

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 24th day of March 2020, 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:

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 Pastor Thomas Sands, Greater New Hope 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:

**ITEM 1:**

- A. Review agenda items for regular meeting and attachments;
- B. Reports and updates from City Councilmembers serving on outside Boards: Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board;
- C. Coronavirus Update;
- D. Amarillo Economic Development Corporation and Chamber business resources and assistance update;
- E. Discuss State guidance regarding the postponement or cancellation of May 2, 2020 uniform election; and
- F. Request future agenda items and reports from City Manager.

**CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:**

**ITEM 2:** 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 Hays:

- A. **MINUTES:**  
Approval of the City Council minutes for the regular meeting held on March 10, 2020.
- B. **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 7841:**  
(Contact: Cris Valverde - Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services)  
This item is the second and final reading of an ordinance rezoning a 0.30 acre tract of unplatted land in Section 31, Block 9, B.S.&F. Survey, Randall County, Texas plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Agricultural District to General Retail District. (Vicinity: Loop 335 and I-27.)

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 3A:** Mayor Nelson presented the first reading of an ordinance creating a civil violation for a responsible person to allow, suffer, permit, or host a gathering involving underage drinking at a premise under such person's ownership or control. This item was

Nelson opened a public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. This item was presented by Cris Valverde, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services. Motion was made that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Hays:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7845**

**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 PROPEETY IN THE VICINITY OF NANCY ELLEN STREET AND ELLEN HOPE STREET, 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 3E:** Mayor Nelson presented the first reading of an ordinance rezoning a 4.45 acre tract of unplatted land in Section 183, Block 2, A.B.&M. Survey, Randall County, Texas plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Agricultural District to Residential District 3. (Vicinity: Farmers Avenue and Gemini Trail.) Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. This item was presented by Cris Valverde, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services. Motion was made that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Hays:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7846**

**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 PROPEETY IN THE VICINITY OF FARMERS AVENUE AND GEMINI TRAIL, 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 3F:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving all matters incident and related to declaring expectation to reimburse expenditures for acquiring land at 503-509 South Johnson Street, Amarillo, Texas with proceeds of future debt, including the adoption of a resolution pertaining thereto. This item was presented by Laura Storrs, Finance Director. Motion was made that the following captioned resolution be passed by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith:

**RESOLUTION 03-24-20-1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE AMARILLO CITY COUNCIL, DECLARING EXPECTATION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF FUTURE DEBT.**

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 3G:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving all matters incident and related to approving and authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation, including the adoption of a resolution pertaining thereto. This item was presented by Laura Storrs, Finance Director and Michael Kashuba, Parks and Recreation Director. Motion was made that the following captioned resolution be passed by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer:

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-24-20-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE AMARILLO CITY COUNCIL, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION.**

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 3H:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving all matters incident and related to approving and authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation, including the adoption of a resolution pertaining thereto. This item was presented by Marita Wellage-Reiley, Assistant Transit Director. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. Motion was made that the following captioned resolution be passed by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer:

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-24-20-3**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMARILLO CITY TRANSIT REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT A MULTIMODAL TERMINAL; AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZING WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR A COMPETITIVE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUS AND BUS FACILITIES 5339 PROGRAM GRANT; DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED AGENT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALER CLAUSE; 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 3I:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution authorizing the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority to issue refunding bonds to refund all or a part of the outstanding Canadian River Municipal Water Authority Subordinate Lien Contract Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 (Conjunctive Use Groundwater Supply Project) (the "Series 2011 Bonds"). This item was presented by Michelle Bonner, Deputy City Manager. Motion was made that the following captioned resolution be passed by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Hays:

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-24-20-4**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING REFUNDING OF CANADIAN RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY SUBORDINATE LIEN CONTRACT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2011 (CONJUNCTIVE USE GROUNDWATER SUPPLY PROJECT).

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 3J:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution confirming and continuing the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster which was declared on March 13, 2020 regarding the outbreak of COVID-19. Motion was made that the following captioned resolution be passed by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer:

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-24-20-5**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO CONFIRMING AND CONTINUING THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF DISASTER; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; 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 3K:** Mayor Nelson presented an item approving the award of the construction contract for the maintenance of streets within Amarillo that have been identified as needing rehabilitation. This project includes the southeast quadrant residential seal coat, as well as arterial microsurfacing and cape sealing operations. This work is to be coordinated with similar work completed by the Street Department maintenance staff. Motion was made that this item be approved by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

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 3L:** Mayor Nelson presented an item approving the construction contract to rehabilitate the tank by applying a high-performance coating and modifying the tank to meet current code. The backwash water tank is integral to the water treatment process at the Osage Water Treatment Plant. This item was presented by Kyle Schniederjan, Director CP&DE. Motion was made that this item be approved by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer.

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 3M:** Mayor Nelson presented an item approving the professional services agreement for resident project representation for the Lift Station 32 project during the construction phase. This item was presented by Kyle Schniederjan, Director CP&DE. Motion was made that this item be approved by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer.

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.

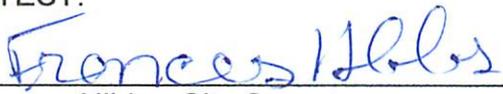
**ITEM 3N:** Mayor Nelson presented an item approving funds for an infrastructure improvement project in North Central Amarillo. The project would include drainage, site improvements and any related improvements up to \$1,200,000. This item was presented by Kevin Carter, Director Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC). Mr. Carter stated this item was approved by the AEDC Board yesterday. Motion was made that this item be approved by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

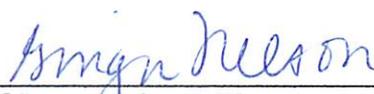
Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 3O:** Mr. McWilliams advised at 5:16 p.m. that the City Council would convene in Executive Session per Texas Government Code: 1) 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 within the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Boundary.

Mr. McWilliams announced that the Executive Session was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. and recessed the Regular Meeting.

ATTEST:

  
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 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
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 Ginger Nelson, Mayor