

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS  
DECEMBER 15, 2014  
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 COMMISSION CHAMBERS/MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM, 124 EAST 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET OF SAID CITY:

Members Present:

Mayor Pat L. Sims  
Mayor Pro Tem David M. Bonner  
Commissioner Michael L. Funk  
Commissioner Steve Bodnar  
Commissioner Vernon McDowell  
City Manager Vince DiPiazza  
City Attorney Tom Moore

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Jim Nelson, Arbie Taylor, Meredith Laurent, Isidro Renteria, Wanda Brooks, Sam Cartwright, Jackie Wiswell, Jimmy Payne. Loke Marquez, Jesse Shuffield, and Paul J. Jenkins.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the December 1, 2014 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the city received a report related to the SPS/Xcel rate increase filing. The city will start again with a resolution suspending the increase. Mr. DiPiazza said the city had rate increases in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 14-16 suspending the increase for SPS/Xcel rate increase filing.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the city routinely has discounted materials, metal and concrete. There needs to be an approved fee schedule. Public Works Director Arbie Taylor it costs \$36 per ton to dispose of those materials. Mr. Taylor said the landfill does go by a fee schedule but it's not written in the ordinance. Commissioner Funk said there should be something written in the ordinance and he would like a survey completed to compare rates. See if there is a company that does take asphalt shingles or concrete and the city could use them to take those items. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner asked if any revenue is made from the metal. Landfill Director Isidro Renteria said the city makes \$90 per ton. Mr. DiPiazza said the city does not make a lot of money from

recycling except from card board. Mayor Sims said that you can't go over 80' on an aerial landfill, but you could go 84' with a special permit. Mr. DiPiazza said the city does have land that could be permitted. Commissioner Bodnar said he would like a plan in place before the city runs out of space at the old landfill. The consensus of the Commission is to do a survey and bring back a recommendation on landfill rates.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza tendered his resignation and said that he and his wife are attached to this community and have made many friends, but professionally it was time for a change. The Commission thanked Mr. DiPiazza for his service. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Bodnar, and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Mr. DiPiazza effective February 10, 2015.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

Public Works Director Arbie Taylor gave an update on the following projects: The fire hydrant project is progressing. Six hydrants have been completed. The slab for the lift station has been poured. The traffic light at 5<sup>th</sup> Street & S. Maddox Avenue should be in service soon. Still working on SCADA system at well sites. Mayor Sims asked if all of the roofs were completed. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said specifications have been revised to lower the costs. The police department and city hall roofs are done, but the golf course and warehouse roofs are not done.

Mayor Sims recessed into Executive Session at 7:10 P.M. for discussion concerning the employment of a city manager. Mayor Sims closed the Executive Session at 8:19 P.M. and reopened the Formal Session. There were no votes or action taken.

Meeting adjourned.

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Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vince DiPiazza, City Manager