

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 21st day of March 2017, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 p.m. for a work session and then at 5:00 p.m. for the regular session in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

PAUL HARPOLE	MAYOR
ELISHA DEMERSON	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
LISA BLAKE	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
RANDY BURKETT	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
MARK NAIR	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

JARED H. MILLER	CITY MANAGER
BOB COWELL	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS	DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY
BLAIR SNOW	MANAGEMENT ANALYST
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Greg Dowell, Amarillo Central Church of Christ. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

Mildred Darton, 2005 Northwest 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, offered a sincere heartfelt thank you to the City Manager and staff for the viable funding path to demolish the Inn of Amarillo. She stated this neighborhood has been neglected over the years. Benjamin F. Roberts, 1007 North Hayden Street, also spoke on the Inn of Amarillo. He applauded the Council for their service and being effective. He stated that North Amarillo has many third-world situations. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated the best idea to demolish the Inn of Amarillo was to use AEDC funds. He further stated that campaign signs were not temporary signs. He inquired about Senate Bill 2, and whether the City would vote on this bill. Councilmember Nair affirmed that the majority of the expense for the demolition of the Inn of Amarillo was for asbestos removal. Dutch Hartfelder Worth, 1004 South Lamar Street, questioned the timing discrepancies on the red light cameras between yellow and red lights. Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, questioned if Item B was replacing pipe that is currently in litigation. He also suggested the Council support North Heights in advocating for a community school. There were no further comments.

**ITEM 1:** Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Blake.

- A. Minutes:  
Approval of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting held on March 21, 2017.
- B. Award – Hillside Terrace Estates 30" Sewer Replacement Contract 2 (Project No. 521943):  
Spiess Construction Company, Inc. -- \$8,655,030.00 (Alignment 2)  
This item is to approve the contract for construction services for Spiess Construction Company, Inc. to install a new 30-inch sewer pipeline.

- C. Award – Topping Off Motor Fuel Annual Contract:  
Award to Davidson Oil -- \$618,505.55 (estimated)  
This award is to approve a contract for the purchase of the Topping Off Motor Fuel annual contract.
- D. Award – Agriculture Fertilizer Annual Contract:
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| Harrell's LLC       | \$ 53,173.10 |
| BWI Companies, Inc. | \$ 54,959.00 |
| Pro Chem Co.        | \$ 52,110.00 |
| Total Award:        | \$160,242.10 |
- This award is to approve an annual contract for the purchase of agriculture fertilizer for the City of Amarillo.
- E. Approval – Purchase Agreement for Easement for Project No. 521943 -- \$444,640.00:  
This item is to approve the purchase agreement between P Dub Investments, Ltd. and the City of Amarillo.
- F. Approval – Amendment Number Four to the Existing Lease for Wonderland Park:  
This amendment between the City of Amarillo and Wonderland Park amends the term of the lease an additional ten-years with a lease expiration of December 31, 2040, and adds an additional 0.46 acre tract of land on the west boundary of the current lease park property, north of the large existing parking lot. The expansion will allow for additional covered seating for group outings and concrete pad placement for two additional future amusement rides.
- G. Approval – Dedication of Right-of-Way:  
This declaration dedicates the right-of-way for the future expansion of 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Grand Street to Eastern Street as well as the future expansion of Eastern Street from 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue approximately one-mile south.
- H. Aviation Clear Zone Easement:  
Aviation Clear Zone Easement being 4,600 feet above mean sea level above the plat of Dremmel Addition Unit No. 2, a suburban subdivision to the City of Amarillo, being an unplatted tract of land in Section 152, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County, Texas from Doug Morris.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

### **NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

**ITEM 2:** Mayor Harpole presented the first reading of an ordinance rezoning Lot 28, Mays Ranches Unit No. 21, in Section 228, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Multiple Family District 1 (MF-1) and Light Industrial (L-1) to General Retail (GR). This item was presented by AJ Fawver, Planning Director. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Blake, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 7660

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 MAYS AVENUE AND SOUTH VIRGINIA STREET, RANDALL COUNTY, TEAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair;

voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 3:** Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 205 North Fairmont Street. Mayor Harpole closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to select Options II and V; seconded by Councilmember Nair, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-17-1**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED HEREIN ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND REQUIRING THE TAKING DOWN AND REMOVAL OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF LIENS; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Randy Schuster, Deputy Building Official was sworn in. Mr. Schuster stated the property at 205 North Fairmont Street consists of a fire damaged residential structure, an accessory structure and an old foundation. There has been little effort to remove or repair this structure. There have been no recent applications for permits to abate the nuisance and demolition is recommended. The property is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment. There are \$407.62 current taxes due and \$1,012.57 in delinquent taxes due on the property. There has been no water service since February 2016. The City has liens in the amount of \$338.11 due for mowing and cleanup. Mayor Harpole asked if there was an owner, property owner or neighbor in attendance. There were no other comments.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 4:** Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 3719 Rio Grande Street. Mayor Harpole closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to select Options II and V; seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-17-2**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED HEREIN ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND REQUIRING THE TAKING DOWN AND REMOVAL OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF LIENS; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Randy Schuster, Deputy Building Official, and Robert Rodriguez were sworn in. Mr. Schuster stated the property at 3719 Rio Grande Street consists of a partially collapsed accessory structure. There has been little effort to remove or repair this structure. There have been no recent applications for permits to abate the nuisance and demolition is recommended. The property is a nuisance to the community and creates an unsafe environment. There are \$104.56 current taxes due and there are no delinquent taxes due on the property. The City has no liens for mowing and cleanup. Mayor Harpole asked if there was an owner, property owner or neighbor in attendance. Robert Rodriguez, 3612 Rio Grande Street, stated he was a neighbor and he was worried about the building collapsing. There were no other comments.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 5:** Mayor Harpole advised that appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions.

Councilmember Burkett stated since Joshua Raef did not accept the appointment the next in line was William Sumerford. Mayor Harpole stated he was not consulted on the last appointments to this board. Councilmember Nair stated Council had agreed on term limits, rotating people and special considerations for certain boards. He further stated because the Chair of the Committee has recommended Dean Roper for another



term, he motioned to reappoint Mr. Roper, seconded by Councilmember Blake, such term to expire October 1, 2019.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake and Nair; voting NO was Councilmember Burkett; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to reappoint Belinda Taylor to the Bi-City County Health District Board, seconded by Councilmember Blake, such term to expire January 31, 2020. Councilmember Demerson stated since no other applicants expressed interest he would defer to what the board has requested.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake and Nair; voting NO was Councilmember Burkett; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to appoint Scottie South to the Traffic Advisory Board, seconded by Mayor Harpole. Councilmember Demerson requested this motion be tabled until next week. Councilmember Nair withdrew his motion and Mayor Harpole withdrew his second motion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to appoint Julie Curbo to replace Jim Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Burkett, such term to expire March 1, 2020.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blake to reappoint Bruce Mosley, seconded by Councilmember Nair, such term to expire March 1, 2020.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blake to reappoint Mark Surkie, seconded by Councilmember Nair, such term to expire March 1, 2020.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake and Nair; voting NO was Councilmember Burkett; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

Councilmember Burkett stated Ms. Brian has been on this Board since 2007. Councilmember Demerson questioned the active effort and opportunities for persons to apply for Boards. Councilmember Nair read the letter from the Texas Panhandle Centers requesting the reappointment of Ms. Brian. Councilmember Burkett stated the need to reach out to other applicants. Councilmember Demerson asked for a delay in the appointment. Motion was made by Councilmember Blake to reappoint Linda Brian to the Texas Panhandle Centers, seconded by Councilmember Nair, such term to expire March 29, 2019.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake and Nair; voting NO were Councilmembers Burkett and Demerson; the motion carried by a 3:2 vote of the Council.

Councilmember Burkett nominated Joshua Raef to the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation Board. Lacked a second. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to reappoint Brian Bruckner to the AEDC Board, seconded by Councilmember Blake, such term to expire March 31, 2020.


Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.


Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to reappoint Sam Lovelady to the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Directors, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, such term to expire April 1, 2019.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
 Paul Harpole, Mayor  
 Mark Nair, Pro Tem