

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 12th day of January 2010, 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 a presentation of a proposed Environmental Advisory Committee website and to review agenda items for the regular meeting.

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:

RONALD BOYD	MAYOR PRO TEM
MADISON SCOTT	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
BRIAN J. EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

Absent was Debra McCartt, Mayor. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

ALAN TAYLOR	CITY MANAGER
JARRETT ATKINSON	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
DONNA DERIGHT	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Jerry Thomas, North Beacon Church of the Nazarene.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and the following items of business were conducted:

ITEM 1: Mayor Pro Tem Boyd presented the minutes of the regular meeting held January 5, 2010. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Pro Tem Boyd opened a public hearing to conduct and consider revisions to the City of Amarillo Drought Contingency Plan. There were no comments. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Scott, and unanimously carried, to approve the revised Drought Contingency Plan.

ITEM 3: Mayor Pro Tem Boyd advised that appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions. Motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Simms, and unanimously carried, to the Airport Board reappoint Robert Gamble and Dr. Tom Nichols and appoint Jim Mitchell to the expired term of Robert Bryant, such terms to expire October 1, 2012, to the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers reappoint Nancy Kritser and appoint Claudette Dove to the expired term of Alphonso Vaughn, such terms to expire October 1, 1011, to the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board appoint Dennis McHugh to the expired term of Robert Chambers as the master electrician representative, such term to expire December 31, 2012.

ITEM 4: Mayor Pro Tem Boyd presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, 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. Purchase – Paper Goods:

Award to low responsive bidder: Wagner Supply Company -- \$107,370.50

This is the annual purchase of paper goods for use by various City departments and in public buildings.

- B. Purchase – Police Department Shuttle Van:
Award on Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract to Rush Bus Center -- \$47,476.00
This is the purchase of a 13 passenger van to be used to transport small groups of officers to and from various training and response events and will reduce the need to use multiple vehicles for these purposes.
- C. Purchase – Police Department Automated Citation Writing Software & Equipment:
Award to best evaluated proposer: Brazos Technology -- \$419,008.00
This is the purchase of an automated ticket writing system. This system includes both the hardware and software necessary to provide officers the ability to issue citations electronically and produce a printed copy in the field. The system will fully integrate with both the Intergraph Computer Aided Dispatch and Records software and the Municipal Court software to ensure accurate and efficient citation issuance, recordkeeping and processing.
- D. Acceptance – Lone Star Library Grant:
This is acceptance of a 2010 Lone Star Library Program Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the Amarillo Public Library. This grant, in the amount of \$42,258, will allow the Library Department to purchase and install eight (8) new public access computers and make improvements and enhancements to the Amarillo Public Library website.
- E. Approval – Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Incentive Projects:

- 1) ALSTOM Power, Inc. – ALSTOM is a large French multinational conglomerate which holds extensive interests in the power generation and transport markets. ALSTOM Ecotecnia is the company's wind energy subsidiary based in Spain and currently operates five production facilities in multiple international locations. The company is proposing to open its first and only North American production facility in Amarillo. This new Amarillo facility will create 275 full time jobs in the fields of engineering, production and assembly and technical support. The company also estimates it will attract an additional 475 direct supplier jobs to support a new Amarillo facility for the total creation of 750 local jobs.

In order to bring this project to Amarillo, the AEDC proposes to assist the company with the following incentive package:

- The Amarillo EDC will provide the company a lease/purchase agreement for an existing 50,000 square foot building (Project Spec) and the tract of land it sits upon consisting of approximately 19-acres.
- The Amarillo EDC will provide the company a Job Creation Incentive Grant of \$7.5 million in anticipation of the projected 750 direct and supplier/vendor jobs to be created in the Amarillo area which will be used primarily for the expansion of the existing building for their manufacturing facility.
- The Amarillo EDC, in coordination with Amarillo College, will develop an employee recruitment, screening and training program for the company funded by the Texas Workforce Commission.
- The Amarillo EDC will support the company's application for property tax abatement to the local taxing jurisdictions in Amarillo and Potter County, Texas.
- The Amarillo EDC will support the company's request to designate the project as an Enterprise Zone project.

- The Amarillo EDC will support the company's request to become a preferred industry partner with the National Institute for Renewable Energy and National Wind Resource Center.
- 2) Texas Tech University – Office of Technology Commercialization --
The University has requested a planning grant in the amount of \$100,000 to assist in the development of the National Institute for Sustainable Energy and National Wind Resource Center on existing Texas Tech University property in Carson County adjoining the U.S. Department of Energy Pantex Plant facility.

Texas Tech, in collaboration with Pantex and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and other national organizations, is working to implement the goals of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Executive Order 13423 designed to meet the country's renewable energy needs in the future. This AEDC funding will be matched by other partners and accelerate the development of a wind farm and potential related research projects. This AEDC funding support will ultimately enhance the ability to recruit wind energy component manufacturers in the Texas Panhandle Region.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd asked Mr. Taylor to present an update regarding Insurance Services Office Inc. Mr. Taylor advised that Insurances Services Office Inc. changed the fire rating for the City of Amarillo from a three rating to a two rating. He advised that the new rating is due to changes and improvements made in the Fire Department and Utilities Division. He introduced the Staff who assisted in making it possible to receive this rating.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd 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. There were no comments. Mayor Pro Tem Boyd announced that the meeting was adjourned and the Commission would return to Executive Session.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Ronald Boyd, Mayor Pro Tem