

AGENDAS

FOR THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2010, AT 3:30 P.M. ON THE THIRD FLOOR, ROOM 303, CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, 509 S. E. 7th AVENUE, AMARILLO, TEXAS, AND FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF CITY HALL.

Please note: The City Commission may take up items out of the order shown on any Agenda. The City Commission reserves the right to discuss all or part of any item in an executive session at any time during a meeting or work session, as necessary and allowed by state law. Votes or final decisions are made only in open Regular or Special meetings, not in either a work session or executive session.

WORK SESSION

- A. City Commission will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects.
- (1) Review agenda items for the regular meeting, miscellaneous attachments; and appointments for the following boards and commissions:
Environmental Advisory Committee
Traffic Commission
Amarillo Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors
 - (2) Consider future agenda items.
- B. City Commission may receive reports on or discuss any of the following pending projects or matters:
- (1) Amarillo Economic Development Corporation incentive project;
 - (2) Possible groundwater rights transactions in Hartley, Potter, Carson, Roberts or Ochiltree Counties;
 - (3) Downtown Development/Redevelopment (studies, progress reports, plans, proposed projects – TIRZ No. 1, Center City, Inc., and/or Downtown Amarillo, Inc.);
 - (4) Proposed Grand Street/S.E. Third Avenue Bridge project, including real property acquisition.
 - (5) Proposed acquisition and disposition of real property for economic, recreational or cultural projects.
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REGULAR MEETING ITEMS

INVOCATION: Jeff Geske, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

1. **MINUTES:**
Approval of the City Commission minutes for the regular meeting held on March 23, 2010.
2. **ORDINANCE NO. 7214:**
This the first reading of an ordinance amending the existing natural gas utility franchise between the City and Atmos Energy Corporation to provide for monthly franchise fee payments by Atmos to the City. Presently, Atmos makes franchise fee payments to the City on a quarterly basis. By adjusting to monthly franchise fee payments, Atmos shall be consistent with other Amarillo franchise utility companies (Xcel Energy, Suddenlink Communications) which now remit franchise payments to the City on a monthly basis.

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 7215:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance changing the zoning of a tract of land in the vicinity of S.E. 34th Avenue and Osage Street from Residential District 3 with Specific Use Permit 2 to General Retail District for a convenience store. This is recommended for approval by a 5:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 7216:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance vacating a 20-foot alley right-of-way in the vicinity of S.E. 10th Avenue and Buchanan Street. This vacation request is for the construction of a Happy State Bank branch building. This is recommended for approval by a 5:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

It is recommended that the following items be approved and that the City Manager be authorized to execute all documents necessary for each transaction:

A. **Approval – Agreement for Engineering Services:**

HDR Engineering, Inc.-- Maximum not to exceed fee \$86,980

This is approval of an agreement for professional engineering services for a study to identify available routes and a preliminary evaluation of construction requirement factors for a proposed 36-inch, 7.5-mile long portable water transfer pipeline connecting the Osage Potable Water Treatment Plant to the Arden Road Water Pump Station. This proposed water transfer pipeline will allow for additional potable water supply for the growing south and southwest sections of the City. The City intends to seek low cost funding for this future project from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The TWDB requires a preliminary engineering study of this nature as a prerequisite to qualify and apply for agency financial assistance. Funding for this agreement is allocated in the 2009/2010 Utilities Division Capital Improvement Program.

B. **Approval – Grand Street Bridge Project Right-of-Way Property Purchase:**

These property purchases are associated with the upcoming construction of a new arterial roadway bridge structure at the South Grand Street/S.E. Third Avenue intersection in east Amarillo:

Parcel 3 – Being an unplatted tract of land out of Section 137, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas. This parcel contains 1.04 acres of property area.

Seller: Herring Bank

Purchase Price: \$5,184.00

Parcel 4 – Being a portion of vacant Lots 1 through 4, Block 10, Industrial City Addition, out of Section 124, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas. This parcel contains 0.29 acres of property area.

Seller: Western Mortgage, L.P.

Purchase Price: \$20,140.00

C. **Approval – Pre-Coated Aggregate Annual Contract:**

Award to low bidder meeting specifications:

R. K. Hall Construction, Ltd. -- \$652,500.00

This item is the approval of the annual contract for pre-coated B4 aggregate. Approximately 14,500 cubic yards of this aggregate is purchased annually to be used in the summer sealcoat program. Beginning in 2009, the Street Department tested the use of pre-coated aggregate in select neighborhoods with excellent results and reduced problems with dust and shedding. The Department is proposing to use all pre-coated aggregate in this year's program. Funding for this purchase is in the approved FY 2009/2010 Street Department Operating Budget.

- D. Approval – Emergency Repairs to Willow Grove Storm Sewer System:
Best evaluated proposer: Amarillo Utility Contractors, Inc. -- \$533,123.25
This is approval of an emergency construction contract to complete immediate repairs to the Willow Grove Playa Lake and its associated storm sewer system. This drainage basin, which is located near S.W. 58th Avenue and South Washington Street in south Amarillo, has recently suffered structural failure of a portion of underground storm sewer piping and an associated concrete discharge outlet headwall. Also, due to a water main break in the alley on the north side of the lake, which occurred during the large snowstorm in February, a section of the lake's soil embankment has eroded, threatening adjacent existing underground utility lines in the alley.

This award is for the immediate emergency repair of the eroded lake embankment and the installation of new underground storm sewer piping and a discharge headwall outlet. The immediate and emergency nature of this work is to be ahead of expected heavy spring storms and prevent more extensive lake embankment and storm sewer system failures.

Funding for this project is available in the 2009/2010 Public Works Division Capital Improvement Program.

- E. Dedication and Acceptance – Public Utility Easement:
A 0.24 acre public utility easement in Section 142, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County to Greg Houlette.

PUBLIC FORUM

Comments from interested citizens on matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services.

MISCELLANEOUS ATTACHMENTS

1. Boards and Commissions – vacancies as shown on attached.