

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 24th day of July 2018, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 p.m. for a work session, and the regular session was held at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON  
ELAINE HAYS  
FREDA POWELL  
HOWARD SMITH

MAYOR  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent were Councilmember Sauer. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARED MILLER  
MICHELLE BONNER  
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS  
STEPHANIE COGGINS  
JAN SANDERS

CITY MANAGER  
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER  
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY  
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER  
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Davlyn Duesterhaus, BSA Staff Chaplain. Mayor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Fisher, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, mentioned the City Council continues to review the budget as if it is a wish list. He stated his disagreement with the City Council voting 5-0 on all items. He was upset the City Council will not answer his questions regardless of the pending lawsuit filed against the City. Claudette Smith, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, stated the City Council is not taking any action on citizen concerns. She is also upset the City Council will not answer her questions regardless of the pending litigation. Jill Humphrey, 7714 Pineridge Drive, commented AM&W continues to euthanize too many animals. She distributed an article from the Lubbock Animal Shelter. Noah Dawson, 1133 Sugarloaf Drive, stated the July 17<sup>th</sup> City Council minutes should state, 'Noah Dawson, spoke about the need for representation, fiscal responsibility and public engagement with citizens', rather than 'fiscal representation'. He stated City Council needs to do a better job with the budget. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated he would like to ask questions concerning the water and wastewater daily averages. Floyd Hartman provided estimated daily average usages. Mr. Finegold stated the consultant underestimated the water usage at just over 45 million gallons per day rather than 48 million gallons per day and asked the City Council to create a citizen's commission to check the validity of the findings. Ramesh Patel, 112 West Amarillo Boulevard, thanked the City Council for all that has been done along Polk Street. He inquired why Polk Street is a brick street and what can be done to improve the lighting along Polk Street. Mayor Nelson directed City Staff to meet with Mr. Patel. Dee Krauss, 4107 Tulane Drive, thanked the Chaplain for today's prayer. Ms. Krauss advised she is a rescue animal person, and stated she is upset about the number of dead animals on the sides of the road. Carol Smith, 1616 South Polk Street, stated employees from the water department stopped by her office to give notice the water would be shut off for a period of time. Ms. Smith wanted to say thank you to the water department and how she appreciated the advanced notice. There were no further comments.

**ITEM 1:** Mayor Nelson presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to consider Item 1A separately. She motioned to approve consent Items 1B-1E, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

- A. **MINUTES:**  
Approval of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting held on July 17, 2018.
- B. **AWARD - ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE:**  
(Contact: Jonathan Gresham, Assistant Director of Water Utilities)  
SL-serco, Inc. -- \$110,000.00  
The City of Amarillo conducted internal staff workshops to define existing utility issues and opportunities for a new meter reading technology to mitigate existing problems through an Advanced Metering Infrastructure solution. The City of Amarillo has selected SL-serco Inc. for an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) consulting contract for the completion of the City's advanced Metering planning, which includes clear goals, mapping processes, identifying integrations and setting direction as well as integration with other technology requiring facilitated solutions. This contract will include providing technical assistance supporting the evaluation of metering features.
- C. **AWARD – OSAGE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTERS:**  
(Contact: Russell Grubbs, Director of Water Utilities)  
Dowtech Specialty Contractors, Inc. -- \$1,990,400.00  
This item is to consider award of a construction contract for rehabilitation of the underdrains which includes the demolition, removal and replacement of the existing media and underdrains for filters 5-8. Filtration is the final process in the production of water for the citizens of Amarillo. Filters 1-4 were rehabilitated in 2016/2017.
- D. **AWARD – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF UNIFORM SERVICES CONTRACT:**  
(Contact: Trent Davis, Purchasing Agent)  
Award to: Ameripride Services, Inc. -- \$216,078.72  
This item is for a three (3) year contract with two (2) one (1) year extensions for Uniform Services for use by city departments.
- E. **AWARD – TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT:**  
(Contact: Michael Padilla, Transportation Superintendent)  
Award to listed vendors:  
This is a purchase for traffic signal equipment for new and replacement of outdated electronic equipment and other signal materials.
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| <u>Peek Traffic Corporation</u>        |              |
| Mounting Equipment (Pelco Equipment) – | \$ 22,529.12 |
| Traffic Signal Heads –                 | \$ 16,324.00 |
| Traffic Signal Controllers -           | \$ 48,230.00 |
| Traffic Control Cabinets -             | \$ 34,785.00 |
| Traffic Signal Controllers -           | \$ 6,890.00  |
| <u>Black Top Industries, LLC</u>       |              |
| Construction Signs -                   | \$ 6,098.80  |
| <u>Consolidated Traffic Controls</u>   |              |
| School Flasher Equipment –             | \$ 27,966.00 |
| Position System Satellite -            | \$ 14,004.00 |
| Flashers School Zone -                 | \$ 17,980.00 |
| <u>ITS Plus, Inc.</u>                  |              |
| Traffic Signal Control & Detectors -   | \$ 6,950.00  |
| Total amount of:                       |              |
- These signal items will be used to update technology, and replacement of daily maintenance items used throughout the year to run signalized intersections efficiently.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to amend the minutes under the Public Comment section with Noah Dawson's comment to reflect 'fiscal responsibility' in place

of 'fiscal representation', seconded by Councilmember Hays. Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM 2:** Mayor Nelson presented the first reading of an ordinance rezoning a 25.73 acre tract of land situated in Section 65, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, Texas, plus one half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Agricultural District (A) to Residential District 3 (R-3). (Vicinity: Heritage Hills Parkway and Arlo Drive.) This item was presented by Cody Balzen, Planner II. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the following captioned ordinance be passed:

### **ORDINANCE NO. 7746**

**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 ARLO DRIVE AND HERITAGE HILLS PARKWAY, RANDALL, COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; A REPEALER PROVIDING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 3:** Mayor Nelson presented the second and final reading of an ordinance rezoning on a request to Rezone Lots 7 - 9, Block 2, Denver Heights Unit No. 1, in Section 138, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas, plus one half of all bounding streets, alley, and public ways to change from Heavy Commercial District (HC) to Heavy Commercial District with a Specific Use Permit 194 (HC/S-194) for a crematorium (0.49 acres). (Vicinity: South Bivins Street and Southeast 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.) This item was presented by Sherry Bailey, Senior Planner. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing. Jill Humphrey, 7714 Pineridge Drive, stated at last week's City Council meeting, she felt the owner of the crematorium was not sensitive to the citizen with health issues. Ms. Humphrey stated she feels Councilmember Powell should recuse herself from the vote. Bryan McWilliams stated Councilmembers should recuse themselves if they have a conflict of interest such as a financial interest in the business, or their family members have a financial interest in the business. Mayor Nelson asked Ms. Powell if she has a financial interest in this business. Ms. Powell stated no, she does not have a financial interest in this business. Eric Shafer, Shafer Mortuary Services, stated he met and toured the facility with the above mentioned concerned citizen, and after the tour, was advised the citizen no longer has any objections to the proposed rezoning. There were no further comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Hays, that the following captioned ordinance be passed:

### **ORDINANCE NO. 7745**

**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 SOUTH BIVINS STREET AND SOUTHEAST 4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 4:** Mayor Nelson advised that an appointment was needed for Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to reappoint William Hallerberg to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, seconded by



Councilmember Smith, to approve this appointment. Councilmember Hays inquired how long Mr. Hallerberg has served on this board, and what is the term limit. Kent Satterwhite advised cities with a population over 10,000 have two board appointments, the terms are staggered and board members serve two years terms. Floyd Hartman advised Mr. Hallerberg has represented the City of Amarillo on the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority board since 2002.


Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5: Mr. McWilliams advised at 6:24 p.m. that the City Council would convene in Executive Session per Texas Government Code (1) Section 551.087 - Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations; discussion regarding commercial or financial information received from a business prospect: City Economic Development Project #18-07 in the vicinity of Southeast 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and South Pierce Street; and (2) Section 551.072 - Deliberation regarding real property; discussion regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property: City Economic Development Project #18-07 in the vicinity of Southeast 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and South Pierce Street.

Mr. McWilliams announced that the Executive Session was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. and recessed the Regular Meeting.

ATTEST:

  
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Jan Sanders, Assistant City Secretary

  
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Ginger Nelson, Mayor