

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 9th day of May 2017, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:30 p.m. for a work session and then at 5:00 p.m. for the regular session 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:

JARED H. MILLER
BOB COWELL
MICK MCKAMIE
BLAIR SNOW
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
MGMT. ANALYST PUBLIC SAFETY
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Kevin Deckard, Polk Street United Methodist Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, inquired about the ordinance approved about four years ago imposing drainage fees. Mayor Harpole stated a study was done and indicated about \$54 million worth of needs. The study was set aside until an enterprise fund was made available. These fees cannot be spent for anything except drainage. Mr. Finegold inquired how much storm drainage was included in the backlog. Alan Abraham, 7205 Southwest 35th Avenue, wished the Council farewell and thanked them for their service. Rupert C. Brashears, Jr., 2422 Poplar Street, stated the current Council woke up a sleeping giant and generated interest. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, congratulated the current and future Councils. There were no further comments.

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Blake.

A. **Minutes:**

Approval of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting held on May 2, 2017.

B. **Award – Contract to Justice Benefits, Incorporated (JBI) to provide Medicaid Administration Claiming (MAC):**

Justice Benefits, Incorporated (JBI) will provide Medicaid Administration Claiming (MAC) to be paid at 18% of revenue generated under this program. Estimated revenue: \$60,000 annually

This item is for reimbursement activities include Medicaid eligibility determination, Medicaid outreach, referral coordination, transportation and translation, medical related provider relations, program planning development and interagency coordination – many of which are services already provided at Public Health.

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.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented a first reading on an ordinance changing City Ordinance Section 16-3-131 pertaining to exit and entrance of parking establishments in the Central Business District (CBD) and required signage. The existing ordinance prohibits left turns upon exiting a parking establishment in the CBD, makes no distinction between one-way or two-way street operation, and allows for no exceptions. The ordinance modification will allow for exceptions to the left turn prohibition, particularly in cases where it would make sense from the standpoint of traffic flow and/or circulation. Councilmember Nair suggested tabling this item until next week. Mayor Harpole stated a majority of the newly elected Councilmembers are in the audience to hear the presentation. A presentation was made by Raymond Lee, Public Works Director. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7667

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 16-3, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTION 16-3-131, PERTAINING TO EXIT AND ENTRANCE OF PARKING ESTABLISHMENTS IN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND REQUIRED SIGNS.

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 a first reading on an ordinance changing City Ordinance Article XXI, Section 16-3-1001, Schedule A, One-Way Streets. Currently Southeast 7th Avenue is an eastbound one-way street and Southeast 8th Avenue is a westbound one-way street. Both one-ways are effective from Adams Street to Buchanan Street. The request is to modify two blocks on the east end of the one-way pair. Change to two-way operation will better facilitate traffic movement in this area, particularly for vehicles exiting and entering the new City of Amarillo and Xcel Energy parking garages. This item was presented by Raymond Lee, Public Works Director. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Nair, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7668

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 16-3, ARTICLE XXI, SECTION 16-3-1001, SCHEDULE A, TO MODIFY AN EXISTING ONE WAY STREET; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND 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 second and final reading on an ordinance amending the Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 4-2, Signs, to provide revisions of sign definitions for legal nonconforming electronic message centers (EMCs). Motion was made by Councilmember Blake, seconded by Councilmember Nair, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7666

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 4-2, "SIGNS," SECTION 4-2-10 "NON-CONFORMING SIGNS," SUBSECTION B, "OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS OF NON-CONFORMING ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER SIGNS," TO ALLOW OPERATIONAL COMPONENTS OF AN EXISTING SIGN TO BE UPGRADED WITHOUT LOSING THE SIGN'S NON-CONFORMING STATUS, PROVIDED THE SIZE IS NOT INCREASED; PROVIDING FOR

SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND 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 setting the date and time for a public hearing on June 6, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. to determine if the property at 2504 South Roberts Street constitutes a public nuisance and thereby declared as a dangerous structure and order the removal of such. A copy of this resolution will be mailed to all interested parties providing ten (10) days notice of public hearing. Motion was made that the following captioned resolution be passed by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Burkett:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-09-17-1

A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN CONDITIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AT THE LOCATION(S) STATED; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE.

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 authorizing the City to extend for one year the Bank Depositor Contract to June 30, 2018. The original contract executed on July 13, 2013 allows for two additional one-year extensions, the first to run from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and the second to run from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Michelle Bonner, Assistant City Manager, stated the original bid proposal received three responses. She further stated the City uses local banks for other accounts. Motion was made that the following captioned resolution be passed by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Blake:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-09-17-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND 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 7: Mayor Harpole presented for approval the award of an agreement for professional services for a Comprehensive Water System Master Study for the Carson County Transfer Pipeline condition assessment, water quality sampling and analysis for the Osage Water Treatment Plant and other services to perform further analysis related to the Master Study. This is an update to the 2003 Water Study and Comprehensive Plan. This item was presented by Floyd Hartman, Director of Capital Projects. Motion was made by Councilmember Blake to approve this Comprehensive Water Master Study, seconded by Councilmember Nair.

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

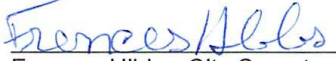
ITEM 8: Mayor Harpole presented a Communications System Agreement - Master Site establishing an Agreement between the City of Amarillo and Potter County to provide access to the City of Amarillo's master site in support of Potter County's transition to a NEXGEN Radio Communications System. The City is providing Potter County with access to the system through the master site in return for additional site repeater systems and support of the system's network connectivity. The joint Agreement will provide for seamless interoperable communication system between the City of Amarillo and Potter County, enhancing the safety and coordination of emergency responders. Motion was made that the agreement be passed by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Burkett.

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.

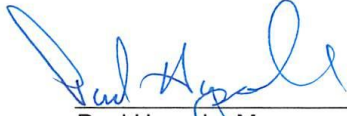
Councilmember Nair stated he would not be at Council meeting next week.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor