

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 5th day of June 2018, the Amarillo City Council met at 3:30 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:

ELAINE HAYS	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
FREDA POWELL	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
EDDY SAUER	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
HOWARD SMITH	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent was Mayor Ginger Nelson none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARED MILLER	CITY MANAGER
MICHELLE BONNER	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS	INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY
STEPHANIE COGGINS	ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Brent Clark, Retired Amarillo Fire Department Chaplain. Mayor Pro Tem Sauer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Fisher, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, stated he turned his life around by doing the right thing. He stated it was human nature to cover up lies. Also, he commented on the proposed names for the baseball team. Claudette Smith, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, stated she has been coming to Council meetings for more than five months, and no city employee has been in contact with her. She further stated she was disappointed by the Council and staff, and if issues do not get resolved things would get worse. Councilmember Hays inquired if there was anything Legal could comment on. Mr. McWilliams replied he could not. Cecily Chase Steinmertz, 5040 South Coulter Street, spoke on AM&W, owner irresponsibility, and the hard decisions staff has to make every day. She further stated euthanasia is never going away and AM&W continually has to make hard decisions. She encouraged Council to empower the departments to go in the right direction. Beth Duke, 3141 West 28th Avenue, representing Center City, stated the 24th season of High Noon on the Square kicks off tomorrow. The Amarillo Community Market begins on Saturday, and CVC recently hosted 30 travel riders. She stated there are now 38 downtown restaurants. She presented Council with a new downtown dining guide. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Road, recommended zero-based budgeting. He stated during previous public forums they were allowed to go back and forth with Council. Mr. Schenck stated the City is being blamed for the team names. He further stated the new TCEQ Dental Office Pretreatment Standards was another example of infringement by the government. Cindie Palmer, 5240 Capulin Lane, expressed concerns over the current AM&W policies and procedures. She stated the urgency and heartbreaking matter would not be tolerated by the citizens of Amarillo. Noah Dawson, 1133 Sugarloaf Drive, stated leadership by example matters. He asked to see strong representation for all of Amarillo. He asked City Council to improve on the way they lead or resign. Ruth Inez McGill, 4010 Angelus Drive, spoke on the recent euthanasia of a dog at AM&W. She requested the firing of AM&W employees. Misty Harvey, 5802 Shady Lane, spoke on the Animal Control director position. She stated this person must have the public's trust. Councilmember Hays inquired about the current AM&W policy when a call is placed to 911 by a pet owner. Mr. Miller replied that when animals are surrendered by their owners and reported to be violent there is a procedure that is followed. Dacia Anderson, 5227 Astoria Street, read a statement about being a shelter advocate and shelter volunteer. She stated she has the utmost respect for the

workers and she does not condone threats to anyone. She agrees with the need for low costs spay and neuter and backyard breeders must stop. She further stated that she does not regret posting on social media, and the need for truth and compassion, trust in the shelter, and the community must work together.

Mr. Miller presented an outline of the circumstances. He stated it has been a difficult situation and important facts were omitted. He stated there have been attacks on humans and other animals. The City staff has also received threats on their families and children. These events involved two calls placed within 24-hours. Two dogs were surrendered with both of them being euthanatized. The first call was received on the morning of May 9. The owner/victim was attacked while breaking up an animal fight. He was hospitalized and surgery was performed. The male dog was picked up at this time and surrendered as an aggressive dog. Later another call was received that there was another victim, and another dog attack. The female dog was picked up at this time and surrendered to AM&W as an aggressive dog. The policy and practices were followed for immediate euthanasia. These are complex decisions made by AM&W professionals every day. Mr. Miller encouraged everyone to check out the recent Target Zero report, under the guidance of Mr. Havens, and the committed partners of the Humane Society, they have achieved a significant reduction in euthanasia rates. He stated they have three goals: 1) pass a proposed breeding ordinance to reduce overpopulation in Amarillo, and stop backyard breeders. They would continue the three-day hold period.; 2) develop affordable spay and neutering for low income pet owners, and look for success of the AM&W 90 for 90 effort; and 3) promoting responsible pet owners and education on the overpopulation problem. Mayor Pro Tem Sauer stated this concludes the allowed public comment period. Mr. Miller stated the sign-up period begins at 8:00 a.m. the Monday before the Council meeting, and there is 30 minutes allotted for public comment (with no more than 10 speakers). Mayor Pro Tem Sauer allowed Ms. Humphrey to speak. Jill Humphrey, 7714 Pineridge Drive, spoke on G-7. She stated the need to do better than what happened to this animal. She stated AM&W blames the community and that the culture has been developed to accept this practice. Did not appear: Mary Nell Hunt, 3801 Navasota Drive. Registered to speak but did not due to public comment time limit: Amy Powell, 5002 Crockett Street, Lynell Drown, 4310 Arp Place, Kay Whitmire, 5100 Picassico Drive, Lynda Dee Morris, 14175 Appomattox Road, Sara Cervantes, 5207 Echo Drive, LeAnn Babcock, P. O. Box 325, and Suzanne Hunter, 5703 Leigh Avenue. Left comments: Tory Unter, 138 Stillwater Lane, Laura Clark, 3204 Villa Place, Karen Freyer, 608 South Tennessee Street, Angie Shafer, 3501 South Osage, Charra Grist, 236 North Birney Street, Sheri Williams, 3429 Irving Lane, Cynthia St. Clair, 3509 Edgewood Drive and Debora Carrizo, 7720 Tarrytown. There were no further comments.

ITEM 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sauer presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to approval the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Hays.

Voting AYE were Mayor Pro Tem Sauer, Councilmembers Hays, Powell and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

A. **MINUTES:**

Approval of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting and special meeting held on May 29, 2018.

B. **ORDINANCE NO. 7733:**

Amending Ordinance No. 4969 to Correct a Clerical Error Relating to the Legal Description of an Alley being Vacated in the Vicinity of I-40 and Eastern Street.

(Contact: Bryan McWilliams, Interim City Attorney)

This item is the second and final reading of an ordinance correcting the legal description set forth in Ordinance 4969 is erroneous and was the result of a clerical error. This Ordinance corrects said error to effectuate the intent of the Amarillo City Council.

C. CONSIDER AWARD – REHABILITATION OF SOUTHEAST 34TH AVENUE FROM GRAND STREET TO EASTERN STREET FY 2016/2017-2020/2021 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM, PROPOSITION NO. 1:

(Contact: Jackson Zaharia, Assistant City Engineer)

Holmes Construction Company -- \$2,549,949.89

This item is to consider award of the construction contract for rehabilitation of Southeast 34th Avenue from Grand Street to Eastern Street. The project, when constructed, will extend Southeast 34th Avenue Arterial to Eastern Street including rehabilitation of existing pavement and new construction to widen the street section. Drainage improvements are included with the project.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sauer presented an item considering the award of a professional services agreement for solid waste collection and disposal services of bulky items and brush in the city. This item was presented by Raymond Lee, Public Works Director. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that this item be approved.

Voting AYE were Mayor Pro Tem Sauer, Councilmembers Hays, Powell and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mr. McWilliams advised at 5:58 p.m. that the City Council would convene in Executive Session per Texas Government Code Section 551.087 – Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations; discussion regarding commercial or financial information received from a business prospect. (a) City Economic Development Project #18-01 in the vicinity of I-40 West and South Coulter Street.

Mr. McWilliams announced that the Executive Session was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. and recessed the Regular Meeting.

ATTEST:


Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


Eddy Sauer, Mayor Pro Tem