

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 5th day of September 2012, the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board of Directors met at 11:30 a.m. on the Third Floor, Room 306, City Hall, 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

Gary Pitner	President
Richard Brown	Vice President
Ron Boyd	Board Member
Brian Eades	City Commissioner and Board Member
Jim Simms	City Commissioner and Board Member
Les Simpson	Board Member
Jarrett Atkinson	City Manager and Ex-Officio Member
Melissa Daily	Executive Director of DAI and Ex-Officio Member
Dean Frigo	Assistant City Manager and Treasurer of the Board
Marcus Norris	City Attorney
Frances Hibbs	Assistant City Secretary

Absent was Glen Parkey.

ITEM 1: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pitner.

ITEM 2: The minutes of the regular meeting held on August 1, 2012 were presented. Motion was made by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Eades, and carried unanimously.

ITEM 3: Mr. Frigo presented the proposed budget for the Amarillo Local Government Corporation for fiscal year 2012/2013. Mr. Frigo stated the Amarillo Local Government Corporation was set to receive \$81,000 from the City's general fund. Mr. Frigo stated legal fees were the largest expense. He predicted the legal fees would be lower next year and estimated them to be around \$70,000. He also stated that the \$1,600 was for officers insurance and bonds. Mr. Pitner noted there were no travel expenses used in the current budget. Mr. Frigo replied that was correct but travel was again added to the 2012/2013 budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Mr. Boyd, to approve the proposed budget.

Voting AYE were Mr. Pitner, Mr. Brown, Mr. Boyd, Commissioner Eades, Commissioner, Simms and Mr. Simpson, voting No were none; the motion carried by a 6:0 vote of the Board of Directors.

ITEM 4: Mr. Pitner presented an update and discussion of the overall status of the Downtown Redevelopment Projects, pending or contemplated legal agreements and contracts necessary to implement the projects and estimated project timelines.

Mr. Pitner stated this stage was very critical and they have had a number of conversations with

Joe Esch and Wallace Bajjali. He stated that they have shown due diligence, focus and hopefully a successful conclusion. Timing is at risk of changing the criteria in the next three months.

Mr. Atkinson introduced Jerry Danforth the City's Facilities Manager. He stated Mr. Danforth has been involved in heavy commercial and industrial construction. He represents the public's side of moving utilities, replacement and repair. He will oversee the project like former Facilities Manager, Geno Wilson did with the Globe News Center.

Mr. Danforth stated a three block segment of South Pierce Street in downtown Amarillo will be excavated so that a shared utility trench can accommodate underground lines. This excavation will relocate and increase capacity of water, sewer, natural gas, electric and communication lines. The relocated lines will serve the convention center hotel, parking garage, stadium, and new businesses in the area such as Toot'n Totum. He stated the common trench should provide some cost-savings for future projects.

Mr. Atkinson stated the City utilities downtown were the oldest ones. They would have to be replaced eventually due to their age.

Mr. Danforth added they are installing empty conduit lines for future expansion and increased needs. The estimated costs are currently being tabulated.

ITEM 5: Mr. Pitner stated that at this time the board would invite comments from interested citizens on matters directly pertaining to policies, programs or activities of the Amarillo Local Government Corporation. There were no comments.

ITEM 6: Mr. Pitner advised at 12:02 p.m. that the Board would convene in Closed Session to discuss the potential purchase, sell, or lease of downtown property, together with (i) economic incentives that may be available for a prospective or existing business and (ii) attorney-client communication and advice regarding same and, per Texas Government Code sections 551.071, .072 and .087, as relates to proposed projects for downtown redevelopment.

Mr. Pitner announced the Closed Session was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. and no action would be taken in regard to the Closed Session. Mr. Pitner reconvened the Regular Meeting.

ITEM 7: Mr. Pitner stated that the next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall, Third Floor, Room 306.

ITEM 8: Mr. Pitner announced the meeting was adjourned.



Gary Pitner, President

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, Assistant City Secretary