

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 10th day of September 2019, the Amarillo City Council met at 1:00 p.m. for a regular meeting held in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 601 South Buchanan Street, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON	MAYOR
ELAINE HAYS	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
FREDA POWELL	MAYOR PRO TEM/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

The invocation was given by Marcus Norris. Mayor Nelson established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were conducted:

**ITEM 1:** Public Address. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Drive, stated there was not a clear communication on how citizens speak on agenda items. Mr. McWilliams replied that Public Address has changed and it allows Council to hear comments before or during an item. There were no further comments.

**ITEM 2:**

- A. Review agenda times for regular meeting and attachments;
- B. TxDot Right-of-Way Mowing Update (including I-40 and I-27); and
- C. Request future agenda items and reports from City Manager.

**CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:**

**ITEM 3:** 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 approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Smith:

- A. **MINUTES:**  
Approval of the City Council minutes for the meeting held on September 3, 2019.
- B. **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 7808:**  
(Contact: Marita Wellage-Reiley, Transit Director)  
This is the second and final reading of an ordinance authorizing an addition to the municipal code to formalize the governance of the transit system by adopting a new chapter in the code of ordinances. The addition will address management of the transit operation; define authorized service areas; and adopt bus fares and related provisions.
- C. **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 7809:**  
(Contact: Anthony Spanel, Environmental Health Director)  
This is a second and final reading of an ordinance revising Chapter 8-5 Public and Environmental Health. With the passing of Senate Bill 476, Environmental Health's Dog Friendly Patio requirements have become preempted by State law which takes effect 9/1/2019. The Chapter revision will also include a minor change in mobile food unit standards, general language cleanup, moving vended water/ice regulations into this chapter from State law, capping educational fees, increasing re-inspection fees, and

better defining enforcement proceedings.

- D. **CONSIDER RENEWAL – AETNA:**  
 (Contact: Mitchell Normand, Director of Human Resources)  
 This item considers exercising the one-year contract renewal option with Aetna, the City's medical carrier, for calendar year 2020.
- E. **CONSIDER RENEWAL – MAXOR:**  
 (Contact: Mitchell Normand, Director of Human Resources)  
 This item considers exercising the one-year contract renewal option with Maxor, the City's prescription benefit manager, for calendar year 2020.
- F. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – TUBERCULOSIS FEDERAL GRANT:**  
 (Contact: Casie Stoughton, Director of Public Health)  
 Grant Amount -- \$53,123.00  
 Grantor: Texas Department of State Health Services  
 This item accepts the award from the Texas Department of State Health Services from January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020 to continue funding to prevent and control the transmission of active and latent tuberculosis.
- G. **CONSIDER AWARD – HOME DEPOT CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ANNUAL CONTRACT:**  
 (Contact: Trent Davis, Director of Purchasing)  
 Awarded to Home Depot through US Communities/Omnia Partners Contract in an amount not to exceed -- \$68,500.00  
 This award is to approve a contract for the purchase of Construction Materials.
- H. **CONSIDER AWARD – MEDICAL SUPPLIES ANNUAL CONTRACT:**  
 (Contact: Trent Davis, Director of Purchasing)  
 Awarded to Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance (MMCAP)  
 Total not to exceed -- \$155,579.32  
 This award is to approve an annual contract for the purchase of Medical Supplies.
- I. **CONSIDER AWARD – WATER METERS SUPPLY AGREEMENT:**  
 (Contact: Trent Davis, Director of Purchasing)  
 Awarded to Core & Main in the amount of: \$129,891.20  
 Awarded to Zenner USA in the amount of: \$14,400.00  
 Total Amount to be awarded: \$144,291.20  
 This award is to approve a contract for the purchase of water meters.
- J. **CONSIDER PURCHASE – B-4 AGGREGATE:**  
 (Contact: Chris Mitchell, Street Superintendent)  
 Awarded to J. Lee Milligan, Inc. -- \$728,175.00  
 This item awards a contract for the purchase of Pre-coated B-4 Aggregate, used by the Street Division during the summer for sealcoating of paved streets.
- K. **CONSIDER AWARD – MANAGED PRINT SERVICES:**  
 (Contact: Rich Gagnon, Information Technology)  
 Tascosa Office Machines -- \$1,250,000.00  
 This item represents a five-year agreement with Tascosa Office Machines to provide managed print services for all City departments.
- L. **CONSIDER AWARD – HEXAGON COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH CAD SOFTWARE UPGRADE:**  
 (Contact: Rich Gagnon, Information Technology)  
 Hexagon CAD Software Upgrade -- \$493,981.62  
 This item purchases software licensing and services required to upgrade the CAD system. The CAD is a suite of software products used at the AECC for communicating and dispatching first responders.

**M. CONSIDER AWARD -- 2017-2021 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM FY 17/18 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS:**

(Contact: Matthew Thomas, P.E., City Engineer)

Amarillo Utility Contractors, Inc. -- \$537,939.50

This item is to consider award of the construction contract for the replacement of select water distribution lines north of Amarillo Boulevard between Washington Street and Van Buren Street within the North Heights Neighborhood Plan Area.

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.

**NON-CONSENT ITEMS**

**ITEM 4A:** Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing and stated that the City of Amarillo is considering a tax rate of \$0.38851. This proposed rate will raise more taxes than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 7.33 percent. The tax on an average home last year was \$495.33. The tax on an average home would be \$537.04 under the proposed rate. Laura Storrs, Finance Director, presented the 2019 property tax information. She stated there were budget challenges, franchise fees, fines and forfeitures, culture and recreation, and health insurance increased costs. There is an increase in revenue of \$1.3 million from growth in appraised values. There are no reductions to current service levels. She stated the new rate of \$0.38851 is \$1.68/month for a \$100,000 home. This new rate funds 10 new firefighters, 3 new AAM&W positions, increased street funding and will continue funding the voter approved Propositions 1 and 2 for streets and public safety. The City's portion of a 2018 Potter County sample tax bill is 14.7% and Randall County is just over 16%. The first readings of the budget and tax rate will be September 17, and the second and final readings on September 24.

Councilmember Hays inquired about the breakdown implemented in next year's budget. Ms. Storrs replied that the breakdown was to allow \$850,000 for firefighters; \$245,000 for AAM&W; \$750,000 for additional street funding; and \$500,000 for I&S debt service on the debt issuances. Mayor Nelson said our new tax rate continues to be lower than other communities. Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Drive, stated the tax increase was frustrating. He said the solution has been to cut services, but he felt the need to look deep into the departments and staff. He also suggested zero based budgeting. He further stated the Civic Center bond election should be held in November 2020 and not in May 2020. There were no further comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

**ITEM 4B:** Mayor Nelson presented the first reading of an ordinance considering an ordinance rezoning a 17.69 acre tract of unplatted land in Section 183, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Agricultural District to Multiple-Family District 1. (Vicinity: Georgia Street and Farmers Avenue.) This item was presented by Cris Valverde, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. Motion was made that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7810**

**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 GEORGIA STREET AND FARMERS AVENUE, RANDALL 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 4C:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving the 2019/2020 budget for the Amarillo-Potter Events Venue District. This budget is funded through a 5% car rental tax and a 2% hotel occupancy tax. The Amarillo-Potter Events Venue District operates and maintains voter approved entertainment venues within the City. This budget is recommended for approval by the Amarillo Potter Events Venue District Board. This item was presented by Michelle Bonner, Deputy City Manager. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-19-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 FOR THE AMARILLO POTTER EVENTS VENUE DISTRICT.

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 4D:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving the 2018/2019 fiscal year budget amendment. This budget amendment adjusts the 2018/2019 budget for the Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF) provided for in the 2017 Legislative Session. This item was presented by Michelle Bonner, Deputy City Manager. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Hays that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-19-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE APPROVED BUDGET OF THE AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; PROVIDING SEVERANCE, REPEALER, AND EFFECTIVE CLAUSES.

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 4E:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving the 2019/2020 fiscal year budget and associated program of services for the Amarillo Hospital District (AHD). This item was presented by Michelle Bonner, Deputy City Manager. This budget is recommended for approval by the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-19-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2019, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

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 4F:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving the 2019/2020 fiscal year budget for the Center City Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One. This budget is recommended for approval by the TIRZ #1 Board of Directors. This item was presented by Andrew Freeman, Director of Planning and Development Services. Beth Duke, Center City, stated they applied for and received a matching grant from the Texas Commission for the Arts on September 5. The additional funding can be used for the rest of the cultural district outside the Center City boundaries. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Hays that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-19-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 1, CITY OF AMARILLO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2019, to SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

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 4G:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving the 2019/2020 fiscal year budget for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two (East Gateway TIRZ). This budget is recommended for approval by the TIRZ #2 Board of Directors. This item was presented by Andrew Freeman, Director of Planning and Development Services. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-19-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 2, CITY OF AMARILLO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2019, to SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

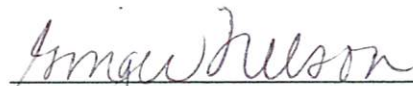
Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 4H:** Mr. McWilliams advised at 2:31 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 of 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. Discussion regarding commercial or financial information received from a business prospect and/or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect: Project # 19-03-01 (Manufacturing); (2) Section 551.072 -- Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, sale, or value of real property and public discussion of such would not be in the best interests of the City's bargaining position: a. Discuss property located in the vicinity of Southwest 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South Western Street; b. Discuss property located in the NE quadrant of the Central Business District.

Mr. McWilliams announced that the Executive Session was adjourned at 3:29 p.m. and recessed the Regular Meeting.

ATTEST:

  
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 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
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 Ginger Nelson, Mayor