

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 14th 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 Rev. Andrew Herbert, Paramount Baptist Church. 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:**

Noah Dawson, 1133 Sugarloaf Drive, spoke on the City's debt, the City's good ratings and citizens fighting for freedoms. Addie Walsh, 5816 Syracuse Street, stated the proposed 7:00 a.m. meeting change will not work for citizens. She inquired why they were fixing something that is currently working. She stated she was disappointed she did not see City leaders at community events. She further encouraged everyone to register and vote. Mike Fisher, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, stated Council needed better consultants. He stated he attended a Ted Cruz event yesterday, and the occupancy was over the limit. He questioned the violations behind his home that were not being enforced. He also questioned the open meetings act and the Councilmembers meeting one-on-one. He suggested the goal of the early meeting time was to keep citizens from coming to meetings. Claudette Smith, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, spoke on the 7 a.m. meeting time which she stated was a distraction for the proposed parking meters. She further stated she has not seen anyone parking in the parking garage. She stated there were empty retail spaces available downtown. She stated poor decisions were being made and there are citizens who avoid going downtown. Nicholas Corey, 2415 North Spring Street, asked Council to terminate the anti-camping ordinance. He implored Council to follow the City of Canyon and listen. He stated the doors to City Hall do not open at 7:00 a.m. Crystal Nelson, 7623 Sombrero Drive, spoke on representation. She stated City Council continually passes unanimous votes. She questioned the unconstitutional ordinance for the homeless, the trash collection, ballpark plan, installing parking meters, and the failure for citizens to attend meetings at 7:00 a.m. Faith Tyler, 5801 Norte Dame Drive, stated she was a developer, a single mother, and a concerned Amarilloian who would be unable to attend a 7:00 a.m. meeting. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, questioned the consensus of Council when the time change was discussed. He stated a lot of the employees are exempt and only a few are hourly. He questioned if the Council had a possible quorum during their lunch breaks for the budget workshops. He also inquired how many people the senior services were servicing and the costs to taxpayers. Ramesh Patel, 112 West Amarillo Boulevard, inquired if there could be trees planted along Hughes Street and Tascosa Road or additional landscaping. He also asked about the metal storage facility off Amarillo Boulevard and Grand Street. 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 Smith.

- A. **MINUTES:**  
Approval of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting and special meeting held on August 7, 2018.
- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 7748:**  
(Contact: Sherry Bailey, Senior Planner)  
This is the second and final reading of an ordinance to rezone 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)
- C. **AWARD – OFFICE SUPPLIES ANNUAL CONTRACT:**  
(Contact: Trent Davis, Purchasing Agent)  
Award to Office Wise/Navajo Office Products -- Amount not to exceed \$275,000.00  
This award is to approve a contract for the purchase of office supplies.
- D. **AWARD – CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES ANNUAL CONTRACT:**  
(Contact: Trent Davis, Purchasing Agent)  
Award to Lowes Home Centers and Home Depot – Amount not to exceed \$68,500.00  
This award is to approve a contract for the purchase of Construction Supplies.
- E. **AWARD – ASBESTOS CONSULTING SERVICES:**  
(Contact: Trent Davis, Purchasing Agent)  
Award to the best-evaluated proposer, Compliance Sampling & Analysis in the estimated amount of \$75,000.00  
This proposal is for the Asbestos Consulting Services for the Airport, Building Safety, Community Development and Facilities Departments.
- F. **AWARD – PRINT COMMUNICATIONS ANNUAL CONTRACT TO AMARILLO GLOBE NEWS AND MORRIS COMMUNICATIONS:**  
(Contact: Trent Davis, Purchasing Agent)  
Amount not to exceed \$115,998.37  
This is to award an advertising annual contract – RFP to Amarillo Globe News & Morris Communications for advertising requirements for various departments.
- G. **AWARD – VACCINE ANNUAL CONTRACT:**  
(Contact: Trent Davis, Purchasing Agent)  
Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP) – Amount not to exceed -- \$412,177.00  
This item awards the vaccine annual contract for vaccine for various departments.
- H. **APPROVAL -- PARKING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PARKMOBILE, LLC TO PROVIDE MOBILE PARKING SERVICES FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA:**  
(Contact: Andrew Freeman, Director of Planning & Development Services)  
This item approves a three year agreement with Parkmobile, LLC with automatic one year renewals which may be cancelled with at least sixty days' notice prior to the end of the current term. As part of the agreement, Parkmobile would receive a current rate of \$0.25 per transaction charge from users of the mobile parking system.
- I. **APPROVAL – AMARILLO MEDIA SYSTEMS:**  
(Contact: Chip Orton, Emergency Management Coordinator)  
This item is to approve a contract with Amarillo Media Systems to replace the audio-visual control system in the Emergency Operations Center. The current system is inoperable.

J. **CONSIDER -- VIA AIRLINES AIRPORT USE AND LEASE AGREEMENT:**

(Contact: Michael Conner, Director of Aviation)

This agreement between the City of Amarillo and VIA Airlines is the standard airport use & lease agreement for all signatory airlines operating at the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport. This agreement package also includes the standard amendment 1, which provides the fee incentives to the airline, and standard amendment 2, which modifies two terms of the use and lease agreement to meet the overall agreement standards.

K. **ACCEPTANCE – TEXAS TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT – STEP COMPREHENSIVE GRANT:**

(Contact: Sgt. Wes Hill, Amarillo Police Department)

Grantor: Texas Department of Transportation

Grant Amount: \$152,926.00

Match Amount: \$ 38,756.51

Total Awarded: \$ 191,682.51

This item accepts the Fiscal Year 2019 Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant. The Texas Department of Transportation provides funding to the Amarillo Police Department to focus additional resources to fund patrol and enforcement of speed enforcement, occupant protection (seatbelt and child safety seats) distracted driving and Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) offenses.

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 artwork winners were announced by Russell Grubbs, Director of Utilities for the City's 2018 Every Drop Counts Calendar. Winners were: Rose Ramos, Alice Landergin Elementary, Emma Crisman, Windsor Elementary, Evan Ramos, Fannin Middle School, Oliva Chen, Amarillo High School Grand Prize Winner was Madison Mirelez, Holy Cross.


**ITEM 3:** Laura Storrs, Finance Director, presented this item. Ms. Storrs stated that the City of Amarillo is considering a tax rate of \$0.36838. The tax on an average home last year was \$326.98 and there would be no change related to operating and maintenance. She announced the meeting times to adopt the tax rate as August 28 and September 4. There would be a second public hearing and then two readings to adopt the tax rate. Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated he understood that Propositions 1 and 2 would increase property taxes. Mr. Miller stated they did not need the full amount and it was an estimate. Ms. Bonner replied voters approved \$109 million in bonds, and the corresponding rate increase that goes along with it. Ms. Bonner stated the collections came in higher than anticipated. Councilmember Sauer stated he believed Mr. Schenck may have surplus and reserves confused. Noah Dawson, 1133 Sugarloaf Drive, stated property taxes were a sham and appraisals were a pseudoscience. There were no further comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to set the tax rate at 0.36838 per \$100 evaluation, set public hearings August 28 and September 4, 2018, seconded by Councilmember Hays.

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.

Councilmember Sauer gave an update on Work Session Item A(3).

ATTEST:

  
 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
 Ginger Nelson, Mayor