

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 18th 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
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
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:

Mayor Harpole recognized Steve Ross, Fire Chief, and announced that he would be retiring on October 21, 2011 with 33 years of service. Mr. Atkinson and the members of the City Commission commented on the commitment and dedication Chief Ross has given to the Fire Department and to the residents of our city.

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes of October 11, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 5, Block 210, Holland Addition in Section 156, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Northeast 3rd Avenue and Lincoln Street, from Multiple-Family District 1 to Multiple-Family District 1 with a specific use permit for placement of a Type A manufactured home. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7299

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 NORTHEAST THIRD AVENUE AND LINCOLN STREET, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioner Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 29, Block 17, Mesa Verde Addition in Section 126, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Northeast 32nd Avenue and Grand Street, from Residential District 2 to Residential District 2 with a specific use permit for placement of a carport within the front-yard setback. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7300

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 NORTHEAST THIRTY-SECOND AVENUE AND GRAND STREET, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioner 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 the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. 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. Purchase – Automotive Batteries Annual Contract:
Low bidder: Batteries Etc. II, Inc. dba Battery Joe -- \$38,679.56
- B. Award – Water Main Extension and Replacement Project:
Low responsive bidder: Amarillo Utility Contractors - \$90,533.80

This is a contract to perform two 6” water main extension and replacement projects. Each of the extension projects will address locations that have been identified as having consistently low pressures, excess line breakages or water quality issues. The line replacement projects are part of the ongoing City plan to eliminate small diameter mains throughout the city. This program results in increased service for affected residents and eliminates dead-end water mains from the system.

- C. Acceptance – Pantex Agreement in Principle (AIP) Grant Agreement:
Granting Agency: State Energy Conservation Office
First Year Funding - \$118,300.00

This is the acceptance of a grant agreement from the State Energy Conservation Office known as the Agreement in Principle (AIP). The AIP is a five-year grant agreement that provides funding to the City’s Office of Emergency Management to provide ongoing planning, coordination and response efforts related to the activities at the Pantex Plant. Funding for this agreement is provided annually based on appropriations with the funds provided from the Department of Energy to the State Energy Conservation Office and then the City of Amarillo.

- D. Acceptance – State Emergency Management Performance Grant:
Granting Agency: Texas Department of Public Safety
Grant Amount: \$109,458.75
Grant Period: October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2012

This is the acceptance of the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Texas Department of Public Safety. Funds provided under this grant are used by the Office of Emergency Management to offset the costs of conducting exercises, training events, planning and public outreach efforts throughout the year.

- E. Approval – Firefighting Clothing Contract:
Award to low bidder meeting specifications:
Daco Fire Equipment Company, Inc. -- \$142,650.00

This is the annual contract to purchase protective clothing for the Amarillo Fire Department. The contract is for 75 sets of protective bunker pants and coats.

- F. Dedication and Acceptance – Aviation Clear Zone Easement:
4750 ft. MSL above the plat of City View Estates Unit No. 10 from Rockrose Development, LLC.

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.

Gene Shelburne, 3516 Carlton, appeared and commented on the way Chief Ross has taken time to know the firefighters. Kathy Altman, 2105 S. Lipscomb, appeared concerning the use of cell phones in school zones. Trina Fournier, 4427 S. Hayden, appeared concerning Commissioner Eades vote this year and last year on the tax increase. Commissioner Eades explained why he voted the way he did. Jimmy Johnson, 4460 Ridgecrest, appeared concerning the increased cost to install a new water heater.

No one else appeared and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Paul Harpole, Mayor