

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 30th day of October 2018, the Amarillo City Council met at 12:00 p.m. for a work session which was held in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON	MAYOR
ELAINE HAYS	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
FREDA POWELL	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
EDDY SAUER	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
HOWARD SMITH	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

JARED MILLER	CITY MANAGER
MICHELLE BONNER	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS	CITY ATTORNEY
STEPHANIE COGGINS	ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Fisher, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, inquired if AEDC will be using public securities to pledge the \$69 million for the Texas Tech Vet School. He reminded Council about the first amendment and citizens not being able to address the audience, or the ability to hold up signs. Claudette Smith, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, inquired if the City owned the Embassy Hotel, if the City owned the building that houses the hotel, or owned the land. She asked if the City paid to place the hotel utilities. She inquired if Mayor Nelson had an interest in the downtown hotel. She further stated the City implemented the Buy the Way Campaign, but blatantly does not shop local. Councilmember Hays asked Mr. Miller to explain the purchasing rules set by the state and to provide an update on the ordinance allowing flexibility. Mr. Miller replied the bidding process sometimes prevents the City from using local bidders. He further stated they are creating a local bidders preference ordinance. Jerri Glover, 5707 Berget Drive, stated she intended to speak about the economics of Amarillo. She stated she believes the City has all their economic eggs in one basket and are not focusing on other opportunities. She asked someone to research Albuquerque and Netflix. She further stated the NAACP of Amarillo was celebrating 75 years in this community. She stated the City should be proud of this fact. She stated the City continues to ignore the statute in Elwood Park and asked that it be relocated. She further stated about a year ago she along with Mildred Darton were named to a committee to consider renaming a street to Martin Luther King, Jr. This committee put in time and presented its proposal to staff. She asked Council to stand up to its citizens. There were no further comments.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Ginger Nelson, Mayor