Amarillo City Council
Regular Meeting

January 14, 2025
3:00 PM
City Hall - Council Chamber
601 S. Buchanan Street, 3rd Floor
Amarillo, Texas 79101

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

On January 14, 2025 the Amarillo City Council met at 3:00 PM for a Regular Meeting held in Council Chamber, located on the third floor of City Hall at 601 South Buchanan Street, with the following members present:

Mayor Cole Stanley
Councilmember, Place 1 Josh Craft
Councilmember, Place 2 Don Tipps
Councilmember, Place 3 Tom Scherlen
Councilmember, Place 4 Les Simpson
Absent were none.

Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:
Grayson Path, City Manager
Andrew Freeman, Deputy City Manager
Rich Gagnon, Assistant City Manager and CIO
Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager and CFO
Floyd Hartman, Assistant City Manager
Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney
Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary

Mayor Stanley established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

2. Invocation

Brian Gibson, of HIS Church, gave an invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. The Texas Pledge

Mayor Stanley led the Texas Pledge.

5. Announcements

There were no announcements.

6. **Public Comment** The public will be permitted to offer public comment on agenda items and items related to City business. Citizens interested in commenting may sign up online at https://www.amarillo.gov/departments/city-manager/city-secretary/public-address-registration-form, by calling the City Secretary's office at (806) 378-3014, or in person in Room 303 of City Hall, 601 S. Buchanan. Citizens should signup at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.

7. **Discussion Items** City Council will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects.

7.A. Review agenda items for regular meeting and attachments

7.B. Coming Home and Peer Reintegration Employment Partnership (PREP) Academy outcomes and successes

7.C. Transformation Park Update from Transformation Park Executive Director

7.D. Fire Truck Leasing/Purchasing Options

At 5:22 p.m., Mayor Stanley recessed the regular meeting.

At 5:35 p.m., Mayor Stanley resumed the regular meeting.

7.E. Buc-ee's $275,000 Community Outreach Donation to benefit community-oriented projects, civic events, and other benevolent purposes within the City

7.F. Updates from Councilmembers serving on outside boards and commissions:

i. Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board (Josh Craft)
ii. Convention and Visitors Bureau (Tom Scherlen)
iii. Animal Management and Welfare Advisory Board (Les Simpson)
iv. Neighborhood Oversight Committee (Cole Stanley, Les Simpson)

7.G. Request future agenda items and reports from City Manager.

8. Consent Items It is recommended that the following items be approved and that the City Manager be authorized to execute all documents necessary for each transaction. The following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Councilmember, in which event the item shall be considered in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon by a single motion.

Mayor Stanley introduced the consent agenda and asked if anything should be removed. Mayor Stanley asked to pull item 8.J for separate consideration.

ACTION:	Motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item 8.J by Josh Craft, second by Don Tipps; Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.
AYES:	Cole Stanley, Josh Craft, Don Tipps, Tom Scherlen, Les Simpson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

8.A. CONSIDER APPROVAL - MINUTES
This item considers approval of the City Council minutes for the regular meeting held on December 10, 2024.

(Contact: Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary)

8.B. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8171
This item is a second and final reading of an ordinance to consider the rezoning of Lot 1, Block 85, Belmar Unit No. 33, an addition to the City of Amarillo, in Section 27, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways, to change from Planned Development 104 to Planned Development 104A for the construction of a building for additional storage units. (VICINITY: Danvers Dr. & Oxbow Trl.; APPLICANT/S: Barry Bedwell for Pinabetes Properties LLC)

(Contact: Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner)

8.C. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8172
This item is the second and final reading of an ordinance 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. (Applicant: S.E.A. MARKET; Vicinity: 34th Ave. and Georgia St.)

(Contact: Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary)

8.D. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8174

This item is the second and final reading of an ordinance amending the Amarillo Municipal Code to codify an amendment to the Amarillo City Charter, Article V, Section 3. The amendment was passed by voters as "Proposition E" on the ballot for the City of Amarillo November 5, 2024 Special Election.

(Contact: Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary, Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney)

8.E. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8175

This item is the second and final reading and consideration of an ordinance adopting a budget amendment pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget to provide funding to the Community Development fund that will provide extreme weather assistance.

(Contact: Cole Stanley, Mayor, Jason Riddlespurger, Director of Community Development)

8.F. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-14-25-1

This item considers a resolution authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement for Highway Safety Improvement Program Phase IV with the Texas Department of Transportation for transportation improvements within the specified program, permitting administrative adjustments to documents as needed, and authorizing the City Manager to execute such an agreement.

(Contact: Alan Harder, Director of Public Works)

8.G. CONSIDER APPROVAL - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE FOR THE NE 24TH AVENUE OVERPASS

This item considers the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway and the City of Amarillo for the purpose of engineering and constructing a new highway overpass at the NE 24th Avenue crossing.

(Contact: Emily Koller, Director of Planning and Development Services, Kyle Schniederjan, Director of Capital Projects Development and Engineering)

8.H. CONSIDER APPROVAL - EMERGENCY PURCHASE FOR ICE PLANT REPAIRS

This item considers the approval of an emergency purchase for services and parts needed to complete an emergency repair of the Civic Center's ice plant.
Award to: Arena Products & Services LLC
Amount: $94,202.63
Funding Source: General fund revenues
Is the item budgeted? Yes

(Contact: Jerry Danforth, Director of Facilities)

8.I. CONSIDER AWARD - LANDFILL FLARE REPLACEMENT BLOWERS

This item considers the award of a contract for two replacement blowers, expansion boots (5” and 6”), rental of a temporary blower, and associated removal and installation services at the City of Amarillo Landfill Flare.
Award to: Parnel Biogas Inc
Amount: $153,004.00
Funding Source: General fund revenues
Is the item budgeted? Yes

(Contact: Alan Harder, Director of Public Works)

8.J. CONSIDER AWARD - METER DATA MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) PROJECT

This item considers the award of a one-year agreement for meter data management software to support the AMI project digital meters. This contract is for a one-year term.
Award to: Harris Computer System
Amount: $88,476.00
Funding Source: Water and sewer fund revenues
Is the item budgeted? Yes

(Contact: Michael Price, Director of Utilities)

This item was removed from, and taken up immediately following, the consent agenda.
Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Mr. Gagnon and Michael Price, Director of Utilities, presented the item.

ACTION: Motion to approve Item 8.J as presented by Don Tipps, second by Josh Craft;
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

AYES:	Cole Stanley, Josh Craft, Don Tipps, Tom Scherlen, Les Simpson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

9. Non-Consent Items

9.A. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8173

This item is the first reading of an ordinance providing for a variance to distance regulations prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages within 300 feet of a private school in accordance with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code Section 109.33(e) and Amarillo Municipal Code Section 14-3-5. (Applicant: Cafe Moonwater; Vicinity: SW 6th Ave. and S Carolina St)

(Contact: Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Coggins presented the item.

ACTION:	Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 8173 because enforcement of a setback will not serve its intended purpose by Josh Craft, second by Les Simpson; Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.
AYES:	Cole Stanley, Josh Craft, Don Tipps, Tom Scherlen, Les Simpson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

9.B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8176

This item is a public hearing and first reading of an ordinance considering the rezoning of 30.18-acres of unplatted land, in Section 63, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways, to change from Agricultural District to General Retail District. (VICINITY: Soncy Rd. & Town Square Blvd.; APPLICANT/S: Furman Land Surveyors, Inc. for the Emeline Bush O'Brien / Marsh Trust)

(Contact: Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner, presented the item. After the presentation, Mayor Stanley recused himself from the meeting and handed it over to Mayor Pro Tem Simpson. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson opened a public hearing. No one presented to speak. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson closed the public hearing.

ACTION:	Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 8176 by Josh Craft, second by Don Tipps;

	Motion passed with a 4:0 vote.
AYES:	Josh Craft, Don Tipps, Tom Scherlen, Les Simpson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Cole Stanley

9.C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8177

This item is a public hearing and first reading of an ordinance considering the rezoning of Lot 5, Block 1, Wild Horse Addition Unit No. 5, an addition to the City of Amarillo, in Section 188, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways, to change from Light Commercial District and Light Industrial District to Light Industrial District. (VICINITY: W. Amarillo Blvd. & N Fannin St.; APPLICANT/S: Thurman Mercantile Exchange LLC)

(Contact: Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Mr. Kendrick presented the item. Mayor Stanley opened a public hearing. No one presented to speak. Mayor Stanley closed the public hearing.

ACTION:	Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 8177 by Don Tipps, second by Tom Scherlen; Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.
AYES:	Cole Stanley, Josh Craft, Don Tipps, Tom Scherlen, Les Simpson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

9.D. CONSIDER APPROVAL – LOCATION INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AMARILLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (AEDC) AND AAA COOPER TRANSPORTATION, INC.

This item is to consider approval of a Location Incentive Agreement between AEDC and AAA Cooper Transportation, Inc. for an incentive of $15,000 per job created, paid over 10 years (Up to $900,000).

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

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Kevin Carter, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, presented the item.

ACTION:	Motion to approve Item 9.D as presented by Don Tipps, second by Les Simpson; Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.
AYES:	Cole Stanley, Josh Craft, Don Tipps, Tom Scherlen, Les Simpson
NOES:	None

ABSTAIN: None

9.E. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SALE - REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT BENCHMARK STREET (CENTERPORT BUSINESS PARK)

This item considers authorizing the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) to execute a contract and all necessary documents for the sale of approximately 3.61 acres of land, located at Benchmark Street, to Slide Mountain Properties for a sales price of $162,450.00 plus closing and related costs.

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

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Mr. Carter presented the item.

ACTION:	Motion to approve Item 9.E as presented by Les Simpson, second by Don Tipps; Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.
AYES:	Cole Stanley, Josh Craft, Don Tipps, Tom Scherlen, Les Simpson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

9.F. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-14-25-2

This item considers a resolution approving amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation.

(Contact: Cole Stanley, Mayor)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item and presented the item.

ACTION:	Motion to consider Resolution No. 01-14-25-2 by Tom Scherlen, second by Josh Craft; Motion passed with a 4:1 vote.
AYES:	Cole Stanley, Josh Craft, Don Tipps, Tom Scherlen
NOES:	Les Simpson
ABSTAIN:	None

10. Adjourn

Mayor Stanley adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:41 PM.

ATTEST:

/s/ Stephanie Coggins______________	/s/ Cole Stanley__________________
Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary	Cole Stanley, Mayor