

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

JANUARY 5, 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 MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM - POLICE DEPARTMENT, 124 EAST 7TH STREET OF SAID CITY:

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Commissioner John D. Harris

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Dale Alwan, Ron Hendrix, Steve Taylor, Harold Owen, Dottie Williams, Tommy Raper, Dolores Montoya, Vernon McDowell, Paul J. Jenkins, Anita McDowell, Tim Spurlock, Rhonda McSpadden, Patrick Keough, Sam Cartwright, Karla Smith, R.D. Leimer, Greg Willis, and Don Holliman.

Mayor Milligan called the meeting to order.

During attending citizens and their business, Steve Taylor said that he and Harold Owen would like to change the zoning at 911 N. Maddox. Mr. Taylor said the planning and zoning commission had approved the zoning change. Mayor Milligan told Mr. Taylor that since this item was on attending citizens and their business the city could not make any comments at this time, but the city would put this on the next agenda.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the following bill: Fuego International, LLC, \$6,018.09, \$6,048.09, and \$6,530.00. Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins said the first amount is last year's budget, the second amount is this year's budget, and the third amount was grant funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed unanimously to approve the December 15, 2008 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented Ordinance No. 1062 designating one-way streets. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 1062 designating Oak Avenue from N. 3rd Street to N. 4th Street as a one-way street with all traffic traveling

northbound for the time period beginning one hour before the starting time at Green Acres Elementary and ending one half-hour after the ending time, when school is in session, with two way traffic being permitted at all other times and Powell Avenue from E. 7th Street to E. 5th Street designated as a one-way street with all traffic traveling northbound for the time period beginning one hour before the starting time at Morningside Elementary and ending a half-hour after the ending time when school is in session with two-way traffic being permitted at all other times.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a letter of credit that is required to comply with the Texas Railroad Commission concerning the city's gas wells. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to authorize the issuance of a letter of credit to comply with the Texas Railroad Commission requirements concerning the city's gas wells.

Purchasing Agent Dolores Montoya presented the landfill management software bids from PC Scale for \$16,455 which includes travel, installation, training and license; Waste Works for \$9,430 which includes travel, installation, and license; and Soft-Pak for \$15,400 which includes travel, training, and license. IT Director Rhonda McSpadden said the difference in the costs on the bids is travel and training. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the bid from Waste Works for \$9,430 which includes travel, installation, and license for the landfill management software.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a letter from the Chamber of Commerce Board which stated they would like to be a partner with the City of Dumas concerning the Ding Dong Daddy statue project. Chamber of Commerce Director Sam Cartwright said the board would like to have an approximate cost for the chamber to participate. Patrick Keough with Fiberglass Animals presented a small Ding Dong Daddy statue and answered the Commission's questions concerning the height, color, installation into the pedestal, high wind velocity, and pedestal size. Chamber of Commerce Chairman Don Holliman said the board would like the Commission to consider a thirty foot statue for the visitors center and the cost of a ten foot statue for businesses to purchase to place in front of their store. Mr. Keough said the statues in Amarillo sell sponsorships for the statue piece and a sponsorship for the artwork. Mr. Keough recommends a four foot by four foot pedestal. Commissioner Salim suggested the Commission order at least a twenty-six foot statue. Mr. DiPiazza said the statue is considered a tourism attraction and would be paid for with hotel/motel tax money. The Commission recommends that Mr. DiPiazza order the statue after confirmation from Texas Department of Transportation, (TxDOT), concerning the placement location before ordering the statue. The cost is approximately \$35,800 and Mr. Cartwright said the Chamber of Commerce would split the cost with the city. Mr. Cartwright suggested the statue be angled toward the southwest corner of the visitor center. A motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of a twenty-six foot Ding Dong Daddy statue with a six foot pedestal base with the statue rod extending through the concrete pedestal base into the ground with the Chamber of Commerce paying half of the cost.

Public Works Director Tommy Raper presented construction quotes for the buildings concerning the swimming pool project. Greg Willis owner of Willis Construction said before he presented his quote he would like to thank the city commission the city police department, and the Amarillo Police Department for the dignity that they showed in his father-in-law's passing. Mr. Willis said his father-in-law, Frank Hudson, was the police chief for the City of Dumas for 33 years. Mr. Willis said Ms. Hudson and his family greatly appreciated the kindness and consideration shown by the city in honor of Mr. Hudson. Mr. Willis presented his quote on the construction of the buildings for the swimming pool project, with a subtotal of \$512,404.87, plus a construction management fee of \$85,000, with the total building construction quote of \$597,404.87. Mr. Raper presented quotes from different subcontractors on the bathhouse, pump room, and the pool area for a total of \$661,691.30. This item was tabled. Mayor Milligan asked City Secretary Kim Rehkopf to post an agenda for Friday, May 9, 2009, 12:00 P.M. to discuss the options for the building construction concerning the swimming pool project, the zoning case concerning Harold Owen, and the S. Maddox paving bid specifications.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a resolution concerning the natural gas rate. Mr. DiPiazza said the gas rate could be reduced if the city would lock in the rate until December 2009. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to extend the contract with WTG until December 2009 and to approve the natural gas rate at \$6.49, plus \$2.50 adder fee, totaling \$8.99.

Formal Session, Item No. 7 concerning an appeal hearing was not discussed. Mr. Bryant contacted City Secretary Kim Rehkopf and stated he did not want to pursue the appeal.

Mayor Milligan opened the Work Session.

Mayor Milligan said there has been discussions concerning corporate golf memberships and employee memberships with payroll deduction, and offer the employee a reduced golf membership rate. Mayor Milligan stated by doing this it could possibly increase new golf memberships. Mayor Milligan asked for comments from the public. Greg Willis said the City of Dumas does own the golf course and agreed that city employees could have an annual membership with a reduced rate, but said other corporations should pay the same rates as everyone else. Mr. Willis said he does not get a reduced rate and other golfers should not receive a reduced rate. Sam Cartwright said the city could consider limiting businesses with a minimal number of ten to twelve employees. Tommy Raper pays \$750 for two people annually, and city employees would have to guarantee their membership for twelve months; an employee could not play during the summer months and then cancel their membership during the winter months. Mayor Milligan said D.I.S.D. would like to have a reduced rate with payroll deduction. Pheasant Trails Golf Pro Tim Spurlock stated that the school district would possibly

agree to pay half for golf course improvement costs. Mr. Spurlock said they would like to extend the putting green and make other improvements.

Public Works Director Tommy Raper said the city budgeted \$145,000 to resurface S. Maddox Ave. Mr. Raper said City Engineer Rich Oller presented an estimate of \$364,000. Mr. Raper stated that the resurfacing project would be from E. 14th Street to the backside of the community building which is past E. 16th Street. Mr. Raper said there should be a six inch base and two inch thickness for this project. The consensus of the Commission is to put this item on the next agenda.

Mayor Milligan recessed into executive session at 7:55 p.m. for attorney consultation to discuss the waste water treatment plant permit issues. Mayor Milligan recessed the executive session at 8:25 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