

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS  
MAY 18, 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, Andee Funk, Cole Funk, B.J. Reyes, Louis Leven, Karla Smith, Dottie Williams, David Gamblin, Tim Spurlock, Sam Cartwright, Brenda Koehn, R.D. Leimer, Judy Pendley, Andrew Espinoza, Isidro Renteria, James Blankenburg, Joe Montana, Loke Marquez, and Paul J. Jenkins.

Mayor Milligan called the meeting to order.

Mayor Milligan administered the oath of office to James Mahaffey, Commissioner Place 2 and Michael L. Funk, Commissioner Place 1. Mayor Milligan asked Commissioner Funk how many years his father had served as a commissioner and Mr. Funk said for several years.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the following bills: Bartlett Lumber & Hardware, \$52.94 and Great Plains Pest Control, \$85 for the fire department. Commissioner Mahaffey asked why the fire department would purchase Roundup and a sprayer and also have a vendor furnish pest control. Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins said the Roundup is used to kill the weeds by the alley and in the cracks at the fire department facility and the pest control is to kill the bugs. Commissioner Salim said since the fire department is spraying for weeds, and now they have the equipment to spray, why couldn't the fire department spray the bugs. Chief Jenkins said they must have a pesticide license. Mayor Milligan asked if the city had licensed people to spray for bugs. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the city is only licensed to spray mosquitoes outdoors and a different license is required for pest control, but he would check to see what the law states. Home Depot Credit Services, \$3,514.20 for the fire department. Chief Jenkins said this cost was to purchase lockers for the firefighter's sleeping quarters. Commissioner Mahaffey asked if the city was keeping the old lockers. Chief Jenkins said the lockers are very old, some were donated by D.I.S.D. and some came from the landfill. Chief Jenkins said the fire department would keep some of the lockers for tool, cleaning supplies and possibly protective gear storage. JP Industries, \$334.69 for the park department. Park and Recreation Director Karla Smith said this cost was for the swimming pool project. Commissioner Mahaffey asked what costs are going to the swimming pool

project. Ms. Smith said the majority of the bills are for the pool project. Commissioner Mahaffey asked Ms. Smith if she had ever considered painting the park department building. Ms. Smith said yes and she has been told by various people that paint would not stick to the building. Ms. Smith said she would need to buy a paint sprayer to paint the building. Mayor Milligan said several city buildings need painted including City Hall. Moore Auto Parts, \$104.96 for the solid waste department. Shop Superintendent Loke Marquez said this cost was to replace the ignition locks and an ignition switch. Mr. Marquez said the city would receive a refund because the ignition locks did not work. Mr. Marquez said instead of replacing the whole steering column they put the ignition in the dash. Commissioner Mahaffey asked if the maintainer was repaired and Mr. Marquez said no, but it should be soon. Mr. Marquez said the shop is working on the fire department pickup. Mayor Pro Tem Sims asked about the Oller Engineering bill for \$8,495.96. Mr. DiPiazza said this cost is for the utility relocation project and plans have been submitted to Texas Department of Transportation for approval. Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the well motor repairs and Water Superintendent Louis Leven said the water wells are currently working. Commissioner Mahaffey also asked about the progress on the new bulk water station. Water Superintendent Louis Leven said he mailed letters to every bulk water customer and said he is waiting for the radios to be installed to communicate with city hall. Commissioner Mahaffey said the bulk water station road looks too small for trucks to get to the bulk water station and Mr. Leven agreed and it should be extended two more feet, but he did not draw the plans. Panhandle Golf Cars, \$3,336.18 for the golf course. Mr. Gamblin said this cost was to replace six batteries in the golf cars; one for the range car and five for the golf cars. Pro Chem, \$4,200 for the golf course. Mr. Gamblin said this cost is for six tons of fertilizer for the fairways, rough, tee boxes, and green surrounds. The fertilizer is applied once a year and sometimes twice a year. Elections, \$2,064.70. Finance Director Dottie Williams said not all invoices had been received yet. Mayor Milligan asked City Secretary Kim Rehkopf what a general election usually costs. Ms. Rehkopf said \$3,500 to \$3,700. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed by a majority vote to approve the May 4, 2009 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills. Commissioner Mahaffey abstained.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to approve the canvass of the general election held May 9, 2009. The election results are as follows:

Position	Early Voting	Election Day	Mail	Total Votes
Commissioner Place 1				
Rod Burrus	47	39	2	88
Michael L. Funk	93	103		196
Commissioner Place 2				
James Mahaffey	81	102	2	185
Marlin Ham	51	37		88

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a list of repairs for the golf course restaurant building with special focus on the roof and kitchen. Mr. DiPiazza said he has received an informal quote on the interior at approximately \$34,000 for the kitchen and he removed some items for optional consideration. Mr. DiPiazza received a quote on the roof for \$8,600. City Inspector Greg Tanner said he inspected the golf course restaurant building and the roof bid received was only over the kitchen. Mr. Tanner stated the roof has plumbing, exhaust hood, and water heater penetrations and there are 3-4 A/C compressors that will take a contractor a full day to remove. There are 3 cracked ribs on the R panel and one roof jack is cracked halfway around. Mr. Tanner said the air conditioning system would need freon and he is waiting on another roof bid. Mayor Milligan said the roof should be repaired first. Mr. Tanner said there are two panels that are bent that would need to be replaced. Commissioner Mahaffey asked if the kitchen needs more lighting and Mr. DiPiazza said he also moved that to the optional item list. Mr. DiPiazza said some of the fluorescent fixtures have been replaced. Mayor Milligan said something should be done with the plumbing and the septic system should be pumped more often. Mr. DiPiazza said a few years ago a plumber did an inspection on the septic system and it should be included in this repair project. Mr. DiPiazza said there has been a lot of trouble with the sewer gas smell and the plumbing system is in very rough condition. Commissioner Mahaffey said the sewer needs to be replaced and Mayor Milligan said the sewer gas smell is very bad in the bathrooms. Mr. DiPiazza said the city could address this also. Mayor Milligan said could the repair project be paid with hotel/motel tax funds. Mr. DiPiazza said he does plan to use hotel/motel tax funds for this project. Golf Pro Tim Spurlock asked what length of time there would be before the restaurant is open again. Mr. Spurlock does not understand why the city does not allow people to bring beer on the golf course. Mr. Spurlock said Dumas does not attract golfers when there is nothing to offer. Mr. Spurlock said he understands that the city does not want to obtain a liquor license or be in the restaurant business but suggested having some kind of food and beverages to sale. Mr. Spurlock said food and beverage sales are total profit for the city. City Attorney Tom Moore said the city could create a separate entity to handle food and beverages. Mr. Spurlock stated that the city should own all of the equipment that would be placed in the restaurant so there is not an empty building again. Mayor Milligan agreed and said the Commission should have started this project February 1, 2009 but everything takes time. Mr. Spurlock said if the restaurant was going to be closed all summer for repairs then the Commission should consider advertising for someone to cook and he would be the general manager over the restaurant workers. Mayor Milligan said the Commission needs to decide what kind of operation they want the restaurant to be. Mayor Milligan said there is a possibility to have a snack bar and anyone that would like to have an event could have it catered. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed unanimously to approve the roof repairs and allow Mr. DiPiazza to choose the best quote provided the quote is less than \$10,000 and to provide bid specifications for the interior of the building.

Mayor Milligan opened the Work Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza would like to review the landfill policy. Mr. DiPiazza said he receives questions from the public and the Commission and he would like to clarify some landfill questions. Mr. DiPiazza said the current landfill hours are seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and closed from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch. Summer hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Commission would like the landfill to stay open during the

lunch hour. Mr. DiPiazza said Saturday the landfill is open from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. and is a drop off center only. Mr. DiPiazza said residents of Dumas are allowed to dump three cubic yards, a pickup load, for free once a month and otherwise the fee is \$30.80 a ton. Mr. DiPiazza said contractor's pay a fee unless they separate their debris. Contractor's pay if they dump in Type IV which is non household garbage or Type I which is only household garbage. Mr. DiPiazza said the ordinance states if a resident has a building permit they can dump for free. We don't always know if a contractor did the work and the resident is dumping the debris for the contractor. Another issue is contractors doing tree trimming. The policy states they can dump tree limbs free. Mayor Milligan said the complaint he receives is if a contractor is remodeling and puts the debris in the alley. Mayor Milligan suggested educating the public. Mr. DiPiazza said the city has done that before and could do it again. Commissioner Funk said the city should give the policy to everyone that gets a permit then the city knows that person is aware of the policy. The Commission agreed. Mayor Pro Tem Sims said he receives questions concerning who can call in for an alley pick up. Mr. DiPiazza said the city will pick up no matter who calls it in. Commissioner Funk said he received a notice concerning possibly being fined for debris in the alley and the contractor that built the house next to his is who dumped the debris in the alley. The Commission told Mr. DiPiazza, Mr. Renteria, and Mr. Espinoza to meet to discuss the landfill policy.

Mr. DiPiazza said the pool is progressing and fencing, decking and diving board placement is being discussed.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Milligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vince DiPiazza, City Manager