBee, Inc. -- \$27,895.40

This is the approval of a rental agreement for solar powered circulation machines to be used at the Osage water reservoir. This machine will be used for up to four months and will circulate the water within the reservoir in a manner to minimize additional treatment efforts required due to the blending of surface and groundwater.

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. Jack Juett, Jack & Son’s Family Taxi, 5400 Keystone Drive, appeared about the request he had last week to change the taxicab ordinance to be able to offer free rides. He was advised that an amendment to the ordinance is being prepared. Barbara Burnette, 4406 Prairie Avenue, appeared concerning the manner the penalty is charged on the water bills and also expressed concern with the attitude of a police officer over an issue involving her neighbor. She was advised that the matter over the water bill would be reviewed and the Police Chief would be advised of her concern with the police officer.

Mayor Harpole stated that the meeting was adjourned and the Commission would convene in Closed Session.

ATTEST:

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Donna DeRight, City Secretary

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Paul Harpole, Mayor