

City of Amarillo, Texas
City Council Regular Meeting
April 14, 2026

Cole Stanley, Mayor
Tim Reid, Councilmember Place 1
Don Tipps, Councilmember Place 2
David Prescott, Councilmember Place 3
Les Simpson, Councilmember Place 4



Grayson Path, City Manager
Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney
Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary

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Amarillo City Hall, Council Chamber, 623 S. Johnson, Third Floor, Amarillo, Texas

MINUTES

1:00 PM - City Council convenes in City Council Chamber and immediately recesses into Executive Session.

The City Council of the City of Amarillo, Texas met at 1:00 PM on April 14, 2026 for a Regular Meeting held in Council Chamber, located on the third floor of City Hall at 623 South Johnson Street, Amarillo, Texas. Council convened at 1:05 PM with the following members and administrative staff present:

Mayor Cole Stanley
Councilmember Tim Reid
Councilmember Don Tipps
Councilmember David Prescott
Councilmember 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
Donny Hooper, Assistant City Manager
Leslie Schmidt, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary
Omoloa Ogunremi, Chief Financial Officer

Note: City Council addressed agenda items in the following order: 1.1; 2; 3; 4; 5.1-5.12; 6.1-6.4; 7.1-7.7

Immediately following agenda item 6.1, Mayor Stanley recessed the open session at 5:16 p.m. and resumed it at 5:32 p.m.

1. Executive Session

The meeting recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened in Executive Session under the provisions of Section 551, Texas Government Code. City Council reconvened in open session at 2:12 p.m., and the meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

1.1. Section 551.087 - Discussion regarding commercial or financial information received from a business prospect and/or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect:

1.1.1. Project #TIRZ1-2501 (Hospitality)

Adjourn from Executive Session

City Council reconvened into open session at 2:12 p.m.

3:00 PM - City Council continues in Open Session in City Council Chambers.

City Council reconvened at 2:12 p.m. Mayor Stanley called open session to order at 3:01 p.m., immediately before the Ceremonial items.

2. Ceremonial Items

2.1. Invocation

Murray Gossett, with First Presbyterian Church, led the invocation.

2.2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by Mayor Stanley.

2.3. The Texas Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Mayor Stanley.

2.4. Proclamation: "Alcohol Awareness Month"

A proclamation for "Alcohol Awareness Month" was read by Councilmember David Prescott and presented to Shanna James and representatives of Andrea's Project.

2.5. Proclamation: "Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month"

A proclamation for "Child Abuse Awareness Month" was read by Councilmember Tim Reid and presented to Judge Carrie Baker and members of CASA.

2.6. Proclamation: "Week of the Young Child"

A proclamation for "Week of the Young Child" was read by Councilmember Don Tipps and presented to Keralee Clay and representatives of Early Matters Texas Panhandle, Amarillo Area Foundation, and The Best Place for Working Parents: Texas Panhandle.

2.7. Proclamation: "National Telecommunicators Week"

A proclamation for "National Telecommunicators Week" was read by Councilmember Les Simpson and presented to Max Dunlap, who received it on behalf of Amarillo Emergency Communications Center telecommunication team members.

Call to Order

3. Announcements

Mayor Stanley introduced the item and asked if there were any announcements.

Assistant City Manager Donny Hooper announced the promotions of William Johnson and Shannon Tollison to Director of Water and Sewer Utilities. Mr. Johnson will oversee operations, and Ms. Tollison will oversee regulatory compliance and administration.

City Manager Grayson Path advised the Council that this was the first meeting for Omolola Ogunremi, the City's new Chief Financial Officer.

4. 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/city-secretary/public-comment-registration-form/>, by calling the City Secretary's office at (806) 378-3014, or in person in Room 3500 of City Hall, 623 S. Johnson. Citizens should sign up at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.

Mayor Stanley opened the public comment period. The following individuals spoke:

Matthew Alexander Resident

Hazik Aiyana Resident

Adam Dehdashti Resident

Allen Finegold Resident
Tonya Winston Resident
Mike Fisher Resident
Craig Gualteire Resident
Ruben Rivera Resident
Eduardo Valdez Resident
Trent Rosser Resident
John Adair Resident

Mayor Stanley closed the public comment period.

- 5. Consent Agenda - 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 any items should be removed. Hearing no requests for removal, Mayor Stanley called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Prescott, seconded by Councilmember Tipps, so moved.

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Passed

Ayes: Cole Stanley, Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 5.1. Consider Approval of Minutes.** This item considers approval of the minutes for the following meetings:

- City Council regular meeting held on March 24, 2026
- City Council special meeting held on March 27, 2026

(Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary)

- 5.2. Consideration of Ordinance No. 8241.** This item is the second and final reading and consideration of an ordinance adopting budget amendments pertaining to the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget and providing an effective date. These are budget amendments to the previous Fiscal Year budget for the period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. (Katrina Owens, Finance Director)

- 5.3. Consideration of Ordinance No. 8242.** This item is a second and final reading of an ordinance to consider the rezoning of a 2.63 acre tract of land, being all of Lots 6 through 10, Block 153, and Lots 1 through 5, Block 154, plus vacated public rights-of-way, all in Plemons's Addition, an addition to the City of Amarillo, in Section 170, Block 2, A.B.& M. Survey, Potter County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways, to change from Multiple Family District 2 to Central Business District. (VICINITY: S. Harrison St. & SW 12th Ave.; APPLICANT/S: OJD Engineering, LLC for First Presbyterian Church) (Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner)
- 5.4. Consideration of Resolution No. 03-24-26-1.** This item is a second and final reading of a resolution considering the acceptance, placement, and public display of a donated "66 Stories from Route 66" mural to be installed on City property. (Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary)
- 5.5. Consideration of Resolution No. 03-24-26-2.** This item is the second and final reading and consideration of a resolution dissolving and abandoning the dedication of an unaccepted public street to the City of Amarillo, conveying the right-of-way to adjacent property owners and dedicating a water line easement to the City of Amarillo; the right-of-way being dissolved include Southeast 28th Avenue located between Lot 6, Block 8, and Lot 1, Block 9, Glenwood Addition, an addition to the City of Amarillo, in Section 154, Block 2, A.B.& M. Survey, Potter County, Texas. (VICINITY: SE 28th Ave. & Olive St.; APPLICANT/S: AMTEX Liquid Waste Processing, LLC) (Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner)
- 5.6. Consideration of Resolution No. 03-24-26-3.** This item is the second and final reading to consider a resolution suspending for 45 days the effective date proposed by Atmos Energy-West Texas Division (Atmos-WTX) in its application filed on or about February 20, 2026, pursuant to section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act. (Katrina Owens, Finance Director)
- 5.7. Consider Award - Fire Apparatus Auto Parts Supply Agreement.** This item considers the award of a supply agreement for the purchase of automotive parts for Ferrara fleet apparatus, to be used by Amarillo Fire Department. The majority of the department's apparatus are Ferrara units, making access to OEM replacement parts necessary for maintaining operational readiness and reliability.
Award to: Safe Industries

Amount: \$218,500.00

Funding Source: General fund revenues

Is the item budgeted? Yes (Jacob Oehlert, Deputy Fire Chief)

- 5.8. Consider Award - Renewal of the Official City Branding Apparel Contract.** This item considers approval of the renewal of the remaining two one-year renewal options for the existing apparel contract. This agreement provides application of City of Amarillo logos, professional polos, and athletic uniforms, non-sworn uniforms and high visibility safety gear.

Award to: The Great Armadillo Printing Co.

Amount: Not to Exceed based on usage \$300,000.00 (\$150,000 per year)

Funding Source: Various funds based on departmental usage

Is the item budgeted? Yes (Michael Lindley, Purchasing Manager)

- 5.9. Consider Award - Airfield Aerial Pre-Emergent Spraying.** This item considers the award of a five-year contract to spray pre-emergent chemicals on airfield grassy areas at the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport. This spraying will reduce seed-bearing vegetation that attracts wildlife, reduce the threat of bird strikes, and increase safety.

Award to: S&D Spraying Service

Amount: \$212,950.00

Funding Source: State grant funding (Texas Department of Transportation Ramp Grant)

Is the item budgeted? Yes (Michael Conner, Director of Aviation)

- 5.10. Consider Ratification - Emergency Award for Blower Repairs to Hollywood Road Wastewater Treatment Facility.** This item considers the award of a contract to repair the variable frequency drive on blower #2 at the Hollywood Road Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). City staff proceeded with an emergency procurement of this award to prevent operational disruptions and regulatory compliance issues. The City Council is now being asked to ratify the emergency purchase made to repair and return blower #2 to service at the Hollywood Road WWTF.

Award to: Austin Armature Works (Buyboard #770-25)

Amount: \$103,596.00

Funding Source: Water and sewer fund revenues (CIP #PRJ-523225)

Is the item budgeted? Yes (William Johnson, Director of Utilities - Operations)

- 5.11. Consider Award - Water Recirculation System for the East Dissolved Air Floatation Tank at River Road Wastewater Treatment Facility.** This item considers the award of the

purchase and installation of a water recirculation system for the East Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) tank at the River Road Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Award to: Zone Industries (Buyboard #672-22)

Amount: \$289,796.00

Funding Source: Water and Sewer revenue Fund

Is the item budgeted? Yes (William Johnson, Director of Utilities - Operations)

5.12. Consider Purchase - Belt Press Replacement Rollers for Hollywood Road. This item considers the purchase of replacement rollers for the belt press at the Hollywood Road Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Award to: Komline Sanderson

Amount: \$259,868.00.

Funding Source: Water and sewer fund revenues (CIP #0000177)

Is the item budgeted? Yes

6. Discussion Items - City Council will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects:

6.1. Presentation of Water & Wastewater Rate Study

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Grayson Path introduced Chris Ekrut, with NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC, who presented this item.

Recess at 5:16pm

Resume at 5:32pm

6.2. Streaming of Board and Commission Meetings

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Kristen Wolbach, Director of Office of Engagement and Innovation, presented the item.

6.3. Construction-in-Progress (CIP) Report Update (Cole Stanley, Mayor)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Staff answered questions from Council.

6.4. Request future agenda items and reports from City Manager

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Councilmember David Prescott requested further discussion on the streaming and recording of board and commission meetings and an update on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Agreed Order for the Waste Water Treatment Plants and path forward. Councilmember Tim Reid requested a discussion on the state of parks. Councilmember Don Tipps also requested an analysis of the zoo and parks. Mayor Stanley requested staff look from 2020 forward to see what was removed from the parks and recreation budget.

7. Non Consent Agenda

- 7.1. Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinance No. 8243.** This item is a public hearing and first reading of an ordinance considering the rezoning of Lots 1 through 3 and 9 through 12, Block 46, Amended Plat of San Jacinto Heights Addition, an addition to the City of Amarillo, in Section 225, Block 2, A.B.& 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 Specific Use Permit 209 for a Daycare facility. (VICINITY: SW 5th Ave. & S. Alabama St.; APPLICANT/S: Yellow City Academy Land & Equipment LTD) (Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner, presented the item. After hearing the presentation, Mayor Stanley announced a need to abstain due to a conflict of interest with the item. He turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Prescott and left the dais.

Mayor Pro Tem Prescott opened a public hearing. No one presented to speak. Mayor Pro Tem Prescott closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Reid, seconded by Councilmember Simpson, to adopt Ordinance No. 8243 as presented.

Vote: 4 - 0 Motion Passed

Ayes: Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson

Noes: None

Abstain: Cole Stanley

Absent: None

Mayor Stanley reentered the dais immediately following the vote and resumed his role as presiding officer.

- 7.2. Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinance No. 8244.** This item is a public hearing and first reading of an ordinance considering the rezoning of a 4.11-acre tract of unplatted land, located in Section 154, Block 2, A.B.& M. Survey, Randall County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways, to change from General Retail District and Residential District 3 with Specific Use Permit 2 to Multiple-Family District 2. (VICINITY:

Ross St. & SE 34th Ave.; APPLICANT/S: Omer Sarig for The Llano Cemetery Association)
(Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner, presented the item.
Mayor Stanley opened a public hearing. No one presented to speak. Mayor Stanley closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Simpson, seconded by Councilmember Tipps, to adopt Ordinance No. 8244 as presented.

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Passed

Ayes: Cole Stanley, Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 7.3. Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinance No. 8245.** This item is a public hearing and first reading of an ordinance considering the rezoning of a 27.48-acre tract of unplatted land, located in Section 2, Block 9, B.S.& F. Survey, Randall County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways, to change from Agricultural District to Residential District 3. (VICINITY: S. Western St. & Beacon Rd.; APPLICANT/S: Furman Land Surveyors, Inc. for P DUB Land Holdings, LTD) (Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner, presented the item.
Mayor Stanley opened a public hearing. No one presented to speak. Mayor Stanley closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Tipps, seconded by Councilmember Simpson, to adopt Ordinance No. 8245 as presented.

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Passed

Ayes: Cole Stanley, Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 7.4. Consideration of Resolution No. 04-14-26-2.** This item is the first reading to consider a resolution directing and authorizing the city manager to study and develop cost recovery options for various city services in preparation for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget. (Grayson Path, City Manager)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Grayson Path, City Manager, presented the item.

Motion by Councilmember Prescott, seconded by Councilmember Simpson, to adopt Resolution No. 04-14-26-2 as presented.

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Passed

Ayes: Cole Stanley, Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 7.5. Consideration of Resolution No. 04-14-26-3.** This item is the first and recommended final reading to consider a resolution authorizing an application to the Office of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the 2026 Continuing Award Application for the annual Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). (Jason Riddlespurger, Managing Director of Community Development)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Jason Riddlespurger, Managing Director of Community Development, presented the item.

Motion by Councilmember Tipps, seconded by Councilmember Reid, to adopt Resolution No. 04-12-26-3 as a first and final reading.

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Passed

Ayes: Cole Stanley, Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 7.6. Consider Award - Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF) Simulator Hardware.** This item considers the award of a contract to provide the hardware for a live fire training simulator to be located near the fire training facility at the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport. This simulator will replace the old simulator which fell out of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) compliance several years ago. A separate contract will be established for the civil earthwork needed. The simulator will be used by AFD's ARFF staff, which is required to conduct annual recurrent ARFF training under FAA regulations.

Award to: Kirila Fire Training Facilities, Inc.

Amount: \$1,614,000.00

Funding Source: Federal grant funds (FAA AIP grant program) with any local match supported through airport fund revenues (CIP #540409)

Is the item budgeted? Yes (Michael Conner, Director of Aviation)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Rich Gagnon, Assistant City Manager, presented the item. Motion by Councilmember Simpson, seconded by Councilmember Reid, to award the aircraft rescue and firefighting simulator hardware contract as presented.

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Passed

Ayes: Cole Stanley, Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 7.7. Consider Award - Construction Services Contract for Osage Water Treatment Plant Chlorine System.** This item considers the award of a construction services contract for the

chlorine system at Osage Water Treatment Plant.

Award to: Stolz Mechanical Contractors, LLC

Amount: \$4,950,000.00

Funding Source: Water and sewer fund revenues (CIP #523440)

Is the item budgeted? Yes (William Johnson, Director of Utilities - Operations)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Donny Hooper, Assistant City Manager, presented the item.

Motion by Councilmember Tipps, seconded by Councilmember Simpson, to award a construction services contract for Osage Water Treatment Plant Chlorine System to Stolz Mechanical Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$4,950,000.

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Passed

Ayes: Cole Stanley, Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Adjournment

Mayor Stanley adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:31 PM.