

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 6th day of September 2011, the Amarillo City Commission met at 3:00 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:

PAUL HARPOLE	MAYOR
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	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 Jeff Geske, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. 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 August 30, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole opened a public hearing regarding a proposed tax increase. He advised that the City Commission is considering a tax rate of \$0.32009, which is one cent higher than the current rate. This proposed rate will raise more taxes than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.51 percent. The tax on an average home last year was \$344.12. The tax on an average home would be \$360.57 under the proposed rate.

Mayor Harpole stated that the proposed tax increase will primarily be used to repave major arterial streets due to funding restraints over the last several years. He also stated that the remaining portion of the proposed tax increase will be used to fund two additional police officers. He asked for comments and there were none. Mr. Atkinson advised that this is the first of two public hearings and the second one will be held on September 9, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. and the first reading of the tax rate ordinance will be September 13, 2011.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance to reappoint existing judges now serving in the City of Amarillo Municipal Court. These appointments are for a two (2) year period and are for Donna Clayton, full-time Presiding Judge, Jennifer Cates, part-time Associate Judge, Donald Conley, part-time Associate Judge and Sonya Letson, part-time Associate Judge. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7294

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES FOR

FISCAL YEARS 2011-2012 AND 2012-2013; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 4: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 1, Block 1, Wolflin Place Amended and a 0.37 acre tract of unplatted land north of Lot 1, Block 1, Wolflin Place Amended in Section 186, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Wolflin Avenue and Washington Street, from Residential District 3 to Neighborhood Service District. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7293

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 WASHINGTON STREET AND WOLFLIN AVENUE, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution to approve the 2011/2012 Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-06-11-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION: ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 1 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2011, TO SEPTEMBER 2012.

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 6: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution to approve the 2011/2012 Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-06-11-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO: APPROVING THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 FOR THE AMARILLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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 7: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution to approve the 2011/2012 Amarillo Convention and Visitor Council budget with funding from hotel/motel occupancy tax revenue collected within the City. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-06-11-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE BY THE AMARILLO CONVENTION AND VISITOR COUNCIL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.

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 8: Mayor Harpole conducted a public hearing and presented a resolution to approve the fiscal year 2012-2014 update to the City's existing Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for the U.S. Department of Transportation. The annual update calculates the DBE goal as 44.83% of the Transit Department's purchases in FY 2012-2014. The DBE Goal setting process is required as the City accepts Federal Transit Administration funding for the transit system. Prior to adoption, the proposed annual goal was published for 45-day public comment period. No comments have been received. There were no comments on the public hearing or the resolution. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-06-11-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO ESTABLISHING FY 2012-2014 GOALS FOR THE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM FOR PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 9: 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 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 – HOME Rental Rehabilitation Project Contract:
Vineyard Manor, LLC – 1201 S. Polk

Owner Share (Vineyard Manor, LLC)	\$ 665,182.00
HOME Program grant funds	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
Total Project Costs	\$1,165,182.00

This is a contract to rehabilitate an historic, mixed use residential property located at 1201 South Polk Street. After renovation, this property will provide sixteen (16) one and two bedroom residential units. Two of these units will be located on the ground floor and will be fully ADA accessible. The property owner is investing \$665,182 in private funds and the remaining \$500,000 will be provided through the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME). Upon completion, the Vineyards will be an affordable residential rental property for individuals and families meeting program eligibility requirements for a period of not less than ten years.

B. Award – Greenways Unit 25 Parkway Landscaping:
Low responsive bidder: Custom Gardens -- \$227,200.00

This is a contract to install landscaping, trees, irrigation and turf for the new linear parkway in the Greenways Unit 25. The developer will bear the cost of this construction contract and the Greenways Public Improvement District will bear the ongoing cost to operate and maintain the parkway.

C. Award – Landscape Maintenance and Mowing Contract:
Sole responsive bidder: Reeder Landscape and Construction -- \$110,311.60

This is a contract to perform landscape maintenance, mowing, edging and trimming for properties included in the Greenways, Colonies and Brennan Boulevard Public Improvement Districts (PIDs). Of the total amount bid, approximately 50% is for the Greenways PID, 42% is for the Colonies, and 8% is for Brennan Boulevard.

D. Approval – Pump Station Rotating Element:
Smith Pump Company -- \$37,500.00

This approves the emergency repair of the rotating element for the large Worthington Booster Pump at the Carson County Pump Station. The rotating element consists of the shaft, bearings, and related items inside the pump housing that pressurizes and moves the water into the 45 inch transmission line.

E. Approval – Eight Inch Trailer Mounted Water Pump:
Red River Pump Specialists -- \$57,737.00

This approves the emergency purchase of a large, trailer mounted water pump. The pump is self-priming and self-contained and will provide an increased capability to de-water large water main breaks and to perform lift station bypass procedures during emergencies.

F. Approval - 45 inch Concrete-Steel-Cylinder Water Transmission Pipe:
Hanson Pressure Pipe -- \$52,768.00

This approves the emergency purchase of four, 32 foot sections of 45 inch pipe, two flanges and related clamps and straps. These items are being purchased on an emergency basis and will be placed into inventory to serve as spares and replacements for any future damage or failures on the Carson County Wellfield transmission line.

G. Approval – Regional Local Public Health Services Contract:
Funding Agency: Texas Department of State Health Services
Funding Amount: \$111,743.55
Contract Term: September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012

This approves a grant contract between the Texas Department of State Health Services and the City of Amarillo. The contract provides funding to the Amarillo Public Health Department for staff positions charged with ensuring the proper tracking, investigation and treatment of individuals at risk of contracting or spreading STD infections. Additional funding is available for a new nursing position to address the increase in the TB caseload.

H. Approval – Police Armored Vehicle Upgrade:
Sole provider: Integrated Armor Systems -- \$35,791.38

This approves an upgrade to the current Police armored vehicle to provide additional protective capabilities. This vehicle is used by the Amarillo Police Department SWAT team and is essential to the protection of the officers involved in high-risk operations.

I. Approval – Water Well Pumps and Motors:
Gicon Pumps & Equipment -- \$54,692.70

This approves the emergency purchase of two well pumps, motors and related items for the Carson County Wellfield. These units will replace the previously acquired spare pumps and motors that have been used in the wellfield.

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.

Robert Goodrich, 6510 Sandie Drive, stated that he would like to have more documentation made available about each of the agenda items. Mayor Harpole advised that he could request the documentation or call him at any time with any questions.

Veatrice Johnson stated that she previously lived in the apartments at 2601N. Jefferson and there is a problem with roaches at this apartment that needs to be addressed. Mr. Atkinson advised her that someone would speak with her after the meeting about what could be done. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Paul Harpole, Mayor