

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 26th of October 2021 the Amarillo City Council met at 1:00 p.m. for a regular meeting held in Council Chambers, located on the third floor of City Hall at 601 South Buchanan Street, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON	MAYOR
FREDA POWELL	MAYOR PRO TEM / COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COLE STANLEY	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
EDDY SAUER	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3

Absent was Councilmember Howard Smith. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

FLOYD HARTMAN	ACTING CITY MANAGER
LAURA STORRS	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
ANDREW FREEMAN	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS	CITY ATTORNEY
JENIFER RAMIREZ	ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
STEPHANIE COGGINS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Bennie Anderson of New Hope Baptist Church. Mayor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for "Dyslexia Awareness Month", "National Chiropractic Health Month", and "National Family Caregiver's 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:

Amber Richardson, of Amarillo, Texas, spoke to agenda item no. 1D. Ryan Brightbill, of Amarillo, Texas, spoke to agenda item no. 1D. Tyler Pinson, of Amarillo, Texas, spoke to agenda item no. 1D. There were no further comments.

ITEM 1 – CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSED OR RECEIVED REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING CURRENT MATTERS OR PROJECTS:

- A. Review agenda items for regular meeting and attachments;
- B. Discuss Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation re-recognition of the Amarillo Police Department's Accreditation
- C. Discuss Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Extension;
- D. Update on Point-in-Time Count; and
- F. 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 to approve the consent agenda as presented by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer.

A. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – MINUTES:**

Approval of the City Council minutes for the regular meeting held on October 12, 2021.

B. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-21-1:**

(Contact: Mitchell Normand, Human Resources Director)

This item considers a resolution approving a Paid Quarantine Leave Policy for firefighters and peace officers, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 180.008.

C. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-21-2:**

(Contact: Kevin Carter, Executive Director of Amarillo Economic Development Corporation)

This item considers a resolution authorizing the submission of an economic development administration application to the U.S. Department of Commerce for the Economic Adjustment Assistance Program; and authorizing the city manager to act as the City of Amarillo's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City of Amarillo's participation in the program.

D. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-21-3:**

(Contact: Andrew Freeman, Assistant City Manager)

This item considers a resolution naming the official enterprise zone for a previously approved tax abatement with Illinois Tool Works, Inc. and Panhandle Pure, LLC.

E. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-21-4:**

(Contact: David Wilson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation)

This item considers a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's CO-OP Grant Program on behalf of the City of Amarillo.

F. **CONSIDER AWARD – MODIFICATIONS TO SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT (SRE) BUILDING AT THE RICK HUSBAND AMARILLO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:**

(Contact: Michael W. Conner, Director of Aviation)

Total Base Bid Amount: \$1,175,753.00

Bid Alternate No. 1: (\$264,066.00) (Provide silicone Roof Coating Restoration system in lieu of metal panel replacement)

Total Bid Amount: \$911,687.00 to be awarded to Panhandle Steel Buildings, Inc.

This item considers approval of a project involving modifications to the Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building that include roof repair, internal lighting modernization to LED, new infrared heating in the shop portion, HVAC replacement in the two adjoining annexes, and replacement of overhead doors. This item will be funded through a Federal Aviation Administration grant at 100% reimbursement.

G. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – REMODEL OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ANNEX LOCATED AT 850 MARTIN ROAD:**

(Contact: Casie Stoughton, Director of Public Health)

Award to: Plains Builders – \$1,026,030

This item approves a construction project for the remodel of the Public Health Annex located at 850 Martin Road.

H. **CONSIDER AWARD – DESKTOP COMPUTER HARDWARE:**

(Contact: Rich Gagnon, Managing Director of Information Technologies)

Award to: Dell Marketing, LP – \$140,820 (through DIR Contract # DIR-TSO-3763)

This item approves the purchase of equipment to replace 240 desktop computers and 90 monitors which have exceeded their useful life.

I. CONSIDER AWARD – DESKTOP COMPUTER HARDWARE:

(Contact: Rich Gagnon, Managing Director of Information Technologies)

Award to: Dell Marketing, LP – \$63,271.32 (through DIR Contract # DIR-TSO-3763)

This item approves the purchase of equipment to replace 28 ruggedized laptops for Amarillo Fire Department that are used in fire trucks.

J. CONSIDER AWARD – GOLF PRODUCTS:

(Contact: George Priolo, GM of Golf Operations)

Award to: Acushnet Golf Products – \$200,000

This item awards a contract to allow the Parks and Recreation department – Golf Operations to provide Titleist, Foot-Joy, and Pinnacle products in the pro shops located at Ross Rogers Golf Complex and Comanche Trail Golf Complex.

K. CONSIDER APPROVAL – LEASE AGREEMENT FOR LIMITED USES – LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AMARILLO AND A LOCAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE LIMITED USE OF OFFICE SPACE BY THE AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICER (NPO) UNITS:

(Contact: Martin Birkenfeld, Police Chief)

Bethesda Outreach Center

This item approves a lease agreement for limited uses and provides for office space in a designated neighborhood to be used by the Amarillo Police department for the Neighborhood Police Officer units. The office will be utilized for the purpose of general police activity, research, preparing reports, meetings with citizens, etc. The organization that has agreed to provide an office is: Bethesda Outreach Center.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson and Councilmembers Powell, Stanley, and Sauer; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM 3 - NON-CONSENT ITEMS:

ITEM 3A: Mayor Nelson introduced the second reading of Ordinance No. 7938 to consider a variance to distance regulations prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages within 300' of a public school. Anthony Spanel, Environmental Health Director, presented the item. A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 7938 and grant a variance for alcohol sales at 3420 SW 15th for applicant GoBrands Texas, LLC. pursuant to Section 109.33(e) of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, after consideration of the health, safety and welfare of the public and the entities of the situation, council finds and determines that enforcement of the distance regulation in this particular instance would not be effective or necessary by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Stanley.

ORDINANCE 7983

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: PROVIDING FOR A VARIANCE TO DISTANCE REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN 300 FEET OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE SECTION 109.33(e) AND AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 14-3-5; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson and Councilmembers Powell and Stanley; voting NO was Councilmember Sauer; the motion carried by a 3-1 vote.

ITEM 3B: Mayor Nelson introduced Resolution No. 10-26-21-5 regarding an application for 2022 Non-Competitive Housing Tax Credits. The item was presented by Andrew Freeman, Assistant City Manager. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing on the item. There were no comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing. A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 10-26-21-5 stating no objection for an application for 2022 Non-Competitive Housing Tax Credits to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Housing Tax Credit Program by JES Dev Co, Inc., a private entity, for the Estacado Station, a development for affordable rental property located at approximately 4000 NW 12th Avenue Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-21-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO STATING NO OBJECTION TO THE JES DEV CO, INC. 4% HOUSING TAX CREDIT APPLICATION TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR PROPOSED NEW CONSTRUCTION OF ESTACADO STATION APARTMENTS IN AMARILLO, TEXAS TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson and Councilmembers Powell, Sauer and Stanley; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM 3C: Mayor Nelson introduced the item to consider awarding a contract for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). Floyd Hartman presented the item. A motion was made to award the Advanced Metering Infrastructure contract to Thirkettle Corporation dba Utiliuse in the amount of \$27,024,744.76 for the installation of smart meters throughout the city of Amarillo to be funded through previously issued bond proceeds from a zero-percent interest loan and a grant, both provided by the Texas Water Development Board by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Sauer.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson and Councilmembers Powell, Sauer and Stanley; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

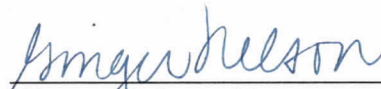
ITEM 4: Mr. McWilliams advised at 2:28 p.m. that the City Council would convene in Executive Session per Texas Government Code:

- A. Sec. 551.071 - Consult with attorney on a matter in which the attorney's duty to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with this chapter
 - a. Discussion regarding status of negotiations related to the Amended and Restated Economic Development Agreement with Supreme Bright Amarillo II, LLC, and related matters.

Mr. McWilliams announced that Executive Session was adjourned at 3:07 p.m. and recessed the Regular Meeting.

ATTEST:


Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary


Ginger Nelson, Mayor