

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
JULY 21, 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 Pro Tem David M. Bonner
Commissioner Michael L. Funk
Commissioner Vernon McDowell
Commissioner Steve Bodnar
City Manager Vince DiPiazza
City Attorney Tom Moore

Members Absent: Mayor Pat L. Sims

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Jim Nelson, Dottie Crockett, Arbie Taylor, Reva Green, Martha Thompson, Reece Spencer, Sam Cartwright, Kirk Weatherford, Larry Dutcher, and Meredith Laurent.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner called the meeting to order.

During attending citizens and their business, City Attorney Tom Moore, commended the police department, Police Chief Jim Nelson and Sergeant Nick Jordan for an excellent investigation and successful outcome of an incident. Commissioner Funk said during the bad weather last week the storm sirens were turned on, some did not shut off, and suggested the EOC department confirm all sirens are working properly before they are activated.

A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the July 7, 2014 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner opened the Formal Session.

Sam Cartwright, CEO for Dumas/Moore County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center, presented the 2013-2014 budget of \$215,000. Mr. Cartwright also presented the 2013-2014 Moore County Art Association budget of \$105,500 and the Moore County Historical Museum 2013-2014 budget of \$124,420.13. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the 2013-2014 budget of \$215,000 for Dumas/Moore County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center, 2013-2014 Moore County Art Association budget of \$105,500 and the Moore County Historical Museum 2013-2014 budget of \$124,420.13.

A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve closing 7th Street from Dumas Avenue to Bliss Avenue July 21st for the News Channel 10 Summer Celebration.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a resolution concerning the natural gas rate. Mr. DiPiazza said a one-year locked in rate would be \$4.50 and a two-year locked in rate would be \$4.52. No action was taken.

Reva Green, representing Martha Thompson, asked the Commission to consider their sewer service issue and possibly allow an exception to the construction and use of a septic system for property located at 616 N. Dumas Avenue. Ms. Green said it would cost approximately \$8,000 to purchase the pipe to install a sewer line. Kirk Weatherford was present to answer any questions concerning a septic system. Commissioner Bodnar said the city just built a wastewater treatment plant and does not want to allow a septic system inside the city limits. Commissioner Funk does not want to allow a septic system but he isn't opposed to allowing the city help install a sewer line. Commissioner McDowell does not want to set a precedence by allowing a septic system. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner asked Ms. Green if the property value would increase if there was a sewer line, and Ms. Green said yes. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said he does not think the city has the time to install a sewer system. No action was taken.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said that Cody Vaughan took another golf pro position. Mr. DiPiazza said he has contacted Rick Avina and has sent him a proposed contract. No action was taken.

DEDC Director Mike Running was not present to answer questions concerning the Bank of America building. No action was taken.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza told the Commission that Ted Powell would like to donate a 0.6370 acre tract of land. The small tract of land is adjacent to the golf course and used as part of the driving range. Mr. DiPiazza recommends the city accept the donation. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to accept the 0.6370 acre tract of land from Ted Powell at no cost to the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner opened the Work Session.

Public Works Director Arbie Taylor gave an update on the following projects: The force main has begun on the lift station project. Two test holes have been drilled on Anderson Acres. The wastewater treatment plant permit is administratively complete, now the notice of intent must be published. The fire hydrant project will start again next week. The Hwy. 287 project survey is complete but the design to relocate lines has not been completed. City Manager Vince DiPiazza asked the Commission to determine what days they would like to have budget sessions. The Commission would like to have a budget session on the August 4th agenda and also on August 11th and 12th.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager