

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 30th day of April 2019, the Amarillo City Council met at 1:00 p.m. for a regular meeting held in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 601 South Buchanan Street, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON
ELAINE HAYS
FREDA POWELL
HOWARD SMITH

MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent was Councilmember Eddy Sauer. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARED MILLER
MICHELLE BONNER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS
STEPHANIE COGGINS
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Sean Vokes, Hillside Christian Church. Mayor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" and "Older Americans Month."

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

ITEM 1:

- A. Review agenda times for regular meeting and attachments;
- B. Update on Stolen Vehicles and Property Crime Report;
- C. Update on Recent Blood Drive;
- D. Update on Utility Billing; and
- E. Consider future Agenda items and request reports from City Manager.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 2: Mayor Nelson presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to approve the consent items, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

- A. **MINUTES:**
Approval of the City Council minutes for the meeting held on April 23, 2019.
- B. **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 7784 ANNEXING INTO THE CITY OF AMARILLO, POTTER AND RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS, ON PETITION OF PROPERTY OWNER, TERRITORY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 328.67 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 65 AND A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IN SECTION 66, BLOCK 9, BS&F SURVEY, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS:**
(Contact: Cris Valverde, Assistant Director Planning and Development Services)
This item is to consider on second and final reading the proposed annexation of approximately 329 acres south of the existing Heritage Hills neighborhood. This is the result of a petition from the property owner requesting annexation.

The land is vacant, yet is anticipated to develop with 949 single-family

detached and/or attached homes, 39 acres of various non-residential uses, and a new elementary school for the Canyon Independent School District.

On March 26 and April 2, City Council held public hearings regarding this proposed annexation.

C. **APPROVAL – REPAIRS TO THE AMARILLO FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING TOWER:**

(Contact: Jeff Greenlee, Fire Chief)
Panhandle Steel Buildings -- \$120,443.39

This item authorizes essential repairs of the Amarillo Fire Department's training tower and provides for the continuation of required training for the department.

D. **CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AMARILLO AND AMARILLO COLLEGE TO PROVIDE TRANSIT SERVICES:**

(Contact: Chris Quigley, Assistant Transit Director)

This interlocal agreement between the City of Amarillo and Amarillo College (AC) allows for current AC students, faculty, and staff to ride Amarillo City Transit (ACT) in exchange for an annual sum of \$25,000. This proposed service will be provided as a one-year demonstration project starting in August 2019 as a means of increasing class participation and enrollment for students with insufficient transportation to get to AC.

E. **APPROVAL – AVIATION CLEAR ZONE EASEMENT:**

(Contact: Cris Valverde, Assistant Director Planning and Development Services)

Aviation Clear Zone Easement, being 3,800 feet above mean sea level above the plat of Cross Texas Addition No. 2, a suburban subdivision to the City of Amarillo, being an unplatted tract of land in Section 76, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County, Texas. (Vicinity: Lakeside Drive and Southeast 34th Avenue.)

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

NON-CONSENT ITEMS

ITEM 3A: Mayor Nelson presented an item approving a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1 Developer Agreement for the FirstBank Southwest Tower building located at 600 South Tyler Street. A 90% property tax rebate over a 15-year period to assist with converting two floors of office space to residential housing units. This item was presented by Andrew Freeman, Director of Planning and Development Services and Mr. Aaron Emerson, with Gaut Whittenburg Emerson. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that this item be approved.

Councilmember Hays stated she loved the idea, the goal of residential downtown, and how this project fits the structure of TIRZ #1. She stated she was at a crossroads on the percentage of the project. Councilmember Smith inquired if the residential areas in the Eagle Center building were apartments or condos. Councilmember Powell called for a vote.

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

ITEM 3B: Mayor Nelson stated there was a need to make board appointments to vacancies on the following boards:

Mr. Miller stated there was a recommendation for Mary Bearden, a recent retired Health Care Attorney. Mayor Nelson and Councilmember Powell recommended Ms. Bearden. Motion was made by Councilmember Smith to appoint Mary Bearden to replace Dusty Clayton on the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers, seconded by Councilmember Powell.

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

Mayor Nelson recommended Matt Hite to the Animal Management & Welfare Board. Councilmember Powell recommended Ms. Gonzales and Mr. Moody. Councilmember Hays inquired when the Humane Society might make their appointment. Motion was made by Mayor Nelson to appoint Matt Hite to replace Cullin Knutson on the Animal Management & Welfare, seconded by Councilmember Smith. Councilmember Hays thanked everyone who applied. Councilmember Hays called for a vote.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 3:1 vote of the Council. Councilmember Powell voting nay.

Councilmember Powell recommended Rhonda Diffurth to the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory. Motion was made by Councilmember Smith to appoint Rhonda Diffurth to replace Keith Grays, seconded by Councilmember Smith. Councilmember Smith called for a vote.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to appoint John Ryan Zimmer and Roger Gloe to replace Cole Camp and Tom Johnson on the Environmental Task Force, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to appoint Kenneth Bates to replace Tom Warren, III on the Library Advisory Board, seconded by Councilmember Hays.

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

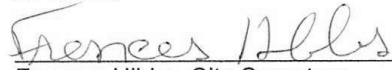
Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to appoint Claudia Stuart from an alternate member to a regular member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, seconded by Councilmember Smith. Councilmember Hays inquired about the experience in tenure.

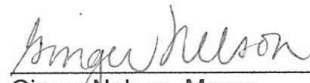
Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3C: Mr. McWilliams advised at 2:51 p.m. that the City Council would convene in Executive Session per Texas Government Code: 1) Section 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits: (a) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (b) network security information as described by Section 2059.055(b); or (c) the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

Mr. McWilliams announced that the Executive Session was adjourned at 3:44 p.m. and recessed the Regular Meeting.

ATTEST:


 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


 Ginger Nelson, Mayor