

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS

DECEMBER 1, 2008

6:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THERE CAME AND WAS HELD A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS IN THE DUMAS MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM - POLICE DEPARTMENT, 124 EAST 7TH STREET OF SAID CITY:

Members Present:

Mayor Mike Milligan  
Mayor Pro Tem Pat L. Sims  
Commissioner Mike Salim  
Commissioner James Mahaffey  
City Manager Vince DiPiazza  
City Attorney Tom Moore

Members Absent:

Commissioner John D. Harris

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Dottie Williams, Tommy Raper, B.J. Reyes, Mike Venable, Mike Running, Mark Scott, R.W. Leimer, Rhonda McSpadden, Lanelle LaRue, and Paul J. Jenkins.

Mayor Milligan called the meeting to order.

Rusty Davidson, Lanelle Larue, and Mark Scott said the First United Methodist Church held a rummage sale and wanted to give the money to a community project. They decided the funds from the rummage sale should go to the city's Community Assistance Program (CAP). The check, totaling \$1,818, was presented to Mayor Milligan. Mayor Milligan gave the check to I.T. Director Rhonda McSpadden and asked her to explain the program. Ms. McSpadden said CAP pays sixty-five dollars for three months on utility bills for citizen's 65 years of age or older or citizens that have an income of \$20,000 or less per year. The Commission thanked the First United Methodist Church for their generous contribution to the city Community Assistance Program.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the following bill: Warren Cat, Inc. for \$5,345.06. Public Works Director Tommy Raper said this cost is to replace the pump and gaskets, including labor on the hydraulic maintainer. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the November 17, 2008 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

D.E.D.C. Director Mike Running asked the Commission to consider approving the appointment of Mike Venable and reappointment of Harold Grall. Mayor Milligan stated that previously Mr. Venable is with one of the companies the Commission recommended. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the reappointment of Harold Grall and the appointment of Mike Venable to the D.E.D.C. Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2009.

D.E.D.C. Director Mike Running said the City of Cactus is requesting two hundred thousand dollars to assist with infrastructure development. Mr. Running said this is justified to attract any new business and industry to Moore County. Mr. Running said he did an economic impact study and Swift could have a third shift, with this infrastructure development, and there would be nine billion dollars brought in annually. Mayor Milligan asked if Swift would fund any part of the development. Mayor Milligan said Swift employees are already a burden on the hospital and schools in Dumas. Mayor Milligan stated that Swift should contribute funds before D.E.D.C. contributes two hundred thousand dollars. City Attorney Tom Moore said Swift discussed bonds and ad valorem taxes with the City of Cactus. Mr. Moore said Swift is not asking for any money and the D.E.D.C. funds are protected, but ultimately the question is how this would benefit Dumas. Mr. Moore said the funds would not be given to the City of Cactus until the project is completed. Commissioner Salim asked where the development would be located and Mr. Moore said at the Schroeter Industrial Park and the elevators. Mr. Running said also east of the highway. Commissioner Salim asked if American Housing Foundation is the company doing this project and Mr. Running said no. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve two hundred thousand dollars for D.E.D.C. to contribute to infrastructure development for the City of Cactus.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the city and Municipal Code Corporation has been working on adopting and enacting a new code of ordinances for a few years. Mr. DiPiazza presented an ordinance adopting the new code of ordinances. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1061 adopting and enacting a new code of ordinances for the City of Dumas.

Mayor Milligan opened the Work Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented pictures of the eighteen inch "Ding Dong Daddy" statue. Mr. DiPiazza said the Commission should decide if they would like any changes to the clay model. Mr. DiPiazza said the city should copyright the statue so replicas could be made and sold. City Attorney Tom Moore said KDDD Radio Station, Ken Duke, owned the rights. City Secretary Kim Rehkopf said Texas Department of Transportation has marked the area at the visitors center where the statue could be placed. Public Works Director Tommy Raper said the area marked is in line with the flags. Mayor Milligan said he does not want the statue to distract from the flag display. The

Commission asked City Secretary Kim Rehkopf to check with Fiberglass Animals concerning size, prices, and travel costs and ask if the statue would be painted.

IT Director Rhonda McSpadden presented the landfill management software specifications. Ms. McSpadden said the software needs to be replaced and funds were budgeted. The consensus of the Commission agreed to the landfill management software bid specifications.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Milligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vince DiPiazza, City Manager