

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS  
DECEMBER 1, 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, Dottie Crockett, Jim Nelson, Arbie Taylor, Meredith Laurent, Isidro Renteria, Michelle Brooks, Tommy Brooks, Wanda Brooks, Gene Legg, Mike Ramirez, Sam Cartwright, Jackie Wiswell, Paul J. Jenkins, Mike Running, and Grace Pierson.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

Commissioner McDowell said he received phone calls concerning the 200 block of Peach. There are no yard waste containers. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said he would contact solid waste.

A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the November 17, 2014 Regular City Commission meeting minutes.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Mayor Sims said he felt the entire Commission should be present concerning the vote for the DEDC board reappointment of David Swinford. Mayor Sims made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner to reappoint David Swinford to the DEDC board of directors. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said there have been split votes between the Commission and it has the community's attention. There has not been one person from the public, that has spoken, that is against the reappointment of Mr. Swinford. Mr. Swinford is of high integrity, an honest person and a leader in the community. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said he would like an explanation from the Commissioners that voted against the reappointment of Mr. Swinford. Gene Legg said when the Commission conducts city business they should do what is best for the community. Mike Ramirez said Mr. Swinford wants to see the community grow. If there are personal issues they should be put aside to do what is best for the community. Mayor Sims said Mr. Swinford promotes Dumas and is an asset to the city and Moore County. Commissioner Bodnar said he felt there should be new insight and different vision on the DEDC board. Commissioner Funk said this a very personal issue that involved family and he doesn't want Mr. Swinford representing him and he doesn't want to be ridiculed for his decision. Commissioner McDowell said he does not want to hurt a person's reputation, but what happened is true and Mr. Swinford shouldn't be reappointed to the DEDC board. DEDC Director Mike Running said he has other names that will be presented to a search committee and that committee will make recommendations to the

Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner asked if the city could micromanage DEDC. Mr. Running said the Commission can select board members. City Attorney Tom Moore said the city commission could, but they shouldn't. The city oversees DEDC work. Also, Mr. Moore said the board gave Mr. Running authority to do other business outside of DEDC. Mr. Running said that was in his contract. Commissioner Funk made it clear that he is not upset with the DEDC board. They have done an exemplary job and they are making Dumas a better place to live. Commissioner Bodnar, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner Funk opposed the reappointment of David Swinford to the DEDC board of directors.

Landfill Supervisor Isidro Renteria told the Commission he would like to purchase a tire changer and wheel balancer. The amount budgeted is \$12,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to purchase a tire changer and wheel balancer for \$9,716 from NAPA for the landfill department.

Police Chief Jim Nelson told the Commission he would like to purchase body cameras, which will download onto DVD discs. This includes cameras, software and TeraStation 3400 4-bay network storage. A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to purchase twelve body cameras for \$8,382.79 using seizure funds for the police department.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

Public Works Director Arbie Taylor gave an update on the following projects: The fire hydrant project is continuing. The lift station underground conduit is in place. SCADA contractor should begin work next week. Communications should be better with the new tower.

Mayor Sims recessed into Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. for attorney consultation regarding pending litigation, City v. Taylor, concerning a landfill property dispute. Mayor Sims closed the Executive Session at 8:01 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