

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 28th day of December 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 to review agenda items and to consider 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:

DEBRA MCCARTT	MAYOR
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
RONALD BOYD	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

Absent was Madison Scott, Commissioner No. 1, due to personal business. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

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

The invocation was given by Jim Simms, Commissioner No. 4.

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

ITEM 1: Mayor McCartt presented the minutes of the regular meeting held December 21, 2010. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor McCartt presented an ordinance changing the zoning of an unplatted tract of land in the vicinity of Alexandria Avenue and Santa Monica Avenue from Agricultural District to Residential District 2 for single-family detached homes. Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7258

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 ALEXANDRIA AVENUE AND SANTA MONICA AVENUE, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 3: Mayor McCartt presented a resolution establishing a dedicated fund for the proceeds of groundwater transactions. Under the terms of this resolution, funds received as the result of any transaction involving City of Amarillo-owned groundwater rights will be placed in this dedicated fund and the use of such proceeds will be restricted to only the listed uses, which specifically includes the acquisition of additional groundwater and water rights and for the protection and preservation of existing groundwater and water rights. Establishment of this dedicated fund will provide for the best possible long-term management of City groundwater and water rights and will ensure that all appropriate measures are available to both protect such rights and to acquire additional rights. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-28-10-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED FUND FOR PROCEEDS OF GROUNDWATER TRANSACTIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 4: Mayor McCartt presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. It was requested that Item E be removed for separate consideration. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve Items A through D and F on the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

Mayor McCartt presented Item E for consideration. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Eades, to approve Item E on the consent agenda. Voting AYE were Mayor McCartt, Commissioners Eades and Simms; voting NO were none; ABSTAINING was Commissioner Boyd; the motion carried by a 3:0:1 vote of the Commission.

- A. Purchase – Handheld Meter Reading Computers:
Award to sole provider: HD Supply Waterworks, LTD -- \$60,130.00
This is the purchase of new handheld computers and related accessories to be used by the Utility Billing Department for the water meter reading program.
- B. Purchase – Police Tactical Protective Equipment:
Award to sole provider: Allen-Vanguard Technologies, Inc. -- \$38,966.44
This is the purchase of three protective suits for use by the Amarillo Police Department Bomb Squad.
- C. Purchase – Regional Data Hub NetMotion Software:
Award to low responsive bidder: SHI Government Solutions, Inc. -- \$106,667.00
This is the purchase of NetMotion software and licenses for use in the establishment of the regional law enforcement data hub. This project will provide region-wide access to law enforcement information to participating agencies. The City of Amarillo is constructing and hosting this network through grant funding provided by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.
- D. Award – Landfill Heavy Equipment Damage Repair:
Award to sole vendor: Warren Cat -- \$25,900.00
This is the award of a contract to repair damage to the ejector pan on a Caterpillar scraper used at the City of Amarillo Municipal Landfill.
- E. Approval – Groundwater Rights Sale:
Purchaser: Accuracy 1st, Inc.
Acreage: 1,495 +/-
Sales Price: \$221,260.00
This is the approval of the sale of 1,495 acres of City-owned groundwater rights located in Hartley County. These groundwater rights are located in an area of intense competition from irrigated agricultural operations and have been impacted by historical operations in the area. The acreage subject to this sale averages 148 feet of saturated thickness. The sale of these groundwater rights will reduce the City's exposure to an area of competition and decreasing water availability. The proceeds of the sale will be placed in a restricted fund to be used for future groundwater rights purchases and for the long-term protection and improvement of existing groundwater rights.

F. Approval – Osage Combined Pump Station Change Order #10:

Award to Garney Construction

Requested Change Amount: \$ 124,283.00

Previous Change Orders: \$ 835,841.00

Revised Contract Total: \$16,330.124.00

Cumulative % Change: 6.2%

This is the approval of Change Order #10 for the Osage Combined Pump Station Project. This change order is an aggregate of four deductive change items and eight additive change items for a total requested change of \$124,283.00 to the contract total.

Mayor McCartt 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. She advised that the City Commission would be reviewing the public comment process over the next few weeks to determine the most appropriate manner in which to receive comments. She also advised that citizens are welcome to contact the City Commission at any time during the week.

Amy Taylor-Restine, 721 Short Street, appeared and thanked the Commission for having the public comment period to allow people to communicate with them. She advised that in this New Year they would continue to pray for the Commission and that their property rights would be protected. She asked if she could pray, the Mayor advised she could and she prayed. Eloy Herras, 1604 S. Harrison, appeared and thanked the Commission for taking care of the city's water resources. He also stated appreciation to the police and other city employees for their work. He expressed concern about where the money will come from to pay for the new projects being considered. Erma Herras, 1604 S. Harrison, appeared and expressed concern for our children's future because they will have the burden of paying the taxes and paying the expenses put on them by the development and improvements being considered at this time. Kathy Altman, 2105 S. Lipscomb, appeared and asked why the City Commission meetings do not start with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Debra McCartt, Mayor