

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
JULY 7, 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, Paul J. Jenkins, Arbie Taylor, Jeff Bowman, Reva Green, Martha Thompson, Karla Smith, Mike Running, Joe Sofio, Darren Goodheart, Greg Willis, Hannah Laurent, Jordan Laurent, and Meredith Laurent.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner called the meeting to order.

During attending citizens and their business, DEDC Director Mike Running told the Commission that the DEDC Board of Directors are recommending the Commission accept the gifting of the Bank of America building and property located at 501 S. Bliss Avenue. DEDC also recommends that after the city accepts the gifting of the facility that the city deed it to DEDC. Joe Sofio said repairs that need to be made are the roof, parking area, sidewalks and the HVAC system. Bank of America leases a portion of the building and the un-leased portion (60.3%) would be gifted to the city. The Bank of America lease expires December 2017, which could be renewed. Mike Running said the city would have the final decision if DEDC was to consider selling the facility in the future.

Commissioner Bodnar asked about a bill from Batteries Plus, \$611.94 for golf cart repairs for the park department. Park Director Karla Smith said the park department has two golf carts and the batteries needed replaced. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the June 16, 2014 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner opened the Formal Session.

Park Director Karla Smith, representing the Chamber of Commerce, asked that Durrett Avenue be closed July 15, August 15-16 and close 7th Street on July 21, 2014. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve closing Durrett Avenue between 14th Street and 16th Street on July 15, August 15-16, 2014, and 7th Street between Dumas Avenue and Bliss Avenue on July 21, 2014, which will be ratified at the next meeting.

Reva Green, representing Martha Thompson, asked the Commission for an exception to allow the construction and use of a septic system on property located at 616 N. Dumas Avenue. Ms. Green said Ms. Thompson does not have sewer to her property. To install a small septic system would cost \$5,700 which would accommodate a small shop with one restroom. Commissioner Funk does not want to set a precedence by allowing a septic system. Public Works Director Arbie Taylor suggested that Ms. Thompson pay for the pipe and the city could contribute the labor. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Bodnar and passed unanimously to table this item.

Mike Milligan, representing the golf pro search committee, told the Commission they received several, good applicants for the golf professional position and they brought two of the candidates to Dumas for interviews. Mr. Milligan said the golf pro search committee is recommending Cody Vaughan for the golf pro position. Greg Willis said that Mr. Vaughan will have a concession, but not a full restaurant. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner commended Mr. Milligan and the committee members for their dedication in hiring a golf pro. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said Mr. Vaughan is also considering another position and his contract would have to be negotiated. Mr. Milligan said the committee suggests that a greens keeper not be hired, but have an area golf course greens keeper be paid to come to the golf course and give direction to the current golf course employees. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said the Commission needs to review Mr. Vaughan's final contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Bodnar, and passed unanimously to approve hiring Cody Vaughan as the golf professional, if Mr. Vaughan does not take the position, it will be offered to Rick Avina.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a resolution concerning the natural gas rate. Mr. DiPiazza said a two-year locked in rate would be approximately \$4.75. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously for Mr. DiPiazza to lock in a rate at his discretion, then ratify the rate at the next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner opened the Work Session.

Public Works Director Arbie Taylor gave an update on the following projects: Hydro Resources will drill a test hole at Anderson Acres tomorrow. Pipe line work will begin tomorrow on the lift station. The utility lines on Hwy. 287 have been surveyed and we are currently working on where the lines will be relocated. Commissioner Bodnar asked if the city would be paying for the project or TxDOT. Mr. Taylor said the city has not found any maps that indicate the city had water lines in place before the highway was constructed. Mr. Taylor said OJD Engineering in Amarillo should have the maps but they will not cooperate with him. The fire hydrant project is slow because the city water crew is locating valves and installing valve inserts. The contractor is wanting one hundred percent water shut off. Mr. Taylor said the water could not be shut off completely.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager