

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 31st day of January 2017, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 p.m. for a work session, and the regular session was held at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

PAUL HARPOLE
ELISHA DEMERSON
LISA BLAKE
RANDY BURKETT
MARK NAIR

MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

BOB COWELL
MICK MCKAMIE
BLAIR SNOW
FRANCES HIBBS

INTERIM CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
MANAGEMENT ANALYST
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Bob Schroeder, Hillside Christian Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brian Bruckner, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC), Chairman, introduced of Barry Albrecht, AEDC, president and CEO.

Bob Cowell stated this was an opportunity to acknowledge all the assistance received during a recent ice storm. Ronnie Walker, Xcel Regional Manager, presented a powerpoint presentation on Winter Storm Jupiter which occurred January 13-15, 2017. There were 58,000 Xcel customers affected by this ice storm. Brad Baldrige, Xcel Senior Director, discussed the restoration efforts. He stated SPS deployed 977 employees, contractors, and mutual aid partners. Dru Chidester, Xcel Community Relations, stated the Panhandle Spirit should also be recognized because of its volunteers and the food services that were provided.

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

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes for January 24, 2017. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Blake, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented the first reading of an ordinance rezoning Lot 7, Block 141, Glidden and Sanborn Addition, Section 169, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Light Industrial (I-1) to Multi Family 1 (MF-1). (Vicinity: Madison Street and Northwest 3rd Avenue.) AJ Fawver presented this item. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson, seconded by Councilmember Nair, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7650

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 MADISON STREET AND NORTHWEST 3RD AVENUE, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; 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 the first reading of an ordinance rezoning Lot 5, Block 8, Fairview Townsite Unit No. 1, Section 123, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Residential District 3 to Residential District 3 with a Specific Use Permit for the placement of a Type B Manufactured Home. (Vicinity: Southeast 6th Avenue and South Dallas Street.) AJ Fawver presented this item. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Blake, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7651

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 SOUTHEAST SIXTH AVENUE AND SOUTH DALLAS STREET, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; 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 4: Mayor Harpole presented the first reading of an ordinance rezoning Lots 5-8, Block 494, Mirror Addition Unit No. 1, Section 155, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Residential District 3 (R-3) to Heavy Commercial District (HC). (Vicinity: Interstate 40 and South Houston Street.) AJ Fawver presented this item. Motion was made by Councilmember Blake, seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7652

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 INTERSTATE 40 AND SOUTH HOUSTON STREET, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; 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 5: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution supporting an application for Affordable Housing to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Housing Tax Credit Program by Canyons TC, LLC, a private entity, Canyons at 45 West, a development for affordable rental property located at 4101 Southwest 45th Avenue. James Allen, Community Development, stated there were three resolutions and three different projects. The first developer has not been in Amarillo before. It is the rehabilitation of an existing property. The entire complex would be affordable housing. Scott Pickett, stated this resolution was requesting support of this project. The complex is currently 80% occupied and consists of 328 units built in 1974. He proposed purchasing the property and renovating it with federal tax credits. This project would increase the City's affordable housing units while utilizing and maximizing existing property. Construction is estimated to be 18 months and 75% of the existing tenants will qualify for the improved housing. The total cost of the project is \$13 million. Melody Malouf, 7911 Fenley Drive, inquired if the other 5% of the tenants would be asked to leave. Mr. Pickett stated they would assist them with any moving needs, and help them in finding new housing options. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, inquired what the City's support would include. Mr. Cowell stated the project would receive points for things accomplished, which includes receiving a resolution for support. Jim Lowder, 6723 Emerald Court, inquired if there were testimonials from people that were previously displaced. Mr. Pickett stated that all tenants have contractual leases.

Unqualified tenants will have to go to other complexes when their leases end. James Allen, stated this complex would increase housing opportunities. Deb Buntzen, 3409 South Rusk Street, inquired if the residents who do not qualify receive relocation services, fees, and if they are monitored. James Allen, replied it was not an obligation of the City of Amarillo. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-31-17-1

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, DECLARING SUPPORT FOR CANYONS TC, LLC, A DEVELOPMENT FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4101 SOUTHWEST 45TH AVENUE; 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 6: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution supporting an application for Affordable Housing to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Housing Tax Credit Program by SH Amarillo Boulevard, LP, a private entity, Marabella, a development for affordable rental property located at +/- 2.96 acres near the southeast corner of Amarillo Boulevard and Gem Lake Road. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-31-17-2

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, DECLARING SUPPORT FOR SH AMARILLO BOULEVARD, LP, A DEVELOPMENT FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT +/-2.96 ACRES NEAR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF AMARILLO BOULEVARD AND GEM LAKE ROAD; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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.

ITEM 7: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution supporting an application for Affordable Housing to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Housing Tax Credit Program by SH Amarillo Gem Lake, LP, a private entity, Residences at Gem Lake, a development for affordable rental property located at +/- 2.00 acres near the southeast corner of Amarillo Boulevard and Gem Lake Road. James Allen, Community Development, stated this item was from the same developer but using the 9% tax credit option. Amarillo has not had a 9% project approved. Councilmember Nair inquired if Council could get an update and whether or not these projects are approved. Mayor Harpole stated there is a need in the community and this was an investment in the community. Mr. Allen stated this project was a senior project. Paul Stellar, stated he was asking Council for a resolution in support, and a small commitment of \$10-\$100 fee waiver that will allow extra points. Mr. Stellar stated this was not a HUD project and that residents will pay 100% of the housing costs. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson, seconded by Councilmember Nair, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-31-17-3

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, DECLARING SUPPORT FOR SH AMARILLO GEM LAKE, LP, A DEVELOPMENT FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT +/-2.00 ACRES NEAR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF AMARILLO BOULEVARD AND GEM LAKE ROAD; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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.

ITEM 8: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution calling the regular municipal election to be held on May 6, 2017. The election will be for the offices of Mayor, Councilmember Place 1, Councilmember Place 2, Councilmember Place 3, and Councilmember Place 4. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Blake, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-31-17-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE AMARILLO CITY COUNCIL: ORDERING THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS TO BE CONDUCTED ON MAY 6, 2017 IN THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; AS A JOINT ELECTION WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER ENTITIES; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES AND VOTE CENTERS; DESIGNATING JUNE 10, 2017 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 Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake, Burkett and Nair;
Voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 9: Mayor Harpole advised that appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to appoint Jared Miller, City Manager to replace Terry Childers on the Amarillo MPO Policy Committee, seconded by Councilmember Burkett.

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 appoint Thomas Warren, III to replace Maury Roman Jordan on the Library Advisory Board, seconded by Councilmember Blake.

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 appoint Jason Boyett to replace Linda Pitner on the Board of Review – Landmarks and Historic Districts, seconded by Councilmember Demerson.

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 Jeff Bryant to the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board, seconded by Councilmember Demerson.

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 Nair to reappoint Richard Constancio to the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board, seconded by Councilmember Burkett.

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 Nair to reappoint Smith Ellis on the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers, seconded by Councilmember Burkett.

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 appoint Mendi Lu Seymour Perementer to replace Mark Logsdon on the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers, seconded by Councilmember Nair.

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 Nair to appoint Williams Biggs, MD to replace Chuck Speed on the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers, seconded by Councilmember Blake.

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 appoint: Charlene Cole, Amarillo Senior Citizens Association; Tim Williams, Hilltop Senior Center; Liz Rascon Alaniz, Wesley Community Center; Melissa Carter, Panhandle Area Agency Aging; Judy Day, Mary E. Bivins Foundation; Clay Stribling, Amarillo Area Foundation; Steve Dalrymple, Baptist Community Services; Mary Coyne, United Way; Jelanie Workman, Senior Ambassadors Coalition; Toni Gray, Amarillo College; and Terry Price, City of Amarillo, Parks Board to

the 21st Century Senior Services Development Advisory Board, seconded by Councilmember Burkett.

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 appoint Bob Goodrich to the 21st Century Senior Services Development Advisory Board, seconded by Councilmember Nair.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to appoint Christine Bell to the 21st Century Senior Services Development Advisory Board, seconded by Councilmember Demerson.

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 Nair to appoint Steve Hoyl to the 21st Century Senior Services Development Advisory Board, seconded by Councilmember Blake.

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 Demerson to appoint Shirley Heard to the 21st Century Senior Services Development Advisory Board, seconded by Councilmember Burkett.

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 Demerson to appoint Mariah Strong-Woods to replace Lo Van Pham on the Community Development Advisory Committee, seconded by Councilmember Burkett.

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 Gilbert Guzman to the Community Development Advisory Committee, seconded by Councilmember Demerson.

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.

ITEM 10: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Councilmember Nair asked for clarification on Item 10A. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to approval of Items 10B, C, and D, seconded by Councilmember Burkett.

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.

Trent Davis, Purchasing Agent, explained the purchasing bidding policies and procedures. He stated there are 98 registered vendors for trucks. The vendors were mailed letters and 34 vendors downloaded the bid. The City received 14 bids from 5 bidders. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to approve Item 10A, seconded by Councilmember Blake.

A. Purchase – Heavy Trucks:

Award to low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

Summit Truck Center 119856 – Lines 1,2,3,5,6,9	\$611,444.00
Premier Truck Group 445261 – Lines 4,8	\$978,518.00
Bruckner Truck Sales, Inc. 458789 – Line 7	\$222,838.00
Associated Supply Co. 116139 – Line 10	<u>\$49,975.00</u>
Total Award	\$1,862,775.00

This item is the scheduled replacement of heavy trucks, and trailers that have reached or exceeded usable life and additional equipment approved in the 2016-2017 budget. Funding for this award is available in the approved FY 2016-2017 Fleet Services Rolling Stock Budget.

- B. Approval – Water Tower Lease Agreement:
This item authorizes a lease renewal between AMA Communications, LLC and the City of Amarillo. The lease site is located at Southwest 58th and Western Street (also known as the 58th Water Tower). The initial term shall be for five (5) years.
- C. Approval – Authorize Two Year Extension of Ambulance Service Permit Granted to American Medical Response, Inc. (AMR):
This item extends for two years the ambulance permit granted to AMR to operate an ambulance service within the corporate limits of Amarillo beginning January 1, 2018 and expiring two-years from the date of commencement.
- D. Approval – American Medical Response, Inc. Extraordinary Rate Increase:
This item approves a new rate schedule for the ambulance service provider permit. The extraordinary increase only applies to transport rates and is intended to cover AMR's portion of increased operating costs at the Amarillo Emergency Communications Center. All other rates will be increased in accordance with the permit, based on consumer price index.

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.

Mayor Harpole announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but this time is reserved to hear from any citizen concerning matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services not on today's agenda. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Council can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of City policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda.

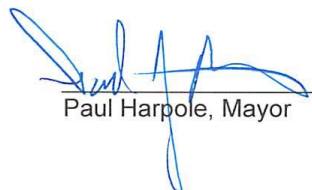
Jim Lowder, 6723 Emerald Court, announced he was running for Mayor. Edie Mosa (sp), 1613 Bowie Street, requested protection for the migrants and refugees in Amarillo. Gus Cory, 2804 South Bonham Street, stated Amarillo has one of the largest refugee populations in the country which adds to its diversity. Mark Gold, 517 Southwest 7th Avenue, commented on Councilmember Burkett's comments on social media and the aggressive dialogue coming from the Councilmember. Kathleen Fairweather, 5306 South Fannin Street, stated there was a need for a policy on external communication for city employees. Virginia Trice Williams, 1504 Bowie Street, stated it has nearly been a year since the ad hoc committee was formed and there is still not a low-barrier shelter for the homeless. Councilmember Burkett asked Mr. Cowell to check into the costs for maintaining a low-barrier shelter. Mr. Cowell stated he will present Council with a written report.

James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated the public forum for citizens was critical. Mayor Harpole asked for a future discussion on public forum. Melody Malouf, 7911 Fenley Drive, stated she was grateful some of bonds passed. She inquired about street maintenance in Puckett West and the need to have loose rocks swept. Mayor Harpole requested a rolling patrol to look at all the streets. Mr. Cowell stated they could focus on the recent sealcoated streets. Kit Rudd, 6850 Grande, stated he was working on a work program for the homeless and requested support. Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, inquired about loose rocks on the sidewalk at 58th and Washington Street. Alexa Roberts, 1924 South Seminole Street, stated Amarillo's community is comprised of many cultures, and the boards and commissions should represent the best of Amarillo. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


Paul Harpole, Mayor