

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 7th day of August 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  
EDDY SAUER  
HOWARD SMITH

MAYOR  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent were none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARED MILLER  
MICHELLE BONNER  
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS  
STEPHANIE COGGINS  
FRANCES HIBBS

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

The invocation was given by Greg Dowell, Central Church of Christ. 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:**

Zane Oliver, 4508 Greenwich Place, commented on Item 4. He stated he has had the opportunity to speak with Andrew Freeman and Cris Valverde and both are very efficient and have always found solutions. Noah Dawson, 1133 Sugarloaf Drive, stated there are always ways City Council could improve their leadership, and a bad example was dealing with the City's homelessness issues. He stated the City of Canyon's Council seemed to listen to the citizens and discussed the homeless issues with open minds. He also spoke on the possibilities of moving the time of the meetings. Jill Humphrey, 7714 Pineridge Drive, thanked Mayor Nelson for reaching out to her. She spoke on Austin's no-kill shelter. She inquired if City Council knew that animals are euthanized even when there was space available. She also presented Council with copies of a summary of a study released on October 2016. Paige Ballard, 2900 South Dallas Street, presented a handout concerning a social media post by a local resident who witnessed a neighbor abusing an animal. She stated she understood there was an ongoing investigation. She stated on Monday AM&W did a welfare check. The dog was emaciated and evaluated, and it was determined she would be best served by being euthanized. Ms. Ballard asked for a full investigation into the entire case. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, questioned the amount of money in reserves. Michelle Bonner replied to this question. Mayor Nelson spoke on the bond ratings and the low interest rates the City receives. Mr. Schenck spoke on the amount of open records requests the City receives and making information available on the City's website. He also spoke on the possibility of changing the City Council's meeting times. Wendy Staetz, 2101 South Tyler Street, stated the veterinarian at the Humane Society was refusing shots, spay and neuter. She also suggested a required registration of animals or a fine to reduce the animal population, and a possible no-kill shelter. 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, seconded by Councilmember Hays.

A. **MINUTES:**

Approval of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting and special meeting held on July 31, 2018.

**B. ORDINANCE NO. 7747:**

(Contact: Sherry Bailey, Senior Planner)

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance rezoning a portion of Block 237, Plemons Addition out of Section 170, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Amarillo, Texas, to amend an existing Planned Development District (PD-257) modifying the existing stipulations for 1706 South Polk Street. (Vicinity: 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Polk Street.)

**C. CONSIDER – CANOPY ASSEMBLY REPLACEMENT FOR SIX PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGES:**

(Contact: Michael W. Conner, Director of Aviation)

Awarded to: ERMCA Aviation, LLC – \$91,180.00

This item is the award of the bid for the removal and replacement of all six (6) canopy assemblies for Passenger Boarding Bridges.

**D. APPROVAL -- METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION CONTRACT:**

(Contact: Travis Muno, MPO Administrator)

This item is to approve a planning contract between the City of Amarillo, Texas Department of Transportation and the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization for carrying out the metropolitan planning process.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM 2:** The Amarillo Independent School District Gifted and Talented Students presented their ideas on transportation and disc golf to help improve Amarillo.

**ITEM 3:** Mayor Nelson presented the first reading of an ordinance rezoning a 5-acre portion of Lot 1, Block 24, Westcliff Park Unit No 51, in Section 25, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County, Texas, plus one half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Planned Development - 55 (PD-55) to Planned Development - 55 Amended (PD-55A). This item was presented by Sherry Bailey, Senior Planner. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Sauer, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the following captioned ordinance be passed:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7748**

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 PLUM CREEK DRIVE AND TASCOSA ROAD., POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 4:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving an update to the City's Organizational Structure, last updated in November 2016, to reflect current reporting responsibilities, assimilation of the duties of the two offices (Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development), and combining planning and economic development into a new department to be titled Planning and Development Services. This item was presented by Floyd Hartman, Assistant City Manager. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Hays, that the following captioned resolution be approved:

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-07-18-1**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: TO REORGANIZE THE CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO PROVIDE FOR MORE ECONOMICAL AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT SERVICES;

PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5: Mayor Nelson presented a resolution authorizing a settlement agreement between the Alliance of XCEL Municipalities (AXM) and Southwestern Public Service (SPS) regarding the company's intent to change electric. This item was presented by Jared Miller, City Manager. David Hudson, President of SPS also spoke on this item. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the following captioned resolution be approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-07-18-2


A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALLIANCE OF XCEL MUNICIPALITIES ("AXM") AND SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY ("SPS" OR "COMPANY") REGARDING THE COMPANY'S STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE ELECTRIC RATES IN ALL CITIES EXERCISING ORIGINAL JURISDICTION; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF THE CITY'S RATE CASE EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 6: Mr. McWilliams advised at 6:13 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 an existing business or business prospect with which the City is negotiating for the location or retention of a facility, or for incentives the City is willing to extend, or financial information submitted by same: (a) City Economic Development Project #18-07 in the vicinity of Southeast 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and South Pierce Street. (2) Section 551.072 - Deliberation regarding real property; discussion regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property: (a) 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 7:11 p.m. and recessed the Regular Meeting.

ATTEST:

  
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 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
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 Ginger Nelson, Mayor