

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 26th 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  
ELAINE HAYS  
FREDA POWELL  
EDDY SAUER  
HOWARD SMITH

MAYOR  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2  
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3  
MAYOR PRO TEM/COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

JARED MILLER  
KEVIN STARBUCK  
FLOYD HARTMAN  
LAURA STORRS  
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS  
STEPHANIE COGGINS  
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER  
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER  
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER  
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER  
CITY ATTORNEY  
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Gene Shelburne, Anna Street Church of Christ.

A proclamation was presented for "Black History Month."

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

**PUBLIC ADDRESS:** There were no comments.

**ITEM 1:**

- A. Review agenda items for regular meeting and attachments;
- B. Coronavirus Update; and
- C. Discuss Illegal Dumping Task Force Proposed Ordinance;
- D. Report and updates from City Councilmember serving on outside Boards:
  - Environmental Task Force;
  - Neighborhood Planning Oversight Committee;
  - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee;
- E. Update on Building Safety Department;
- F. Discuss Tri-State Exposition Master Plan Process;
- G. Discuss Broadband Internet; and
- H. Request future agenda items and reports from City Manager.

**ITEM 2:**

**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 January 13, 2021.
- B. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENTS:**  
(Contact: Frances Hibbs, City Secretary)  
Terms and conditions as noted  
This item approves agreements with the Potter and Randall Counties Election Administrators to conduct joint elections on May 1, 2021 with the City of Amarillo.

This allows the participating entities to share vote center locations and authorizes the Potter and Randall Counties Election Administrators to perform the duties associated with an election. The conduct of a joint election reduces election costs for each of the entities.

- C. **CONSIDER AWARD – GREENWAYS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:**  
 (Contact: Kelley Shaw, Development Services)  
 Ramirez Lawn Service – Not to exceed \$200,000.00 annually  
 This item is to consider award of the Greenways Public Improvement District (PID) landscape maintenance contract for the maintenance of improvements within the Greenways PID. Improvements include park areas, entryway features, irrigation, trees and specialty lighting. All improvements are constructed to applicable City standards. This contract is for one-year with options for two one-year renewals if all parties agree.
- D. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MARTIN ROAD LAKE PARK:**  
 (Contact: Matthew Thomas, City Engineer)  
 HDR Engineering – \$247,300.00  
 This is a professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the erosion repairs for Martin Road Lake as well as a new fishing amenity. HDR Engineering, Inc. was selected for this project due to their unique qualifications as the design engineer on the Dale Street improvements and their ongoing analysis for the Martin Road Lake Park master plan.
- E. **CONSIDER APPROVAL -- COMMERCIAL CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE, APPROXIMATELY 9,660 SQUARE FEET, LOCATED AT 2015 PARAMOUNT DRIVE:**  
 (Contact: Jason Mays, Fire Chief)  
 This item authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract for the sale of excess land, approximately 9,660 square feet located at 2015 Paramount Drive. The purchase is for \$65,000 minus closing costs and related expenses.
- F. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – IMMUNIZATION GRANT COVID:**  
 (Contact: Casie Stoughton, Public Health Director)  
 Grantor: Texas Department of State Health Services  
 Grant Amount: \$99,866.00  
 This item accepts the award from the Texas Department of State Health Services from January 2020 thru August 31, 2021 to fund COVID-19 vaccination efforts.
- G. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – IMMUNIZATION GRANT:**  
 (Contact: Casie Stoughton, Public Health Director)  
 Grantor: Texas Department of State Health Services  
 Grant Amount: \$261,049.00  
 This item accepts the award from the Texas Department of State Health Services from September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2022 to continue funding to prevent and control the transmission of vaccine-preventable diseases in children and adults, with emphasis on accelerating strategic interventions to improve their vaccine coverage levels.
- H. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – AVIATION CLEAR ZONE EASEMENT:**  
 (Contact: Cris Valverde, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services)  
 This item considers an Aviation Clear Zone Easement, being 3,750 feet above mean sea level above the plat of Amarillo Horizon Park Unit No. 1, an addition to the City of Amarillo being an unplatted tract of land in Section 93, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter 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 and final reading of an ordinance discussing and considering all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of "City of

Amarillo, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021," including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds. This item was presented by Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager, Steven Adams, Specialized Public Finance and Bob Dransfield, Bond Counsel. Mr. Adams stated the City remains to keep its AAA rating. Mr. Adams stated if approved this item will allow the sale of the bonds as long as certain perimeters are met on Thursday. Mr. Schniederjan provided a list of upcoming projects. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first and final reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7902**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021"; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE, PAYMENT, AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; AND DELEGATING MATTERS RELATING TO THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS TO AN AUTHORIZED CITY OFFICIAL; 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 3B:** Mayor Nelson presented the first and final reading of an ordinance discussing and considering all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of "City of Amarillo, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021," including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such certificates of obligation. This item was presented by Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager, Steven Adams, Specialized Public Finance and Bob Dransfield, Bond Counsel. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first and final reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7903**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2021"; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND A LIMITED PLEDGE OF THE NET REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE CITY'S WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CERTIFICATES AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY AND DELIVERY OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; DELEGATING MATTERS RELATING TO THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF SAID CERTIFICATES TO AN AUTHORIZED CITY OFFICIAL; 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 3C:** Mayor Nelson presented the first and final reading of an ordinance discussing and considering all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of "City of Amarillo, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, New Series 2021," including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds. This item was presented by Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager, Steven Adams, Specialized Public Finance and Bob Dransfield, Bond Counsel. Mr. Adams stated bids would be taken February 2 and would close on March 2. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first and final reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7904**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, NEW SERIES 2021"; PRESCRIBING THE FORMS, TERMS, AND PROVISIONS OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING THE NET REVENUES

OF THE CITY'S WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS; ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS, AND DELEGATING MATTERS RELATING TO THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS TO AN AUTHORIZED CITY OFFICIAL; 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 3D:** Mayor Nelson presented the first and final reading of an ordinance discussing and considering all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of "City of Amarillo, Texas, Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021," including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds. This item was presented by Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager, Steven Adams, Specialized Public Finance and Bob Dransfield, Bond Counsel. He stated they would be selling the bonds on February 2 and closing on March 2. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first and final reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7905**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021"; PRESCRIBING THE FORMS, TERMS, AND PROVISIONS OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING THE NET REVENUES OF THE CITY'S DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS; ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS; AND DELEGATING MATTERS RELATING TO THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS TO AN AUTHORIZED CITY OFFICIAL; 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 adopting the City's CIP which will guide capital investment decisions for the next five years. This item was presented by Kyle Schniederjan, PE. 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 Sauer that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7906**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2020-2021 THROUGH 2024-2025; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; PROVIDING REPEALER; 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 the first reading of an ordinance changing the Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 16-3, Section 16-3-1002, Schedule B Maximum Speed Limit for Soncy/Hollywood (Loop 335) from the current:

1. Speed limit to 40 MPH on Soncy from the City limits north of Amarillo Boulevard to south of 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue where it currently changes from 50 MPH to 60 MPH.
2. Speed limit to 50 MPH on Soncy and Hollywood Road from south of 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue where it currently changes from 50 MPH to 60 MPH all the way to where Coulter intersects Hollywood Road.

TXDOT recently completed speed studies on these corridors and recommended that speeds be lowered. This item was presented by Donny Hooper, Assistant Public Works Director. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first

reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7907

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 16-3, ARTICLE XXI, SECTION 16-3-1002, CHANGING THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON SEGMENTS OF SONCY ROAD AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD (LOOP 335); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW, PENALTY, PUBLICATION 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 3G:** Mayor Nelson presented the first reading of an ordinance that converts one sergeant position and one officer position to corporal positions and reduces the number of sworn positions at the Amarillo Police Department by one. This item was presented by Martin Birkenfeld, Chief of Police. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Hays that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7908

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CONVERTING ONE SERGEANT POSITION AND ONE OFFICER POSITION TO CORPORAL POSITIONS; REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SWORN POSITIONS AT THE AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT; 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 3H:** Mayor Nelson presented the first reading of an ordinance to consider an ordinance vacating a 15,210 square foot portion of a public utility easement lying in Lot 1, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 3, Corrected Southgate Subdivision, in Section 31, Block 9, B.S.&F. Survey, Randall County, Texas. (Vicinity: Bell Street and Arden Road. This item was presented by Andrew Freeman, Managing 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 by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7909

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS DETERMINING LACK OF PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT IN THE VICINITY OF BELL STREET AND ARDEN ROAD, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; VACATING AND ABANDONING THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO THE PROPERTY OWNER; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; 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 3I:** Mayor Nelson presented the second and final 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 Powell inquired if a person living in another state would be permitted. Mr. Miller replied if the Council felt they could provide expertise. Councilmember Hays inquired if they could be anywhere outside our city limits. She also inquired if those persons within the city limits would be required to be registered voters. Councilmember Sauer stated the possibility of someone living outside the state of Texas bothered him. Councilmember

Hays stated she believed local citizen participation overrides someone who does not live here. Councilmember Sauer inquired if this could be limited to the Potter and Randall County areas. After a discussion the original motion made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith was denied by Council. An amendment was then made by Councilmember Sauer to limit board members living within Potter and Randall Counties, seconded by Councilmember Smith. Councilmember Hays stated the amendment would gain her support. The following captioned ordinance passed with the amendment on second and final 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 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 calling the regular municipal election to be held on May 1, 2021. The election will be for the offices of Mayor, Councilmember Place 1, Councilmember Place 2, Councilmember Place 3, and Councilmember Place 4. This item was presented by Frances Hibbs, City Secretary. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer that the following captioned resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-26-21-1**

A RESOLUTION OF THE AMARILLO CITY COUNCIL: ORDERING THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS TO BE CONDUCTED ON MAY 1, 2021 IN THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; AS A JOINT ELECTION WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER ENTITIES; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES AND VOTE CENTERS; DESIGNATING JUNE 5, 2021 AS THE RUN-OFF ELECTION DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION, EARLY VOTING, PAYMENT OF ELECTION EXPENSES, PROVIDING FOR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE 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 3K:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving and authorizing an agreement with Texas Department of Transportation to operate and maintain signals installed with eligible federal or special program funds on BI-40D/Amarillo Boulevard. The TxDOT installed signals will be Hybrid Beacon Signals located in the 1000 block of Amarillo Boulevard East and 1500 block of Amarillo Boulevard East. This item was presented by Donny Hooper, Assistant Public Works Director. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the following captioned resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-26-21-2**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL SIGNALS WITH ELIGIBLE FEDERAL OR SPECIAL PROGRAM FUNDS, AND ONCE COMPLETED, THE CITY WILL OPERATE AND MAINTAIN SIGNALS INSTALLED; AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR EXECUTION OF DOCUMENT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND 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 3L:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution approving the City of Amarillo to submit project 408001 Shooting Response Team to the Office of the Governor through the 2020/21 Project Safe Neighborhood grant program. The project application is in the

amount of \$103,850 for equipment, training, and software licensing. This item was presented by Kevin Starbuck, Deputy City Manager and Lt. Shane Chadwick, APD. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-26-21-3

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2020/21 GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM (PROJECT 4088001) AND DESIGNATING THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL; PROVIDING OTHER CLAUSES 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 3M:** Mayor Nelson presented a resolution adopting a legislative agenda for the 87th Session of the Texas Legislature to include special called sessions of the 87th Legislature and the interim. This item was presented by Jared Miller, City Manager. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-26-21-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO ADOPTING A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 87TH SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO INCLUDE SPECIAL CALLED SESSIONS OF THE 87TH LEGISLATURE AND THE INTERIM.

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 the second and final 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 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Loop 335. This item was presented by Kevin Carter, President and CEO. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final 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 was Councilmember Hays; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 3O:** Mayor Nelson presented an item considering a tax abatement for Amazon Services, LLC. Amazon is considering constructing a new non-sortable distribution center in Amarillo. The facility would be the first of its kind in West Texas and would help Amazon service its customers in our region with large item orders. This item was presented by Kevin Carter, President and CEO. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to approve this item, seconded by Councilmember Sauer.

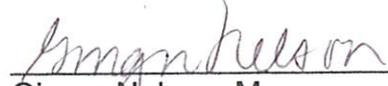
Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO was Councilmember Hays; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 3P:** Mayor Nelson presented an item considering a location incentive agreement for Amazon.Com Services, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Amazon, is looking to build a 1,000,000 sq. ft. non-sortable fulfillment center at the corner of Northeast 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Loop 335. This item was presented by Kevin Carter, President and CEO. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to approve this item, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

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

ATTEST:

  
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Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
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Ginger Nelson, Mayor