

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 13th day of September 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

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 Mark Love, Central Church of Christ. Mayor Harpole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A proclamation was presented for "Constitution Week."

A presentation was made by Matt Richardson, Public Health Director, on behalf of the Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke and the Texas Department of State Health Services to the City of Amarillo and City Employee, Casie Stoughton, RN, BSN, for receiving "Silver Status" recognition in 2010 as a Texas Heart and Stroke Healthy City.

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 September 6, 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 for the fiscal year 2011/2012 budget. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$1,484,450 or 4.96%, and of that amount \$496,381 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Jimmy Hammons, 1514 S. Pierce and Phillip Lopez, 3804 N.E. 24th Avenue, appeared against a tax increase. Trina Fournier, 4427 S. Hayden, appeared and asked questions about several budget items. Mr. Atkinson provided information regarding each of the questioned budget items. Roy McDowell, 6013 Princeton, appeared and expressed concern with whether the Civic Center and Globe News Center would continue to receive funding from the hotel tax. He was advised the funding would continue. No one else appeared and Mayor Harpole closed the public hearing.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the City of Amarillo budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year. This budget allows for the City to continue providing effective public services, programs and assistance to Amarillo residents in the upcoming year. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda and seconded by Commissioner Eades.

Commissioner Eades asked if the budget includes the discussions from the budget work session and proposed recommendations from the City Staff. Mr. Atkinson advised that this budget does include the recommendations from the budget work session and the one cent tax increase for the street improvements and two additional police officers. The following captioned ordinance passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7295

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2011, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, FOR THE CITY OF AMARILLO; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH BUDGET; ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL PERSONNEL PLAN FOR THE CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE AND, ABOLISHING ALL POSITIONS NOT LISTED IN SAID BUDGET; STATING PENSION CONTRIBUTION; AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY, INCREASE, OR DELETE VARIOUS FEES AND RATES AS FOLLOWS: CHAPTER 8-2, ARTICLE I, ANIMAL CONTROL FEES; CHAPTER 8-3, ARTICLE IV, CERTAIN SOLID WASTE FEES AND RATES; CHAPTER 8-3, ARTICLE V, CERTAIN ABATEMENT FEES; CHAPTER 12-1, ARTICLE I, ATHLETIC FIELD RENTAL FEES AND ARTICLE II, ADULT ZOO ADMISSION FEE, AND ARTICLE VI, RANGE FEES; CHAPTER 12-7, ARTICLE IV, FEES; CHAPTERS 18-2 AND 18-3, VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO was Commissioner Eades; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance approving the City of Amarillo tax roll, setting an ad valorem property tax rate and levying a tax on all property subject to taxation within the City for the 2011 tax year. This ordinance establishes an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.29230 per \$100.00 property valuation for City maintenance and operations expenses and \$0.02779 per \$100.00 property valuation for existing debt expenses resulting in a total ad valorem rate of \$0.32009 per \$100.00 property valuation. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.51% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000.00 home by approximately \$9.51. Trina Fournier, 4427 S. Hayden, appeared and asked about the difference in the way the tax increase is shown in the agenda items. Mr. Atkinson explained that the Legislature sets out the wording for each of the publications and agenda items, including the way the motion for this item is to be stated. There were no further comments. Motion was made by Commissioner Green that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.29230 for maintenance and operations and \$0.02779 for existing debt expenses, for a total rate of \$0.32009 per \$100 evaluation, which is effectively a 3.51% increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Simms seconded the motion and the following captioned ordinance passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7296

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING TAX ROLL; SETTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF AMARILLO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2011; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO was Commissioner Eades; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 5: 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 Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final 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 6: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution to approve the 2011/2012 budget and associated program of services for the Amarillo Hospital District. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-13-11-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION: ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT 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 7: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution to approve the 2011/2012 budget for the Amarillo-Potter Event Venue District. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-13-11-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO: APPROVING THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 FOR THE AMARILLO-POTTER EVENT VENUE DISTRICT.

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 appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions. Motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, and unanimously carried, to the Airport Board reappoint Joanna Hillman and Dale Williams, such terms to expire October 1, 2014, to the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers reappoint Claudette Dove and appoint Rodney Ruthart to the expired term of Nancy Kritser, such terms to expire October 1, 2013, to the Civil Service Commission appoint Lawrence Walker to the unexpired term of Allen Roberts, such term to expire December 15, 2014, to the Parks and Recreation Commission reappoint Cameron Monroe, appoint Renee McCown to the expired term of Daniel Martinez and Joe Rivera to the expired term of Brian Scott, such terms to expire July 1, 2014 and to the Vineyards Public Improvement District appoint Thomas Nielsen, Thomas Nielsen, Jr. and Eric Nielsen, such terms to expire September 30, 2012.

ITEM 9: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Jimmy Hammons and Felipe Lopez appeared and complimented Center City on what they have done for downtown. Alan Abraham, 7205 S.W. 35th Avenue, appeared about the need to upgrade the sound system at this time. Mr. Atkinson stated that this equipment will replace the original sound system in the auditorium. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Award – Civic Center Auditorium Sound System Upgrade:
Low responsive bidder: Norris Audio Video - \$162,900.00

This is a contract to install a new sound system in the Civic Center Auditorium including speakers, sound rack, amplifiers and related wiring and accessories.

B. Approval – Agreement for Services with Center City of Amarillo, Inc.:

This is approval of a one (1) year agreement with Center City of Amarillo, Inc. for services associated with the preservation, improvement and revitalization of the Central Business District of Amarillo. For these services performed, the City of Amarillo is to provide \$125,000 in total funding. This funding provides matching funds for an established façade grant program and Center City, Inc. administrative operations.

C. Approval – Water Meters Annual Contract:

Low responsive bidder by lot as follows:

HD Supply Waterworks: Lots 1, 2, and 3 - \$145,045.75

This approves the annual contract for the purchase of water meters. The contract includes approximately 1,700 meters of various sizes and fifteen hydrant meters.

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.

There were no comments and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Paul Harpole, Mayor