

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 10th day of January 2017, the Amarillo City Council met at 5:00 p.m. for the regular session held at 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 Blake Clevenger, Hillside Christian Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 3, 2017. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Nair, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented the second and final reading of an ordinance for specified changes in the adopted Comprehensive Plan of the City of Amarillo, Texas by adding the North Heights Neighborhood Plan as a component. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson, seconded by Councilmember Blake, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7641

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED CHANGES IN THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS BY ADDING THE NORTH HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOD PLAN AS A COMPONENT; 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 second and final reading of an ordinance rezoning of Lots 1-16, Block 24 and Lots 16-31, Block 23, Heritage Hills Unit No. 7, in Section 65, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Residential District 2 to Residential District 3. (Vicinity: John Thomas Street and Rockwood Drive.) Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7644

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 JOHN THOMAS STREET AND ROCKWOOD DRIVE, RANDALL 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 a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considering ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 214 Northwest 11th Avenue. Mayor Harpole closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to select Option(s) II and V seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-17-1

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, and Gabriela Rodriguez were sworn in. Mr. Schuster stated the property at 214 Northwest 11th Avenue consists of a 1996 fire damaged manufactured home which happened in 2013. 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 \$104.65 current taxes due and there are no delinquent taxes due on the property. There has been no water service since July 22, 2013. The City has \$82.64 due for mowing and cleanup. Mayor Harpole asked if there was an owner, property owner or neighbor in attendance. There were none. Hector Mendoza (Benefits) was also sworn-in as an interpreter. Mr. Schuster stated Sal Rivera contacted Building Safety and received information on the process. Mr. Schuster added that he had been contacted that the owner sold the manufactured home to be moved from its current location to outside the city limits. He encouraged the Council to proceed with the condemnation of this structure and force them to move it or repair it. There were no current owners that spoke. Gabriela Rodriguez, 3012 North 5th Avenue, (4012 Neuches Street) (translated by Hector Mendoza), stated she bought the trailer and wants to make sure the Council will give them enough time to move the trailer to a new location outside the city limits. Mayor Harpole inquired as to how much time would be given if Council decided to proceed under Option II. Mr. Mendoza translated that two weeks would be enough time. Mayor Harpole replied that once notices are received, she will have approximately 10-days. He further encouraged her to talk to the Building Official and understand their responsibility. Councilmember Nair inquired if the rubbish under and surrounding the trailer would also be cleaned. Mr. Schuster stated they would require that the junk and debris also be cleaned-up. Councilmember Demerson questioned when the trailer was purchased. Mr. McKamie stated the purchase of the manufactured home does not affect the order today, and he suggested moving forward. Mr. Schuster stated Mr. Rivera would still own the land. Ms. Rodriguez stated she purchased the trailer a couple of months ago and tried to get a permit to put in a floor but she was not given a permit. Councilmember Nair inquired if she understood the debris left over would also need to be cleaned up. Mr. Mendoza translated and stated that she did understand.

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 5: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution conducting a public hearing on and considering ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 2304 Northwest 5th Avenue. Mayor Harpole closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to select Option(s) II and V seconded by Councilmember Blake, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-17-2

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 was sworn in. Mr. Schuster stated the property at 2304 Northwest 5th Avenue consists of a fire damaged residential structure and one detached accessory type 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 \$29.32 current taxes due and no delinquent taxes are due on the property. There has been no water service since July 8, 2011. The City has no monies due for mowing and cleanup. Mayor Harpole asked if there was an owner, property owner or neighbor in attendance. There were none. There were no other comments.

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 6: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution amending Resolution No. 05-17-16 which established a Subcommittee to serve as Advisory Committee to the City Council. Mr. Cowell stated this item and the next item were related. Councilmember Nair stated it amends Section 2 of the resolution. Motion was made that the following captioned resolution be passed by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Demerson:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-17-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 05-17-16, WHICH ESTABLISHED A SUBCOMMITTEE TO SERVE AS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND 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 advised that appointments are needed for Subcommittee to serve as an Advisory Committee to the City Council. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to appoint Councilmember Nair. Councilmember Demerson amended the motion to appoint Councilmember Burkett and Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Blake and unanimously carried that they appoint to the Subcommittee Councilmembers Randy Burkett and Mark Nair.

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

ITEM 8: 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 approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Blake.

A. Lease – Landfill Compactor:

Award to Warren Cat – \$54,764.17

This item was approved by Council on August 9, 2016 at the regular meeting of the City Council. This additional amount of \$54,764.17 is to cover the cost of the tax to be paid by Warren Cat for this piece of equipment. The amount approved by Council was \$851,160.00 based on a 60-month lease. This additional amount will bring the total amount of the compactor to \$905,924.17.

B. Acceptance – Immunization Grant:

Grant Amount: \$261,049

Grantor: Texas Department of State Health Services

This item accepts the award from the Texas Department of State Health Services from September 1, 2017 thru August 31, 2018 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.

C. Acceptance – Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant:

Grant Amount: \$248,133

Grantor: Texas Department of State Health Services

This item accepts the award from the Texas Department of State Health Services from July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018 to continue funding public health emergency preparedness and epidemiologic efforts through public health.

D. Acceptance – Regional and Local Services System/Local Public Health Services (RLSS/LPHS) Grant:

Grant Amount: \$223,488

FY18 - \$111,744

FY19 - \$111,744

Grantor: Texas Department of State Health Services

This item accepts the two-year award from the Texas Department of State Health Services from September 1, 2017 thru August 31, 2019 to continue funding supporting services through the STD clinic at Public Health. This grant pays for one Registered Nurse, Disease Intervention Specialist, and Administrative Assistant.

RLSS/LPHS contracts are based on expected state appropriations funding levels and are contingent on continued availability of funding. Therefore, DSHS Regional and Local Health Services will process contracts with State appropriated funds allocated for FY18 and FY19. Adjustments to contracts may be necessary depending on the final budget appropriation of state funds.

E. Acceptance – Tuberculosis State Grant:

Grant Amount: \$50,187

Grantor: Texas Department of State Health Services

This item accepts the award from the Texas Department of State Health Services from September 1, 2017 thru August 31, 2018 to continue funding to prevent and control the transmission of active and latent tuberculosis.

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.

James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, inquired if Council would be addressing the AEDC changing from a Type A to a Type B. Councilmember Nair replied Council had stated they would discuss this issue. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated he saw some relevance in creating a TIRZ district from Martin Road to Grand Street and that area could be greatly improved. John Ingerson, 48 St. Andrews Drive, stated he was proud of how Council handled the substandard structure with compassion. Kit Rudd, 6850 Grande Street, stated that YCCO would again be opening up the emergency shelter this week. He stated more people have been getting involved and realizing the dire need for a low barrier shelter. He further stated they have been contacted by TPC and they will begin addressing the mental health issues. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned and the Council would go back into Executive Session then adjourn.

ATTEST:


Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


Paul Harpole, Mayor