

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
DECEMBER 21, 2009
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 POLICE DEPARTMENT MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM, 124 EAST 7TH STREET OF SAID CITY:

Members Present:

Mayor Mike Milligan
Mayor Pro Tem Pat L. Sims
Commissioner Mike Salim
Commissioner James Mahaffey
Commissioner Michael L. Funk
City Manager Vince DiPiazza
City Attorney Tom Moore

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Dottie Williams, Joe Montana, Loke Marquez, Isidro Renteria, Paul J. Jenkins, Gary Edwards, Louis Leven, James Blankenberg, Andrew Espinoza, Jared Ort, and Dale Alwan.

During attending citizens and their business Mayor Milligan commended City Manager Vince DiPiazza for applying for a grant concerning the use of natural gas in some of the city vehicles. Mayor Milligan read the names of entities that received the funds from the grant: Railroad Commission, North Central Texas Council of Governments, Texas Parks & Wildlife, and University of Texas in Austin. Cities: Laredo, Austin, Houston, Corpus Christie, Port of Corpus Christie, El Paso, San Antonio, and Dumas. Mayor Milligan said Dumas will receive \$107,000.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the following bills: Bank of America, \$783.75 for the gas department. Shop Superintendent Loke Marquez said this cost was to replace the engine in the customer service vehicle. Consolidated Distributor Sales, \$2,259.42 for the landfill department. Mr. Marquez said this cost was to repair the cylinder on the landfill bulldozer. Mayor Milligan said there have been a few questions asked concerning Santa Claus riding in the fire truck. Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins said the firefighters raise money, and donate funds themselves, to provide food and presents for families every year. This year they raised \$2,500 and helped 17 families. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the December 7, 2009 Regular City Commission meeting minutes, the December 14, 2009 Special City Commission meeting minutes, and paying the bills.

Mayor Milligan opened the Formal Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the city received a petition with approximately three hundred thirty-eight signatures to verify. The number of signatures required according to the city charter states twenty-five percent of votes cast in the last election, which he interprets to mean ballots cast or 100 signatures, which ever number is greater. The number of signatures required was 140. Votes cast in the last election were 557. This petition

concerns Ordinance No. 1060 which does not allow vehicles, trailers, recreational vehicles or boats and prohibits the storage of specific items in front yards or streets. City Attorney Tom Moore said this would be presented as an 'initiative' with an ordinance to repeal. Mr. Moore said none of the petitioners have contacted him but he would help draft an ordinance to repeal, which would be on the May 8, 2010 election ballot. The Commission accepted the announcement of the petition report.

North Plains Babe Ruth (NPBR) representative Gary Edwards asked the Commission to consider their ball field lighting proposal. Mr. Edwards said there are approximately nine teams with fifteen boys per team. Mr. Edwards said the baseball program is growing and they would like to have lights to play evening games. Commissioner Salim asked how much the lights would cost and Mr. Edwards said \$64,712 is for the lights only and other necessary items have been donated. Mr. Edwards said an extra \$10,000 to \$15,000 should be added for unforeseen costs. Commissioner Salim said this cost is not budgeted. Mayor Milligan said the city should help with the funding. Mr. Edwards said NPBR is asking the city to fund \$50,000. Commissioner Salim suggested the city donate half of the lighting cost which is \$32,356. Mayor Pro Tem Sims suggested the city contribute \$34,700 and said the city has been asked to help with the baseball field lighting cost the past few years. Mayor Pro Tem Sims said the city asked NPBR to obtain funding and they have. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to fund \$34,700 for the baseball field lighting for North Plains Babe Ruth baseball program.

Public Works Director Andrew Espinoza presented Change Order No. 7 from Oller Engineering (Triple L Utilities): Change Order No. 7 - increase of \$43,492 for deepening bores due to a storm drain line. A new concrete casing and water pipe would be installed. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve Change Order No. 7 with an increase in the amount of \$43,492 to deepen bores, due to a storm drain line, for the U.S. 87 utility relocation project.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented bids on a ¾ ton pickup truck with three bids received from All Star Ford for \$20,596.82; Duncan Chevrolet for \$21,817.11; and Edwards Chrysler for \$27,727. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to approve the bid from All Star Ford for \$20,596.82 for a ¾ ton pickup truck for the solid waste department.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented bids on a sewer rodding machine with two bids received from Kinloch Equipment for \$38,197 and from Texas Municipal Equipment for \$45,613.76. Water/Wastewater Superintendent Louis Leven stated that both bids met specifications. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to approve the bid from Kinloch Equipment for \$38,197 for a sewer rodding machine for the wastewater department.

Mayor Milligan opened the Work Session.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented bid specifications on a one ton truck. Commissioner Salim told Landfill Superintendent Isidro Renteria there were items that should be added to the specifications. Mayor Pro Tem Sims recommends changing the year model from 2008/2009 to a 2006 or newer model. The consensus of the Commission agreed with the one ton truck specifications for the landfill department with the addition of an 'eight

foot factory bed', axle ratio 4.1 'or equivalent', a '2006 used or newer model with 65,000 maximum miles', delete the five speed transmission and leave as an automatic transmission.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented bid specifications on a 3,000 gallon water truck. Landfill Superintendent Isidro Renteria said the landfill permit requires a 3,000 gallon water truck for dust control. The consensus of the Commission agreed with the 3,000 gallon water truck specifications for the landfill with the deletion of the \$15,000 cost.

Mayor Milligan recessed into executive session at 7:34 p.m. for deliberation regarding personnel matters concerning the evaluation of the city manager. Mayor Milligan closed the executive session at 8:19 p.m. and reopened the formal session. There were no votes or action taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Milligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager