

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 26th 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
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

Absent was Ellen Robertson-Green, Commissioner No. 1, 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
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
FRANCES HIBBS	ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Lilia Escajeda. 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 regular meeting held on July 19, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes as presented and amended.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Section 16-4-124 (k) of the Amarillo Municipal Code regarding Unauthorized Passengers in taxicabs. This amendment would authorize the carrying of non-paying persons in a taxicab under certain conditions. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7283

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 16-4, DIVISION 6, SECTION 16-4-124(k) TO BROADEN EXCEPTION FOR NON-PAYING TAXI PASSENGERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3: 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 Eades, seconded by Commissioner and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Purchase – LED Countdown Pedestrian Signal Heads:
Low responsive bidder: Traffic Parts Inc. -- \$39,763.20

This approves the purchase of 304 LED Countdown Pedestrian Heads to replace outdated pedestrian heads on the four dispersal streets in the central business district. The new pedestrian heads will be installed by the Traffic Engineering Field Office.

- B. Approval – Water Tank Rehabilitation Professional Services Contract:
Tank Industry Consultants, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$133,200.00
This item approves a contract to provide professional design services to rehabilitate the Cortin 34th Street ground storage tank and the Osage Street elevated storage tank. Award to this consultant is based on the June 2010 best evaluated proposal for four tanks. The contract includes all necessary inspections and services related to design, bidding, and construction phases for each of the tanks on a not to exceed cost basis.
- C. Approval – Addendum #1 for Additional Inspection and Testing Services for Potter County Well Field:
Construction Service Management Agreement: Brandt Engineering Ltd --
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| Original Contract | \$233,824.00 |
| Addendum #1 | <u>\$107,600.00</u> |
| Revised Contract | \$341,424.00 |

This approves an addendum in the amount of \$107,600.00 to the agreement with Brandt Engineering to provide additional inspection and testing services for the Potter County Pump Station and Well Head Improvements. Additional testing expenses are being incurred over what was anticipated due to the remote locations of the job site and the requirements of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). TWDB has reviewed and approved the proposed addendum for loan funding for the Potter County Well Field project.

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 taxicab ordinance. He inquired as to when he would be able to provide free rides. He was advised that it would be immediately. Allen Finegold, 2601 N. Grand, handed the Mayor and Commissioners a Selected Health Facts Sheet from the Texas Department of State Health Services. He asked that funds be made available to the Public Health Department to conduct a study as to the reasons for the high Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease rate in Potter County. Dr. Eades responded by stating there have been past studies done and reportings vary by county. Tom Schimpf, 4615 Van Winkle, appeared regarding the regulations for putting a new roof on his rental properties. He stated that the required licenses, bonds and permits needed to be reviewed. Mayor Harpole stated he would have the City Manager look into the issue and report back next week. Shannon Williams, 4615 Matador, appeared about the need for girls' regulation size Fast Pitch Softball fields. He understood they were to be built next to the boys' field in Rick Klein Park. He asked that this phase of the field be readdressed and the fields be completed. Dr. Eades replied that the City's Park Department has a long list of recreational needs and repairs that needed to be made at many city parks but still maintains the second lowest tax rate. Jimmy Hammons, 1514 S. Pierce, appeared concerning an article he had read in the newspaper concerning Las Vegas, Nevada. He commented that this was the worst recession for tourism. He stated that people came from all over the world to visit Las Vegas and he did not believe that people would come far to see Amarillo's new downtown buildings. Mayor Harpole replied that Amarillo could not be compare to Las Vegas. Joe Guerrero, 1302 Callahan, also appeared concerning the Fast Pitch Softball fields. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole stated that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Frances Hibbs, Assistant City Secretary

Paul Harpole, Mayor