

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
MAY 16, 2011
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 Pat L. Sims
Mayor Pro Tem David M. Bonner
Commissioner Michael L. Funk
Commissioner Vernon McDowell
City Manager Vince DiPiazza

Members Absent:

City Attorney Tom Moore

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Stan Stroebel, Deck Shaver, Judy Pendley, Jack Braswell, Loke Marquez, Jose Escamilla, Colleen Randall, Tim Spurlock, Brenda Elzner, Sam Cartwright, Paul J. Jenkins, Steve Bodnar, Mike Running, Shawn Frische, Tony Sikham, Louis Leven, Isidro Renteria, James Blankenburg, Michael Wright, and Jackie Wiswell.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the May 2, 2011 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Tony Sikham, representing Sayroth Khotsouvanh, requested utilities outside the city limits. Mayor Sims said the city's policy does not allow utilities outside the city limits. Mayor Sims said the city's priority is to furnish utilities to the citizens that live in the city limits. A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Funk, after a brief discussion, the motion and second was withdrawn. There was no action taken.

D.E.D.C. Director Mike Running presented proposed community development grant program expenditures on six projects. Representatives of each project were present. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve six community development block grants for GaitQuest, \$2,900; Cowboy Classic Rodeo, \$3,900; AgriLife Extension Service, \$8,000; Dumas Education Foundation, \$8,100; Dumas Youth Baseball/Softball Association, \$6,000; and YMCA of Moore County, \$11,100.

Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins presented costs to purchase a new grass fire truck to replace the truck that burned in the fire. Quotes received were for a 2009 International for \$103,800 and a 2008 International for \$110,000. In addition to the truck the following items are needed to build the truck: pump, \$5,600; flat bed, \$3,000, light bar, \$1,600; radio, \$1,200; a head set system, \$800. Paint is optional at \$2,000. Chief Jenkins recommends the 2009 International from Robert's Truck Center for \$103,800 with the total not to exceed \$125,000. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner asked how the city would finance the truck and if the truck had insurance coverage. Chief Jenkins said TML Insurance will cover anything that is permanently attached. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the financing has not been thoroughly reviewed. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said Moore County should be contacted for partial funding. Commissioner Funk said he would attend the next county commission meeting with Chief Jenkins to ask the county to help with funding for a new fire truck. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve \$122,000 for the purchase of a grass fire truck without seeking bids due to urgent public necessity.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a contract for assessment and collection services with Moore County. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner wants detailed information concerning an eight percent increase before the city approves the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to table this item until detailed information is received concerning the eight percent increase.

Staff withdrew Item No. 5 concerning the gas distribution system. There was no action taken.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

The Commission discussed the N. 8th Street property situation. Mayor Sims explained that the property owner, Mr. Tarango, had approximately one hundred acres and sold them in five acre increments to individuals believing they would have city utilities. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the property is an illegal subdivision. Mr. DiPiazza said in the state plat law there is an exemption to allow five acre lot subdivisions to be made without going through the platting process. Each five acre lot has access with no dedication to public improvements. The city met with Mr. Tarango and his attorney in 2005-2006 and they discussed this issue. Mr. Tarango was aware of the situation but sold his property anyway telling prospective buyers that the city would furnish utilities. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said the homeowners should form a homeowners association and attempt this issue as a group and come up with a plan to present to the city; the city does not need to come up with a plan for the new land owners. Mayor Sims stated that he would contact the landowners and tell them they would be responsible for the development of the land, and that they would need to rezone and plat the property.

Golf Pro Tim Spurlock presented a quote of \$12,800 from Willis Construction to renovate and expand the current golf cart barn. The consensus of the Commission is to put this item on the next agenda.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager