

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 3, 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
Commissioner Michael L. Funk
Commissioner Vernon McDowell
Commissioner Steve Bodnar
City Manager Vince DiPiazza
City Attorney Tom Moore

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem David M. Bonner

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Jim Nelson, Tyler Brunson, Sam Blankenburg, Roy Flores, Alex Zuniga, Keegan Dallen, Kade Molina, Alejandro Ortiz, Dottie Crockett, Loke Marquez, Brenda Koehn, Paul J. Jenkins, Isidro Renteria, Meredith Laurent, Mark Graves, Susan Graves, David Garrett, and Jerry McLaughlin.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

During attending citizens and their business Sam Blankenburg told the Commission that the skate park surface should be concrete instead of asphalt. The asphalt has cracks, gravel and rocks on the surface. Mr. Blankenburg said there were two recent accidents. Commissioner Funk asked if he and his friends used safety equipment and Mr. Blankenburg said sometimes. Commissioner Funk said if they wanted to help sweep the asphalt they should contact the parks director. Mr. Blankenburg said that he and his friends would volunteer their time doing skate park repairs and they have talked to the parks director. Mayor Sims thanked them for attending the meeting and for being interested in helping the city.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the January 20, 2014 Regular City Commission meeting minutes with a correction and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Alejandro Ortiz asked the Commission to consider allowing him water outside the city limits. Mr. Ortiz has ten acres of land just outside the east city limits and he would

like to have water to wash his trucks and water livestock. Mayor Sims said the city recently spent money for new water wells just to supply the city, which is priority. Commissioner Funk said the city has a policy that does not allow utilities outside the city limits. There was no action taken.

Mark Graves, representing Dee Vaughan, asked for water outside the city limits. Mr. Graves said there is an existing tap on the property but to his knowledge it has never been used. The property is located on the Hartley Field line near Hunt Road. He will use the water for livestock. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve water outside the city limits for Mark Graves, representing Dee Vaughan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 14-07 authorizing a \$25,000 letter of credit to comply with regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented an update on the following projects: The CDBG project is almost complete. The wastewater treatment plant still has a few issues with the influent pumps and SCADA system. Mr. DiPiazza said he is withholding funds until the issues are resolved. Landfill Director Isidro Renteria said the liner has been delivered and the daily cover is used three times a week.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said several months ago the Commission discussed the city's current sign regulations and related enforcement issues. A chamber of commerce committee was appointed and their recommendation was to repeal all signs. They did agree that businesses should be allowed to place signs and merchandise on the sidewalks as long as the sidewalks were not obstructed. Commissioner Bodnar said the sign at the First Street Church of Christ was too bright and Mayor Sims said the sign has been dimmed. The Commission asked the city manager to modify the sign ordinance.

Mayor Sims recessed into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. regarding personnel matters to hear an appeal of a disciplinary matter. Mayor Sims closed the Executive Session at 10:07 P.M. and reopened the Formal Session.

There were no votes or action taken as a result of Executive Session regarding personnel matters, hearing an appeal concerning a disciplinary matter.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager