

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
JANUARY 20, 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 7TH STREET OF SAID CITY:

Members Present:

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

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Jim Nelson, Arbie Taylor, George Meriwether, Debbie Meriwether, Dottie Crockett, Isidro Renteria, Andrew Friedman, Paul J. Jenkins, Meredith Laurent, Sam Cartwright, Mike Running, Judy Pendley, Nick Jordan, and Reece Spencer.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Bodnar, and passed unanimously to approve the January 6, 2014 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

George Meriwether with Davis Kinard & Co. presented the 2012-2013 audit report.

Dumas Economic Development Corporation, Director Mike Running, presented the 2013 annual report. Mr. Running briefly discussed strengths, target industries, accomplishments, business growth and development and marketing.

Sgt. Nick Jordan presented the racial profiling report to the Commission.

Public Works Director Arbie Taylor presented resolutions to authorize the submission of two solid waste grants. The landfill is applying for a skid steer loader and the recycling center is applying for a forklift. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 14-02 and Resolution No. 14-04 to authorize two regional solid waste grant applications be submitted to Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC).

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a resolution to apply for interim financing for a loan with Happy State Bank. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 14-03 to authorize the application for a loan from Happy State Bank for \$1,500,000 at 4% at the approximate cost of \$3,000.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a resolution concerning suspending SPS/Xcel proposed rate increase. Mr. DiPiazza said SPS/Xcel is a private utility company and they need to make a profit. The cities would like to avoid going before the Public Utility Commission (PUC). A

motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Mayor Sims, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 14-05 suspending SPS/Xcel proposed rate increase and related matters.

Southwest Securities representative Andrew Friedman, presented a resolution concerning Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014. Mr. Friedman said rates have gone up and they used 5.50% in their rate table, which is conservative, with a 20 year maturity. Mr. Friedman suggested the Commission do a competitive sale and the Commission agreed. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 14-06 authorizing the publication of notice of intention to issue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014, not to exceed \$4,300,000.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins told the Commission he budgeted \$25,000 for a fire hydrant repair project. Chief Jenkins presented the hydrant repair project list, which includes the address and the problem with the hydrant. The Commission agreed to the request for proposal for the fire hydrant repair project.

Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins presented specifications for the lease-purchase of a copy machine. Chief Jenkins said this item is not budgeted. The Commission agreed to the copy machine specifications for the fire department with the addition of asking for a purchase price to buy the copy machine.

Public Works Director Arbie Taylor presented an update on the following projects: The landfill liner installation should be complete in 4-6 weeks. Mr. Taylor said the city received authorization from TCEQ to dispose of the material that will be removed from the 21-inch outfall line. CDBG water line project - the work on the 10-inch insertion valve at 9th Street and Bliss Avenue has been delayed due to problems getting the valve from the supplier. Pavement patching has been stopped by the engineer due to material submittals not meeting the specifications. The contractor is locating another hot-mix supplier. The contract time will expire the first week of February. Miscellaneous items: The street department is preparing to initiate their crack seal program this week and their main area of emphasis will be north of N. 1st Street and east of Maddox Avenue. The solid waste department plans to begin a city-wide sweep of alleys to pick up bulk items. The annual water conservation plan report and water use survey is due to the Texas Water Development Board and the water production report is due to the North Plains Groundwater District. All of these reports use consumption and production data from January 1st through December 31st of each year.

Mayor Sims recessed into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. regarding personnel matters to discuss the evaluation of the city manager. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to continue past the 9:00 P.M. meeting time. Mayor Sims closed the Executive Session at 10:13 P.M. and reopened the Formal Session. There were no votes or action taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager