

The City Commission of the City of Canyon met at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom and broadcast through YouTube. Mayor Gary Hinders presided over the meeting with the following Commissioners in attendance, Mayor Pro-Tem Cody Jones, Randy Ray, Roger Remlinger and Paul Lyons.

Also present were the following City Staff: City Manager Joe Price, Assistant City Manager Jon Behrens, City Secretary Gretchen Mercer, IT Manager Shaun Holtman, Police Chief Steve Brush, Director of Finance Joel Wright, Library Director Janice Doan, Director of Public Works Dan Reese, Water Superintendent Eric Whitten, Planning and Development Director Danny Cornelius, City Engineer Dwight Brandt, and City Attorney Chuck Hester.

Item 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Hinders called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Item 2. Invocation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones gave the invocation.

Item 3. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lyons.

Item 4. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting September 21, 2020.

Commissioner Lyons moved, duly seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jones to approve the minutes of September 21, 2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Public Comment – Comments from Interested Citizens.

No comments.

Item 6. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Update of Governor Abbotts Executive Orders Directed at Slowing the Spread of COVID-19 in the State of Texas.

City Manager Joe Price gave an update on COVID-19 in the area and the Executive Order currently in place from Texas Governor Greg Abbott. Mr. Price stated there are currently 3 employees in City Hall positive for COVID with a total of 8 employees quarantined at home. Mr. Price said with the current capacities at local hospitals, the City of Amarillo Public Health was moving back to Status Red for 2 weeks and would re-evaluate at that time. Mayor Hinders stressed the importance of everyone being cognizant of the situation and taking precautions, especially when attending sports activities and large gatherings.

Informational only, no action required.

Item 7. Presentation from the Cultural Foundation of the Texas Panhandle with WTAMU President Walter Wendler, President of the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation

Board Mark Hodges, and President of the Panhandle Plains Historical Society Will Miller.

Dr. Wendler addressed the Commission and discussed the planned collaboration between WTAMU, Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation and Panhandle Plains Historical Museum to bring the show TEXAS under the umbrella of WTAMU. Dr. Wendler stated this would create the position of one Executive Director to oversee the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation and Panhandle Plains Historical Museum and attract people from more diverse areas of the state bringing more culture to the Panhandle.

Item 8. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Bids Received for Hydro-Vacuum Excavator for the Water Division.

Director of Public Works Dan Reese presented bids for a Hydro-Vacuum Excavator for consideration. Mr. Reese stated the Hydro-Vacuum Excavator had been budgeted in the 2020-2021 budget and included a trailer mounted vacuum excavator. Mr. Reese stated the excavator is used in small excavations, in confined spaces as well as used to excavate mains in after hour situations when you can't wait for line locates. The excavator ensures virtually a damage free excavation to underground utilities in the same proximity. Mr. Reese said the current Hydro-Vacuum Excavator is commonly used by other departments within the city creating the need for a second machine. Mr. Reese stated bids were opened on September 15, 2020 with two bids received.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Vermeer	\$79,000
Ditch Witch	\$67,981

Mr. Reese said the Public Works Department recommended awarding the bid for purchasing the hydro-vacuum excavator to the low bidder Ditch Witch of Amarillo in the amount of \$67,981.00 and funded through the Capital Equipment Fund with a 10 year amortization.

After discussion, Commissioner Remlinger moved, duly seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jones to award the bid for purchase of the hydro-vacuum excavator to Ditch Witch of Amarillo in the amount of \$67,981.00. Motion carried unanimously. .

Item 9. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to Accept the AXON Quote and Execute the Contract for the Purchase of Body Cameras and Conducted Energy Devices (tasers) by the Canyon Police Department.

Chief of Police Steve Brush presented a request of approval for the purchase of AXON Body Cameras and tasers for the Canyon Police Department. Chief Brush stated the funds were budgeted in the 2020-2021 budget. Chief Brush said the AXON quote includes a 10-year agreement and the videos would be stored in an AXON supported Cloud and the equipment would be replaced biannually.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Ray to authorize Canyon Police Chief Steve Brush to accept and execute the contract with AXON Enterprise Inc. for the purchase of Body Cameras and tasers as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. Executive Session Pursuant to §551.074 Board Appointments (Construction Advisory and Appeals Board), §551.072 Real Property and §551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

Mayor Hinders indicated the Commission would adjourn into Executive Session at 5:26 p.m.

Commissioner Remlinger left the meeting a 5:45 pm, Commissioner Lyons left the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Item 15. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session.

Upon returning from Executive Session at 7:07 p.m., the following action was taken.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Ray to appoint Joe Paulk to the vacated seat of Louis Tejerina on the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 16. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones moved this meeting be adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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Gary Hinders, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gretchen Mercer, City Secretary