

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 23rd day of October 2018, the Amarillo City Council met at 12:00 p.m. for a work session which was held in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON	MAYOR
ELAINE HAYS	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
FREDA POWELL	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
EDDY SAUER	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
HOWARD SMITH	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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


JARED MILLER	CITY MANAGER
MICHELLE BONNER	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS	CITY ATTORNEY
STEPHANIE COGGINS	ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

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

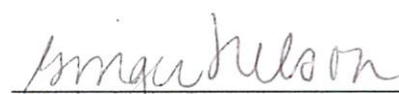
PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Fisher, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, spoke on the City's and AEDC's participation in the Texas Tech Vet School. He quoted from a Texas Municipal League Economic Development Handbook. Claudette Smith, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, spoke on animal euthanasia and mistakes made at AM&W. She further spoke on the Guyon Saunders Resource Center closing on the weekends. Noah Dawson, 1133 Sugarloaf Drive, spoke on the Council's and City Manager's representation and the rules of decorum. Valerie Gooch, 8128 Progress Drive, stated she preferred the public comment time at noon. She expressed her appreciation for all of the changes happening in Amarillo. Merenda Harper, 4204 South Ong Street, spoke on the recent death of her dog. She stated the procedures at AM&W can be reviewed and updated. She also suggested oversight at AM&W, updating the City's website, and notifying owners when animals are going to be euthanized. Dacia Anderson, 5227 Astoria Street, offered suggestions for AM&W, and the need for a low-cost spay and neuter clinic. She further stated a need for better matches between animals and adopters, and the ability to recruit and maintain volunteers. Jill Humphrey, 7714 Pineridge Drive, stated she spoke in memory of animals that did not find homes. She stated Lubbock recently moved to a no-kill shelter and Lubbock numbers are sustainable. She further stated the City of Amarillo numbers are no longer acceptable. Mayor Nelson asked Mr. Miller to speak on the City's spay and neuter clinic. Mr. Miller stated they are in concert with the Humane Society. They have begun spaying and neutering all pets that leave the facility. They are constructing a spay and neuter clinic inside the facilities. One or two days a week the veterinarian spays or neuters animals. He further stated they are targeting early Spring for the spay and neuter clinic operating with the veterinarian on staff. Mayor Nelson inquired as to the proposed budget for AM&W. Mr. Miller replied they have added just under \$300,000 additional resources. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated Council is limiting transparency by not broadcasting public comments. He also stated the need to begin paving Bell Street. Mr. Miller stated they anticipated the contractor to be onsite this week. Mr. Schenck also spoke on the proposed Transit increase to riders. He also stated concerns at the Amarillo Local Government Corporation meetings and the projects they oversee. He further suggested periodic updates on the hotel occupancy tax and where it is being used. There were no further comments.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Ginger Nelson, Mayor