

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS

NOVEMBER 17, 2008

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 MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM - POLICE DEPARTMENT, 124 EAST 7TH STREET OF SAID CITY:

Members Present:

Mayor Mike Milligan  
Mayor Pro Tem Pat L. Sims  
Commissioner John D. Harris  
Commissioner James Mahaffey  
City Manager Vince DiPiazza  
City Attorney Tom Moore

Members Absent:

Commissioner Mike Salim

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Dottie Williams, Dolores Montoya, Dale Alwan, Karla Smith, Tommy Raper, B.J. Reyes, Greg Tanner, and Paul J. Jenkins.

Mayor Milligan called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the following bills: Ricoh Americas Corporation. Commissioner Mahaffey asked if the city has bought several copier machines. Finance Director Dottie Williams said this cost is for a copier lease, which is split between different departments. Commissioner Mahaffey asked if the landfill equipment was in operating condition and Public Works Director Tommy Raper said yes except the road grader. Commissioner Mahaffey asked how the gas line installation is processing and Mr. Raper said they are at Jack Oldham's and completion should be done by the end of November. Mayor Milligan asked how the police department issued police vehicles. Police Chief Dale Alwan said seniority and how the police officer takes care of their vehicle and keeps it clean. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and passed unanimously to approve the November 3, 2008 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

City Secretary Kim Rehkopf said that Byron McDonald could not be at the meeting tonight for Formal Session, Item No. 1.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented a resolution for a contract with the Government Capital Financing. Ms. Williams said at the April 7, 2008 commission meeting the Commission approved the purchase of three police package vehicles and one

unmarked vehicle. At that time there was no details concerning the financing and the city received the vehicles November 7, 2008. Ms. Williams said now that the vehicles are delivered she received the financing documents at 9.96%. Ms. Williams said she would like for the Commission to consider approving an agreement for financing for the police vehicles with Government Capital Financing at 5.99%. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 08-21 to approve the financial contract with Government Capital Financing at 5.99% for the four police department vehicles.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented an agreement concerning selling surplus items on the internet. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and passed unanimously to approve a seller's agreement with GovDeals, Inc. to sell city surplus items and equipment on their internet based auction site.

Finance Director Dottie Williams said the city currently has a contract with Moore County Credit Bureau and they are raising their fees. Ms. Williams said Moore County Credit Bureau would collect utility accounts for 50% of what is collected and in addition the city would pay an annual fee of \$240 to receive a monthly bulletin, \$12 for a national bureau report, and \$21.65 per month for other requested service charges. Ms. Williams said Perdue, Brandon, Felder, Collins, and Mott's currently work the Dumas court collections to collect utility fees for 30% of the collection amount but they do not report the data to the customer's credit report. Retail Merchants Association will collect payments for 35% to 40% of the collected amount and will put the debt on the customer's credit report. Mayor Milligan asked why the city could not use one of their own employees to do what the Moore County Credit Bureau does, such as, reports and sending information to the credit bureau. Ms. Williams said she is not familiar with that process but she could do some research. City Attorney Tom Moore said there is a way the city could do that. A motion was made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to terminate the agreement with Moore County Credit Bureau and approve a new agreement with Retail Merchants Association to collect and report utility collections.

Purchasing Director Dolores Montoya presented the vehicle bids for the wastewater and inspection departments. Ms. Montoya said she received five bids for the wastewater department vehicle; Witt Motors, 2007 used pickup for \$13,475; Fenton Ford, 2009 new pickup for \$15,105; Gene Messer, 2008 new pickup for \$15,128.50; All-Star Ford, 2006 used pickup for \$10,615.91. Ms. Montoya said the staff is recommending John Chandler, 2009 new pickup for \$12,658. Ms. Montoya is also recommending the purchase of a 2009 pickup from John Chandler Ford for \$12,658 for the inspection department. A motion was made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to purchase two, 2009 new pickups from John Chandler Ford for \$12,658 each.

Public Works Director Tommy Raper said the city has several used pieces of equipment and vehicles that have been removed from service that should be disposed of.

Mr. Raper would like to put this equipment on the web auction. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and passed unanimously to dispose of vehicles and equipment on the internet through GovDeals.

Purchasing Director Dolores Montoya presented quotes on trailers for the solid waste department. Quotes received were from Bell Trailerplex for \$16,994; Sunshine Trailers for \$14,922; Young's Trailer Sales for \$14,975. Commissioner Harris told the public that Sunshine Trailers was owned by Paul and Ineze Jenkins. A motion was made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to purchase a gooseneck tandem dual dump bed trailer for the solid waste department from Sunshine Trailers for \$14,922.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented quotes for a contractor to do site preparation work for the swimming pool project. Lewis Construction for \$22,197 or the value of hourly rates plus 25% for overhead and profit and Lewis Construction will furnish all insurance, mobilization, labor, machines and supervision necessary to complete the area clean-up, which is placing loose material waste to deep end of existing, slope sides of existing with ordinary compaction methods, process borrow materials at city landfill with pre-wetting approximately 600 cubic yards for the city to load and transport to site on an as needed basis, and place and compact delivered fill materials in 8 inch lifts with ordinary compaction methods, continuing this practice to an elevation of existing ground level around site; Brown Construction for \$4,400 which includes backfill, compact, and level swimming pool hole to 90% compaction, with the city furnishing the dirt and hauling the dirt to the location; Venable's Construction for \$27,625 which includes labor and equipment to backfill and compact the old swimming pool to 90% compaction with the city furnishing all hauling of material to location. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the quote from Brown Construction for \$4,400 to do the site preparation for the swimming pool project.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented the revised scope of work to become part of the contract with Sunbelt Pools. Mr. DiPiazza said the scope of work incorporates the changes that were discussed at the last city commission meeting and includes the contractor building the pool itself and installing all the features while the city acts as the general contractor on most of the remainder of the project. Mr. DiPiazza said the changes to the pricing as a result of the new scope of work are based on the original bid which the city commission has already approved. Mayor Milligan said the diving boards would be at the end of the competition swimming pool and he would like Mr. DiPiazza to contact Sunbelt Pools to make sure that the diving boards could be removed for competition meets. Mayor Milligan discussed costs and would like for Mr. DiPiazza to make sure the city cost is the same as Sunbelt Pools costs. Mayor Milligan asked if the city had addressed the depth of the swimming pool and Mr. DiPiazza said the swimming pool would be a lesser depth. Commissioner Harris said the shallow end of the pool would now be 3'6". A motion was made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the revised scope of work with Sunbelt Pools for the swimming pool project.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a resolution and agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation TxDOT for the local contribution to the U.S. Highway 87 overpass project. Mr. DiPiazza said the city would pay 10% of the project cost which would be \$128,000 and could be paid out in three years. Mr. DiPiazza said these funds were not budgeted. Commissioner Harris asked if Dumas Economic Development Corp. (D.E.D.C.) funds could be used for this project. Mr. DiPiazza said he would ask D.E.D.C. Mr. DiPiazza said the \$128,000 does not include the utility line relocations for water, gas, and storm sewer that the city will be liable for doing, which would cost approximately \$200,000. Mr. DiPiazza said that TxDOT would allow 10% down now with two annual payments. Mayor Milligan suggested the Commission authorize Mr. DiPiazza to negotiate the cost with TxDOT. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 08-22 and an agreement with TxDOT for the contribution of \$128,000 for the U.S. Highway 87 overpass project and allow Mr. DiPiazza to negotiate the down payment from ten to one-third percent with two annual payments.

Mayor Milligan recessed into executive session at 7:16 p.m. for deliberation regarding attorney consultation to discuss waste water treatment plant permit issues and deliberation regarding personnel matters to discuss the evaluation of the city manager. Mayor Milligan recessed the executive session at 8:20 p.m. and reopened the regular meeting. There were no decisions or votes taken.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Milligan, Mayor

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Vince DiPiazza, City Manager