

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Dottie Crockett, Arbie Taylor, Jeff Turner, Jack Braswell, Anthony Walker, Ron Collett, Tom Ferguson, Isidro Renteria, Marvin Trejo, Jose Escamilla, Barbara Mulanax, Meredith Laurent, and Mike Shockey.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Funk asked about bills for relocation expenses, \$3,000. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said these costs are paid for by the police department as a recruiting incentive. Commissioner Funk asked if relocation expenses were paid for other department employees and Mr. DiPiazza said no. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the September 2, 2014 Special City Commission meeting minutes, September 8, 2014 Special City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

The Commission reviewed an agreement for municipal judge. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to reappoint Barbara Mulanax as municipal judge for a net sum of \$1,100 per month, after withholding taxes. There are no changes to the agreement. Term of agreement is for one year, October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Mayor Sims administered the Oath of Office and the Statement of Appointed Officer. The Commission told Ms. Mulanax they appreciated her service to the city.

Moore County Hospital District CEO Jeff Turner asked the Commission to consider closing a portion of E. 2nd Street between Bliss and Meredith Avenues. Architect Anthony Walker with Korte presented plans for the hospital expansion.

Commissioner Bodnar said he would like to talk to the citizens before the commission approved this ordinance because they voted against the bond election to build a new hospital. Commissioner McDowell agreed. Commissioner Funk said he was not opposed to the expansion but understood what Commissioner Bodnar was saying. The bond election to build a new hospital was \$49 million and the cost for the expansion is \$20 million, not including renovations. Mr. Turner said the tax rate would not increase and tax money would not be used for the expansion project. There would not be any issues with utilities, traffic or fire hydrants if a portion of E. 2nd Street was abandoned. Mayor Sims said he is in favor of the expansion project and it is something that the community needs. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Bodnar, and passed by a majority vote to table Ordinance No. 1117 until further information is received. Mayor Sims opposed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1116 setting the ad valorem tax rate at \$0.170412 on the \$100 valuation.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented an ordinance regarding a settlement with Southwestern Public Service/Xcel. Mr. DiPiazza said an increase in SPS' base-rate revenue of \$37 million as compared to SPS' requested increase of \$81.5 million. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1118 approving a settlement agreement with Southwestern Public Service/Xcel pertaining to SPS January 2014 rate increase filing of \$37 million.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a resolution authorizing submission of an application to Texas Community Development for a grant. Public Works Director Arbie Taylor said there are still utilities that need replaced in the original part of town (Bliss Avenue through Durrett Avenue). A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 14-12, authorizing submission of an application and authorizing the city manager as the representative for a Texas Community Development grant.

City Secretary Kim Rehkopf told the Commission there were three terms expiring on the park board; Jessie Frausto, Mickey Rivera and Debbie Beilue. Ms. Rehkopf said all three members would like to continue to serve. Commissioner Funk said these park board members are very dedicated and conscientious. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Bodnar, and passed unanimously to approve the reappointment of Jessie Frausto, Mickey Rivera and Debbie Beilue to the park board.

Gas Supervisor Jack Braswell told the Commission he needed to purchase new gas regulators to replace the old regulators. The amount budgeted is \$42,000 and the cost to purchase eight new gas regulators is approximately \$24,728. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to

purchase eight regulators for \$24,728 from Koons Gas Measurement for the gas department.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

Public Works Director Arbie Taylor gave an update on the following projects: The fire hydrant project will begin again next week. There have been some recent valves repaired with no budgetary constraints. The bore for the force main for the new lift station is complete. The wet well will be installed this week. Mr. Taylor said he still needs the data on the aerial mapping. Commissioner Bodnar said during the recent rains he didn't receive any complaints from the southeast part of town concerning flooding. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said there are a few areas that have standing water. Mr. Taylor said they have kept the area flowing but need to replace some culverts. Mr. Taylor commended Street Supervisor Jose Escamilla and his department for maintaining the area to eliminate flooding.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager