

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTIES OF POTTER
 AND RANDALL
 CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 5th day of August 2014, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall on the third floor in Room 303 in the Conference Room for review of agenda items, and consideration of future agenda items.

The City Council met at 5:30 p.m. in 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	MAYOR
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent were none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
VICKI COVEY	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Greg Dowell, Church of Christ. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes of July 29, 2014. Motion was made by Councilmember Simms; motion was seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of a 2.67 acre tract of unplatted land in Section 64, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, from Agricultural District to Moderate Density District, in the vicinity of Nancy Ellen Street and Hillside Road for residential development. This is recommended for approval by a 7:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, and that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7467

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR CHANGE OF USE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF NANCY ELLEN STREET AND HILLSIDE ROAD, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS, PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of a 2.12 acre tract of unplatted land in Sections 24 and 25, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County, from Agricultural District to Office District 1, in the vicinity of Tascosa Road and Ravenwood Drive for various office related land uses. This is recommended for approval by a 7:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, and that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7468

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR CHANGE OF USE

DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF TASCOSA ROAD AND RAVENWOOD DRIVE, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS, PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 4-10, Division 6, of the Amarillo Municipal Code to provide comprehensive revisions to the landscaping requirements. This is recommended for approval by a 7:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Kelley Shaw, Planning Director, gave an overview of the impact of the new required landscaping requirements. The amendments to the landscaping ordinance were based on the recent drought conditions and meeting water conservation efforts. There is also a recommended plant list with 127 efficient plants suited for USDA hardiness in Zone 6. Mayor Harpole stated that a lot of discussion has been spent on this subject with voluntary participation and encouragement of better landscaping. Councilmember Escajeda reiterated that this does not apply to residential areas. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Simms, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7469

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 4-10, TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING CHAPTER 4-10, DIVISION 6; PROVIDING CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 4-10-246 THROUGH 4-10-265; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance to amend Chapter 4-6, Article V, of the Amarillo Municipal Code to change the utility coordination meeting times to once per year. Motion was made by Councilmember Simms, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7470

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-6, ARTICLE V, SECTION 4-6-207; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Dedications and Acceptances:

A sanitary sewer easement in Section 63, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, Texas

ITEM 7: Tim Loan, Assistant Director of Utilities, presented the July water usage and conservation report. Mr. Loan stated the City of Amarillo still remains in a drought. The annual precipitation is still below normal. Lake Meredith is at 43.5 feet which is a huge improvement over a year ago when it was at 26.14 feet. CRMWA has started pumping water to its member cities. It should arrive in the City's reservoir in about another week it will then be treated and released. Lake Meredith's water level has added about 4 MGD to our water supply. Mr. Loan added that if the water is not pumped out of Lake Meredith it would be lost to evaporation.

Mayor Harpole announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but time is reserved to hear any citizen concerning matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services not on today's agenda. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Council can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of city policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda.

Gary Shack, 1519 South Alabama Street, stated he attended this meeting to commend the Council in asking for a rate increase to fund the Animal Management & Welfare and additional police officers. He also asked the Council to consider a spay and neuter program. Chris Wood, 2500 Southwest 3rd Avenue, inquired about the City's junk vehicle ordinance. Mr. Atkinson stated someone would assist him after the meeting. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned and the Council would return to a short Work Session and a Closed Session.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor