

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

FEBRUARY 2, 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, Dottie Williams, Kathy Eichmann, Paul J. Jenkins, Louis Leven, Karla Smith, Brenda Koehn, Rhonda McSpadden, James Bussard, R.D. Leimer, Cary Milligan, Patsy Milligan, Scott Snyder, Greg Tanner, Brad Snyder, Paula Snyder, Heaven Kinzy, Brady Ames, Deri Ames, and Jack Braswell.

Mayor Milligan called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the following bill: Apodaca Brothers, \$1,384. Commissioner Mahaffey said he thought this company was paid recently. Gas Superintendent Jack Braswell said this cost was to repair a leak and the last invoice was to repair the gas chiller, but the gas stripper is currently working. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the January 19, 2009 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Deri Ames asked the Commission to consider closing 7th Street from Dumas Avenue to S. Porter Avenue for their class reunion, Class of 1999. They will eat at Chica Blanca Restaurant, have music, and visit outside on 7th Street from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Mayor Milligan said the police department had a noise problem in the past. Police Chief Dale Alwan said they did receive a complaint on a past class reunion and they did turn down the music. Commissioner Salim asked Ms. Ames if she was aware that people lived above the restaurant, and Ms. Ames said yes. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to

approve the closing of 7th Street from Dumas Avenue to S. Porter Avenue on June 13, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to midnight for Class of 1999 reunion.

Mayor Milligan asked if anyone wanting to serve on the planning and zoning commission was present tonight. City Inspector Greg Tanner said Larry Hale and Anita McDowell were the only two that responded they were not present. Mr. Tanner said Jim Johnston resigned and City Secretary Kim Rehkopf contacted the people that responded to the advertisements from last year. Mayor Milligan asked Ms. Rehkopf if she spoke to everyone on the list, and Ms. Rehkopf said she left voice messages except for one person. Mayor Milligan asked Mr. Tanner if he knew Mr. Hale or Ms. McDowell. Mr. Tanner said he met Mr. Hale when he obtained a permit from the city. Ms. Rehkopf said Ms. McDowell was with the citizens on patrol through emergency management and a realtor. City Manager Vince DiPiazza told the Commission they could advertise again or recommend someone. Mayor Milligan said he would like Mr. DiPiazza and planning and zoning Chairman William Watson to interview Mr. Hale and Ms. McDowell. This item was tabled.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the 2007-2008 city audit by Keeney, Hembree & Company for \$29,950.

City Attorney Tom Moore presented the second and final reading of an ordinance concerning the 14th Street paving project that has been completed. Mr. Moore said he would send written notices to the property owners being assessed when the paving assessment certificates were received. Mr. Moore said the property owner's have ten days to make their first payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed unanimously to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1064 approving the 14th Street paving assessment certificate of completion and final settlement.

Mayor Milligan said he was contacted by Scott Snyder, 1207 Geary Road. Mayor Milligan said vehicles traveling beyond the speed limit have hit his house twice. Mr. Snyder said the previous homeowner also had a vehicle run into the house. Mr. Snyder said vehicles are speeding and jump the dip which makes them veer into his house. Mr. Snyder asked that a speed bump be placed on Plum Avenue and Mayor Milligan said the city has speed bumps and they really haven't slowed vehicles down. Mayor Milligan said the four-way stop at N.E. 2nd and Bailey Avenue works well. Mayor Milligan suggested placing a "Dip Ahead" sign. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1065 installing stop signs on Plum Avenue, mark the pavement "Stop Sign Ahead," and install a "Dip Ahead" sign.

City Secretary Kim Rehkopf presented records that were destroyed in 2007-2008. Ms. Rehkopf said these were records stored at Salim Tower. Mayor Milligan asked if the records were from the Salim era. Ms. Rehkopf said the records began in 1931 and 8,848 pounds were destroyed at the landfill. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims,

seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed unanimously to approve the report of records destroyed in 2007-2008.

Mayor Milligan opened the Work Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented an ethics policy due to the recent issue from the city's audit. Mr. DiPiazza stated this concerns the city's purchase of goods and services from employee owned businesses. Mr. DiPiazza said he reviewed policies concerning conflict of interest and related matters. Mr. DiPiazza asked the Commission for some direction on the ethics policy. This policy will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor Milligan recessed into executive session at 7:00 p.m. for attorney consultation to discuss the waste water treatment plant permit issues and police department update. Mayor Milligan recessed the executive session at 7:45 p.m. and reopened the regular meeting. There were no decisions made or votes taken.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Milligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vince DiPiazza, City Manager