

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 12th day of January 2021, the Amarillo City Council met at 1:00 p.m. for a regular session meeting held via conference and 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	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
EDDY SAUER	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
HOWARD SMITH	MAYOR PRO TEM/COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

JARED MILLER	CITY MANAGER
KEVIN STARBUCK	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
FLOYD HARTMAN	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
LAURA STORRS	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS	CITY ATTORNEY
STEPHANIE COGGINS	ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Dr. Trevor Brown, First Baptist Church.

A proclamation was presented for "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."

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

PUBLIC ADDRESS:

Jolene Santiago, 2209 South Polk Street, stated she appreciated Council's leadership. She further stated she was excited about the AEDC tax abatement project but begged Council not to allow foreign outside people to take the jobs. There were no further comments.

ITEM 1:

- A. Review agenda items for regular meeting and attachments;
- B. Coronavirus Update; and
- C. Update on Animal Management and Welfare;
- D. Presentation and Report on the Amarillo Community Investment Program (CIP) for FY 2020/21 – FY 2024/25;
- E. Amarillo Fire Department Accreditation Strategic Plan Update;
- F. Thompson Park Pool Update;
- G. Presentation on Speed Limit Changes on Loop 335/Soncy; and
- H. Request future agenda items and reports from City Manager.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:

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 Sauer:

- A. **MINUTES:**
Approval of the City Council minutes for the regular meeting held on December 15, 2020.
- B. **CONSIDER AWARD -- PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF UV SYSTEMS INSTALLATION AT SOUTHWEST AND SOUTHEAST POOLS:**
(Contact: Michael Kashuba, Director of Parks and Recreation)
Awarded to Progressive Commercial Aquatics, Inc. -- \$96,650.00

This item is for the turnkey purchase and installation of UV systems at Southeast and Southwest Pools.

- C. **CONSIDER PURCHASE -- STREET SWEEPER:**
(Contact: Glenn Lavender, Fleet Services Superintendent)
Award to: Heil of Texas -- \$295,710.00
Utilizing HGAC Contract SW-04-18A
This item is the scheduled replacement of unit 7792, a 2014 Freightliner/Tymco Street Sweeper. This equipment is used by the Drainage Utility Division for daily operational requirements. Unit 7792 has reached its useable life cycle.
- D. **CONSIDER AWARD -- AMMUNITION:**
(Contact: Trent Davis, Purchasing Agent)
Award to GT Distributors -- \$117,299.99
This award consists of ammunition for the Police Shooting Range, Airport Police, SWAT, Narcotics and Fire Marshal.
- E. **CONSIDER APPROVAL -- PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT:**
(Contact: Jonathan Gresham, Director of Utilities)
HDR Engineering Inc. -- \$58,269.00
This item is approval of a professional service contract to prepare the Emergency Response Plan for the Utilities Department.
- F. **CONSIDER APPROVAL -- FY2020-FY2021 MOTOROLA MAINTENANCE (MICROWAVE SERVICES AND SECURITY MONITORING):**
(Contact: Chip Orton, Director of Emergency Management)
This item is consideration of FY2020-FY2021 continuing service agreement and maintenance of microwave services and security monitoring. These critical maintenance add-ons provide 24/7 response to potential issues with the City's radio system connectivity and 24/7 cybersecurity monitoring of the radio network. This purchase which is budgeted for and will recur annually will be in the amount of \$84,526.02.
- G. **CONSIDER SALE -- PROPERTY:**
(Contact: Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager)
Sheriff Sale property located in Potter County.
- H. **CONSIDER APPROVAL -- AVIATION CLEAR ZONE EASEMENT:**
(Contact: Andrew Freeman, Director of Planning and Development Services)
This item considers an Aviation Clear Zone Easement, being 4,600 feet above mean sea level above the plat of South Georgia Place Unit No. 36, an addition to the City of Amarillo, being an unplatted tract of land in Section 183, Block 2, A.B.&M. Survey, Randall County, Texas.

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 which would amend Section 2-6-3 of the Amarillo Municipal Code to allow for the appointment of persons who are not necessarily registered voters of the City to be appointed to various City boards or commissions if they possessed special expertise or knowledge related to the board or commission's operation and/or charge. Board or Commission applicants would still be required to be registered voters somewhere and applicants who are registered voters of the City would still be preferred per this draft of the ordinance. This item was presented by Jared Miller, City Manager. Councilmember Hays inquired if other cities restricted their boards and commissions to candidates living inside the city limits or if they had to be registered voters. Both Mr. Miller and Mr. McWilliams stated they had no experience with board members living outside the city limits. Councilmember Hays stated the City of Amarillo had multiple citizens who had applied and there was not a place for all of them on our board openings. She suggested reserving those spots for local voters and citizens of the community. Mr. Smith stated subject-matter knowledge would serve the City well. Mayor Nelson stated

we have people who do not reside within the city limits who have expertise but these instances would be unique and be rare occurrences. Councilmember Sauer stated he expected this to be rarely used. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7897

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS AMENDING ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 2-6, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, OF THE AMARILLO CITY CODE AS FOLLOWS: AMENDING SECTION 2-6-3 TO AMEND QUALIFICATIONS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS; INCLUDING SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO was Councilmember Hays; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3B: Mayor Nelson presented the first reading of an ordinance to consider designating certain areas of the City as Reinvestment Zone No. 12 for commercial and industrial tax abatement. The zone is approximately 110.39 acres in the vicinity of Northeast 24th Avenue and Loop 335. This item was presented by Kevin Carter, President and CEO. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. Councilmember Hays stated she would abstain due to underlying concerns this project was attached to. Councilmember Smith inquired as to the timeline. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7901

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS AS REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 12 FOR COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT, CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE, CHAPTER 312, SUBCHAPTERS A & B, ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; Councilmember Hays abstained; the motion carried by a 4:0:1 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3C: Mayor Nelson presented a resolution to approve the 2020/21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$1,695,314 and HOME Partnership (HOME) Annual Action Plan in the amount of \$720,963. The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) evaluated the Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and formulated a recommendation in the annual action plan for consideration by the City Council. With approval of the Resolution by the City Council, the 2020/21 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This item was presented by Jason Riddlespurger, Community Development Director. Lilia Escajeda thanked Mr. Riddlespurger and the committee members. She stated these funding decisions are always difficult. Mr. Riddlespurger stated the HOME and Tenant Based Rental Assistance grants would assist low to moderate incomes that need assistance and are struggling during this pandemic. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Hays that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-12-21-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2020/2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; DESIGNATING THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN SAID PLAN; PROVIDING

A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND 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 3D: Mayor Nelson presented a resolution authorizing the Amarillo Continuum of Care (CoC) to apply for additional 2020 funding from the ESG program. This application is for up to \$865,899 from the 2020 CARES ESG funding to provide homeless prevention and rapid re-housing to persons experiencing homelessness. This item was presented by Jason Riddlespurger, Community Development Director. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-12-21-2

A RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS ("CITY") AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING THROUGH THE 2020 CARES EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) TO THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ("TDHCA") AND DESIGNATING THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN SUCH GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND 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 authorizes the City Manager to execute an assignment of a current contract for purchase of a building and land located at 812 Southwest 4th Avenue for a new Fire Fleet Maintenance Facility. The purchase is for \$600,000 plus closing costs and related expenses. This item was presented by Jason Mays, Fire Chief. Councilmember Hays reiterated this project will be fully funded by Proposition 2. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer that the following item be approved as presented.

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: Mr. McWilliams advised at 4:06 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) Sale of real property located in the southwest quadrant of the Amarillo city limits.

Mr. McWilliams announced that the Executive Session was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. and recessed the regular meeting.

ATTEST:


 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


 Ginger Nelson, Mayor