

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS  
AUGUST 18, 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, Dottie Crockett, Arbie Taylor, Brett Beesley, Mike Running, Loke Marquez, Paul J. Jenkins, Larry J. Payne and Meredith Laurent.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Bodnar asked about a bill from Lower Colorado River Authority, \$4,625. Public Works Director Arbie Taylor said this cost was for water samples that are required annually. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the August 4, 2014 Regular City Commission meeting minutes, August 11, 2014 Special City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Mayor Sims said that item number one concerning a variance for a front yard set back has been resolved.

DISD Principle Brett Beesley asked the Commission to consider allowing them to operate their golf cart on the public streets. Mr. Beesley said they would like to be more visible to the students and would use the golf cart in the high school vicinity. Police Chief Jim Nelson said citizens would complain if the ordinance only applied to the school. City Attorney Tom Moore said the ordinance must be published. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said the ordinance should be advertised on the radio and city television channel. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1115 regulating the operation of golf carts on public streets.

Dumas Economic Development Corporation (DEDC) Director Mike Running presented the 2014-2015 budget, income \$852,168 and expenses \$852,049. Mr. Running also presented the 2014-2015 plan of work. Mr. Running said he has received leads concerning the plastic industry and he will also focus on the downtown project. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the 2014-2015 DEDC budget and plan of work.

No action was taken concerning accepting the donation of the Bank of America building.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a resolution concerning the natural gas rate. Mr. DiPiazza told the Commission a two-year locked in rate would be \$4.50. A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 14-11, locking in the natural gas rate for two years, adder fee is \$2.55, which is \$7.05 for the consumer.

Public Works Director Arbie Taylor presented an ordinance adopting a water conservation plan. Mr. Taylor said the Texas Water Development Board requires the city to adopt a plan every five years and update once a year. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1114 adopting a water conservation plan.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a policy for the use of a building at the golf course. Mr. DiPiazza said the city receives requests to rent the building. The policy states the cost to rent the building is \$300 with a \$200 deposit. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve a policy to rent the building at the golf course with an addition to the policy that no alcohol is allowed.

Mayor Sims closed the Formal Session and opened the Public Hearing concerning the 2014-2015 proposed city budget. There were no public comments. Mayor Sims closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Formal Session. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the 2014-2015 city budget.

The Commission set the following dates regarding the tax rate. Public Hearings will be held on September 2 and September 8, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at the Dumas Commission Chambers/Municipal Court Room, 124 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to adopt the tax rate on a future agenda, which will be held September 15 and September 22, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at the Dumas Commission Chambers/Municipal Court Room, 124 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a list of surplus property to be auctioned. Mr. DiPiazza said the vehicles and equipment would be auctioned off on the internet. A

motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Bodnar, and passed unanimously to approve vehicles and equipment as surplus property to be auctioned on the internet on GovDeals.com.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

Public Works Director Arbie Taylor gave an update on the following projects: The force main at the lift station is almost complete and the gravity main is in progress. The fire hydrant project will continue in September. All of the valves have been mapped. The test holes have been drilled and the engineer's evaluation is available for the Commission to review. The 287/87 utility relocation project has been suspended at this time pending further discussions. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said the budget process went well and the Commission focused as a team. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner also commended City Manager Vince DiPiazza and the city employees for doing a good job during the budget process.

Meeting adjourned.

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Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vince DiPiazza, City Manager