

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 1st day of November 2011, the Amarillo City Commission met at 3:30 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 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
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

Absent was Lilia Escajeda, Commissioner No. 3, due to personal business. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
VICKI COVEY	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
DONNA DERIGHT	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by David Green, Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Mayor Harpole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harpole made a presentation to former Mayor Debra McCartt and former Commissioner Madison Scott for their contribution on the water rights purchase agreement between Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and Mesa Water, Inc.

Mayor Harpole, Commissioner Simms and the other Commissioners recognized and congratulated the Police Department for receiving recognition and awards from the Texas Crime Stoppers Council for their Crime Stoppers Program and to Corporal Sean Slover for being named Crime Stoppers Coordinator of the Year.

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 25, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 9, Beverly Gardens Unit No. 2 in Section 158, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Mirror Street and Bernard Avenue, from Residential District 1 to Residential District 1 with a specific use permit for placement of a Type A Manufactured Home. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7301

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

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

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 1, Block 27, Puckett Place Unit No. 16, in Section 28, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, in the vicinity of Southwest 34th Avenue and Bell Street, from General Retail District to Planned Development District for a light automotive repair shop. Commissioner Simms expressed some concern that this is a change from what is in the area. He stated that because of those concerns, restrictions regarding outdoor storage and outdoor parking should be addressed for the benefit of those in the vicinity of the automotive repair shop. Motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following be included as part of the development standards to this ordinance, “no outdoor storage or display of any kind and no outdoor, overnight parking of vehicles is allowed” and the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7302

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 SOUTHWEST THIRTY-FOURTH AVENUE AND BELL STREET, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution casting the City of Amarillo’s votes for the Potter and Randall County Appraisal District Boards of Directors. Mr. Atkinson explained the manner in which the number of votes allowed for each entity is determined. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-01-11-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: CASTING VOTES FOR DIRECTORS OF THE POTTER-RANDALL COUNTIES APPRAISAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole advised that appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, and unanimously carried, to the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board reappoint Joe Norman, building contractor-housing construction representative, Dana Walton, architect representative, and to the expired term of Kim Black appoint Frank Wilburn, master plumber representative, such terms to expire December 31, 2014, to the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition Board reappoint Richard “Buzz” David as the City of Amarillo representative, to the Zoning Board of Adjustment reappoint Larry Mills as a regular member and to the expired term of Bob Vinson appoint Farrah Mansfield as an alternate member, such terms to expire September 1, 2011.

ITEM 6: 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. Dedications and Acceptances – Water and Sewer Line Easement, Drainage Easement, Public Utility Easements and Right-of-Way Deed:

1. Dedication of a water line easement in Section 43, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County, Texas in the vicinity of Amarillo Boulevard West and Soncy Road/Loop 335.

2. Dedication of a 2.58 acre drainage easement in Section 39, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, Texas in the vicinity of Arden Road and South Coulter Street.
3. Dedication of a 20' public utility easement in Section 231, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County in the vicinity of Knoll Drive and Biloxi Avenue.
4. Dedication of a 20' public utility easement in Section 231, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County in the vicinity of Alexandria Street and Biloxi Avenue.
5. Dedication of 8.33 acres of land for right-of-way purposes, in Sections 61 and 72, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County in the vicinity of Folsom Road and East Amarillo Boulevard.

Mayor Harpole asked James Brown, Director of Information Technology, to provide an overview of the City of Amarillo's newly designed website and customer relationship management portal. Mr. Brown explained that the site is more interactive and it allows citizens to submit questions and requests for city service and information. Another new feature is the City Commission meetings can be viewed on the website as they are occurring and they are archived for viewing at a later time.

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.

Tom Schmidt, 4515 Van Winkle, appeared regarding the code requirements for replacing roofs. He was advised that the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board have been meeting on revisions for building codes and roofing requirements are one of the areas being reviewed. Joseph Hayes, 12000 Ranch Trail, appeared concerning the need to assist the people around the city who are living in poverty. Mayor Harpole advised that there are resources through the City of Amarillo and local non-profit agencies that provide assistance for those in need of help. Irma Heras, 1604 S. Harrison, appeared and asked the Commission to put a plaque at the War Memorial or somewhere in the city in honor of Potter County Commissioner Manny Perez. Jimmy Hammons, 1514 S. Pierce, also appeared in support of honoring Commissioner Perez in some way. Eloy Heras, 1604 S. Harrison, appeared and asked the Commission to consider naming the bridge at Third Avenue and Grand Street in honor of Commissioner Perez. Trina Fournier, 4427 S. Hayden, appeared and asked if notice could be placed on the website to bring awareness to issues that will be addressed at upcoming meetings. She was advised that all the City Commission and other City board and commission agendas are posted on the website prior to their meetings. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Paul Harpole, Mayor