

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 8th day of November 2016, the Amarillo City Council met at 3:30 p.m. for a work session, and the regular session was held at 5:00 p.m. 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
ELISHA DEMERSON	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
LISA BLAKE	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
RANDY BURKETT	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
MARK NAIR	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

TERRY CHILDERS	INTERIM CITY MANAGER
BOB COWELL	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
MICK MCKAMIE	CITY ATTORNEY
BLAIR SNOW	MANAGEMENT ANALYST
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by James A. Tudman, Wayland Baptist Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for "WRCA Rodeo" and "National Bible Week."

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 for November 1, 2016. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Blake, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented the second and final reading of an ordinance creating the East Gateway Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Amarillo, Texas (the "Zone") under the provisions of Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code. Motion was made by Councilmember Blake, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7627

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: DESIGNATING A CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS THE "EAST GATEWAY TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO, CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS;" CREATING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ZONE; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES FOR THE ZONE; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FUND FOR THE ZONE; AND CONTAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE ZONE; PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING EFFECTVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson and Nair; voting NO were none; Councilmember Burkett abstained; the motion carried by a 4:0:1 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented the second and final reading of an ordinance rezoning of a 43.32 acre tract of land in Section 3, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys and public ways, to change from Agricultural District (A) to Residential District 2 (R-2). (Vicinity: Bell Street and Attebury Drive.) Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on

second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7628

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 BELL STREET AND ATTEBURY DRIVE, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution opposing the legislative imposition to revenue caps and other legislative interference with local services. Mr. Childers stated this proposal would reduce the amount of property tax revenue received from growth, which would have resulted in four rollbacks the last 10-years. Texas Municipal League is encouraging all cities to oppose this legislative imposition because it has detrimental impacts to the services provided to the community. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated property taxes have increased with increased property values over the last ten years. Councilmember Burkett inquired if he could change his vote on Item No. 2 to abstain. Mr. McKamie stated he could. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, suggested the City join other cities and agree on a percentage and a new homestead exemption. Motion was made that the following captioned resolution be passed by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Blake:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-16-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: A LOCAL RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO REVENUE CAPS AND LEGISLATIVE INTERFERENCE WITH LOCAL SERVICES; AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake, Burkett and Nair; Voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Mr. Cowell presented an update on the two items for the Economic Development Master Plan and introduced the team, Tony DeLisi, Avalanche Consulting, Inc. and Steve Spillette. Mr. Childers stated this approach would explore opportunities. The consultants would address our strengths and barriers to make good decisions for the future. Mr. Cowell stated this data collection would evaluate market opportunities, investing efforts, which is data AEDC does not currently have. They would also pull together to define goals to move in the same direction. Brian Jennings, AEDC Senior VP, stated the last target study AEDC has done was done 13 years ago. This living document would capitalize on strengths, prioritize values and needs. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Demerson. Alan Abraham, 7205 Southwest 35th Avenue, stated his prior reservations about paying a consultant to produce a document to be put on a shelf. He also recommended that water conservation be involved. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated Amarillo is rated 9th in the state for sales tax. Councilmember Nair replied this would be in collaboration with AEDC. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated he was critic of AEDC but he favored the consultants.

A. Award – Agreement for Professional Engineering Services:

Award to J. Shehan Engineering, P.C. -- \$204,280.00

This agreement is for professional engineering services to include all meetings, coordination in the vicinity of the Woodlands development area, submittal review, and all items necessary to complete the design per the City of Amarillo requirements. The professional engineering services will also include expertise necessary for the preparation of bidding documents, in the form of plans and specifications for the evaluation, design and construction of the water and sewer system.

- B. Purchase – Fire Truck Pumper Style:
Award using HGAC Contract meeting specifications
Hall Buick GMC (Ferrara Fire Apparatus Dealer) -- \$510,147.00
This item is the scheduled replacement of Fire Truck #6227, a 2005 American LaFrance Pumper that has reached or exceeded useable life approved in the 2016-2017 budgets. This award will be used by the City of Amarillo Fire Department for daily operational requirements.
- C. Consideration and Approval of an Economic Development Project in Support of the Development an Economic Development Strategic Plan:
This item requests approval of an Economic Development project in support of the development of an Economic Development Strategic Plan. Specifically, the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation is requesting approval of expenditure of up to \$87,125 in support of the development of the plan. This represents one-half of the cost of professional services in the development of the plan as outlined in the agreement between the City of Amarillo, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation and Avalanche Consulting, Inc. and the related scope of services. This item will be presented at the November 8, 2016 Amarillo Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors meeting.
- D. Award of Professional Services Agreement for Consulting Services Associated with the Development of an Economic Development Strategic Plan:
Avalanche Consulting, Inc. -- \$174,250 (\$166,250 for services, plus \$8,000 for reimbursement expenses)
This item requests approval of an agreement for professional services with Avalanche Consulting, Inc. for the development of an Economic Development Strategic Plan. This plan will provide a comprehensive and strategic framework for the City, other economic development partners, and private business interests in the community to assist in the economic growth of the community. If approved the planning process will begin in December and is expected to conclude in June 2017 with major deliverables in early and mid-2017. The full scope of services is attached to and incorporated by reference the agreement. The cost of the services is being shared by the City and the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation.
- E. Approval – Change Order No. 1 – Job #521725: Arden Road 36” Transmission Pipeline & Pump Station Improvements:
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| Original Contract: | \$13,879,793.32 |
| Current Change Order: | \$186,716.00 |
| Revised Contract Total: | \$14,066,509.32 |
- This item is to approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract with SJ Louis Construction of Texas, Ltd. for additional work.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Blake, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

Mayor Harpole announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but this time is reserved to hear from 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.

Virginia Williams-Trice, 1504 Bowie Street, inquired about low-barrier shelter for the homeless as pointed out by the Ad Hoc Committee and Continuum of Care Advisory Board. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor