

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 11th day of October 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 were none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
VICKI COVEY	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
DEAN FRIGO	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
COURTNEY GOODMAN-MORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
DONNA DERIGHT	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Davlyn Duesterhaus, Baptist St. Anthony's Health Systems. 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 October 4, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Award – Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement:
Low Responsive Bidder: Amarillo Utility Contractors -- \$192,768.00

This is a construction contract for the replacement of a deteriorating six (6) inch sanitary sewer main in the alley between Northwest 17th Avenue and Northwest 18th Avenue from North Lipscomb to North Bonham Streets.

- B. Award – Sidewalk Repairs:
Low Responsive Bidder: Tri-State General Contracting -- \$123,114.75

This is a construction contract for the sidewalk repairs at Southwest 6th Avenue and Fillmore Street. The sidewalk is weakened by the basement that encroaches beneath it, and will be addressed with the owner's permission. The problem was discovered during a curb ramp repair. The sidewalk improvements will comply with the new Downtown Urban Design and Streetscape Standards.

- C. Acceptance – Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator Award:
Department of Housing and Urban Development -- \$36,009.00

This is the acceptance of the fiscal year 2011-2012 funding for a portion of the salary and fringe benefits of the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator in the amount of \$36,009.00 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The FSS Coordinator guides the Section 8 participant in developing a five-year plan to achieve self sufficiency. As job skills improve causing wages to increase, the participant pays a greater proportion of their rent and the Section 8 program pays less. The difference is placed in an escrow (savings) account. At completion of the five years, participants have used this money to buy a home or continue their education.

- D. Approval – Agreement for Services with Downtown Amarillo, Inc.:
This is a one (1) year agreement with Downtown Amarillo, Inc. for services associated with the successful implementation of the approved Downtown Amarillo Strategic Action Plan, the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 (TIRZ) Project and Financing Plan, and the Civic Center Area Redevelopment Plan for the revitalization of downtown Amarillo. In consideration for these services, the City of Amarillo is to provide \$286,432 in total funding.

- E. Approval – IS5 FT-IR Spectrometer:
Low Responsive Bidder: Thermo Electron North American LLC -- \$32,730.34

This is the purchase of a FT–IR Spectrometer for the Amarillo Fire Department’s Hazardous Materials team to identify unknown chemicals in the field. The unit can test liquid, solid, white powder or explosive materials. This technology will provide early identification of hazardous material to allow the Fire Department to more effectively respond to the incident. Reimbursement funding for the purchase is available from a Homeland Security grant provided through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

- F. Approval – Artificial Christmas Tree:
Low Responsive Bidder: The Christmas Light Co. -- \$40,319.00

This is the purchase of a 40-foot artificial panel (branch) Christmas tree to replace the pole tree currently used for the annual parade and lighting of the tree at the Amarillo Civic Center. Center City of Amarillo, Inc. and Civic Amarillo are both contributing one third of the cost of the purchase. The balance of the funding for the project is available in the approved Parks and Recreation budget.

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.

No one appeared and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Paul Harpole, Mayor