

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS  
AUGUST 4, 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, Sam Cartwright, Cherry Powell, Mike Powell, Manuel Garbalena, Karla Smith, Isidro Renteria, Loke Marquez, Manny Pena, Jr., Stephen Hendricks, Debbie Hendricks, Kelly Torrez, Olympia DeLaCruz, Justine DeLaCruz, Wences Nevarez, Karyne Nevarez, Ralphie Estrada, Lucia Estrada, Jimmy Estrada, Paul J. Jenkins, Mike Shockey, Tommy Brooks, Ricky Casanova, Ralph Saldivar, Brandon Cox, Greg Tanner, U. Gonzalez and Meredith Laurent.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the July 21, 2014 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Mike Powell told the Commission that Trilogy Guardians has filed a guardianship case concerning his mother-in-law. Mr. Powell would like the public to be aware of this type of situation. The guardianship includes, financial affairs, personal property and Trilogy Guardians determine where your loved one will reside. Commissioner Funk suggested Mr. Powell contact the local news paper and radio station.

Mayor Sims told the public that recently the Little League ball fields were locked and the public did not have access to the fields. Stephen Hendricks asked to be put on the agenda concerning the Little League baseball fields. Mr. Hendricks said that the gates were locked at the ball field which excluded use of the field to anyone wanting to practice or play a game. Mr. Hendricks said even though there is an agreement with Little League, the gates should be kept unlocked because it is a public, city ball field. Mr. Hendricks said the All Star tournaments will be played soon and they should be able to practice and play on the Little League fields. Mr. Hendricks said the drive through gates should be kept locked but not the walk through gates. Little League Board Secretary, Manuel Garbalena, said the field was locked because they had golf carts and equipment left on the field after the Southwestern tournaments were played, but agreed that they should have not been locked again after the equipment was removed. Mayor

Sims does not want the walk through gates to be locked. Commissioner Bodnar said there was no reason to amend the agreement. There was no action taken.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said Rick Avina, the new golf pro, was present and he has accepted the three-year contract that was presented to him. Mr. Avina thanked the Commission for the opportunity, and said he would begin his job tomorrow. Commissioner Bodnar said there is no alcohol allowed at the city parks, and that it should be the same for the golf course. Mr. Avina said he would offer a small concession for now. A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the golf pro contract.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a resolution concerning the natural gas rate. Mr. DiPiazza said a one-year locked in rate would be \$4.47 and a two-year locked in rate would be \$4.52. Commissioner Bodnar said he would rather lock in a two year rate rather than a one year. Commissioner Funk asked if the adder fee would stay at \$2.50. Staff is recommending a fifteen cent increase to \$2.65, that would be \$60,000 per year. Finance Director Dottie Crockett said that expenses increase but the adder fee has not. Mayor Sims would like to wait to lock in a rate. The Commission agreed. The consensus of the Commission is to authorize the city manager to lock in a rate. No action was taken.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

Public Works Director Arbie Taylor gave an update on the following projects: Mr. Taylor commended Jack Braswell and the gas department for receiving one hundred percent on their TML gas audit. The seal coating project is complete. The lift station force main is complete and installing the gravity main will begin. The five-year water conservation survey draft is completed and will be on the next agenda for approval. The test holes are completed and the engineer will view the samples. Waste water treatment plant permit is administratively complete and will be at city hall for thirty days for the public to review. Then the permit should be issued. The aerial mapping project should be completed in approximately 3 weeks. The fire hydrant project has been on hold but should begin again soon. Commissioner McDowell said he was contacted by an individual that said there was no electricity in the McDade Park bathrooms.

The Commission held budget work sessions for the following departments: Administration, Fire, Emergency Management, Inspection, Shop, and IT.

A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed by a majority vote to continue past the 9:00 P.M. meeting deadline. Commissioner Bodnar opposed.

Meeting adjourned.

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Pat L. Sims, Mayor

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Vince DiPiazza, City Manager