

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
JUNE 1, 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 Pro Tem Pat L. Sims
Commissioner Mike Salim
Commissioner James Mahaffey
Commissioner Michael L. Funk
City Manager Vince DiPiazza
City Attorney Tom Moore

Members Absent:

Mayor Mike Milligan

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Andrew Espinoza, Dottie Williams, Gloria Keeney Woodman, Karla Smith, Jack Braswell, Rhonda McSpadden, Loke Marquez, Isidro Renteria, Louis Leven, Paul J. Jenkins, Sharon Bassham, Oma Lee Green, Dale Alwan, James Blankenburg, Greg Tanner, and Paul Dubiel.

Mayor Pro Tem Sims called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the following bills: Red Bud Supply, \$624.51. Finance Director Dottie Williams said this cost was to purchase gloves that are kept in inventory for all departments. Grace Heating & Air, \$4,200 for Administration. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said this cost was for a new heating and air conditioning system for City Hall. Mr. DiPiazza said the cost for repair would have been approximately \$1,000 for a system that is twenty-five years old, so he made the decision to put in a new system. Crinch Transmission, \$470.95. Commissioner Mahaffey asked why the city paid taxes on a gun when the city is tax exempt. Ms. Williams said when an employee buys a sidearm through payroll deduction, the city is required to pay the tax. Advanced Rescue Systems, \$2,575 for the fire department. Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins said this cost was for two items, both for the jaws of life, a power valve and a hand pump. The power valve increases the working pressure and the hand pump is used to operate the tools if the power quits. This is an upgrade and the last time these items were purchased was 2003-2004. Crich Transmissions, \$1,600 for the fire department. Chief Jenkins said this cost was to purchase a rebuilt transmission for the 1996 Dodge code enforcement pickup. Chief Jenkins said the pickup has 250,000 miles now and the cost to rebuild the transmission is less expensive compared to replacing the transmission. Amarillo Truck Center, \$505.88 for the solid waste department. Shop Superintendent Loke Marquez said this cost was to replace seats in the 1996 packer trash truck. Commissioner Mahaffey asked if there was any other equipment being repaired and Mr. Marquez said he is working on an electrical problem on the fire department grass truck, replacing the bushings on the street sweeper and rebuilding the lift mechanism on the conveyor belt; replacing the wheel studs on a trash truck; and making repairs to the bed on the 1980 landfill Mack Truck. Universal Electric Motor Service, \$2,342.36 for the water

department. Water/Wastewater Superintendent Louis Leven said this cost was to replace water well motors that were hit by lightening. Mr. Leven said the small storm during Memorial Day weekend took three water wells off line. There are two wells back on line and the third one is being rewound again. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the May 18, 2009 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Pro Tem Sims read a proclamation declaring June 10-13, 2009 as Dogie Days Week". A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed unanimously to approve the proclamation declaring June 10-13, 2009 as "Dogie Days Week."

The Commission discussed a zoning change in the 100 block of N. Birge for Darin West. Mr. West owns Westco Rental and must move from his current location at 1st Street and N. Birge Avenue due to the TxDOT overpass construction project that will begin soon. Mr. West owns vacant property on N. Birge and would like to move his business and build on his property. Mr. West's request is to change the zoning from "C", Multiple Family, to "J". Industrial".

Mayor Pro Tem Sims closed the Formal Session and opened the Public Hearing.

Sharon Bassham lives a 117 N. Birge and she said she is opposed to the business relocating across the street from her and other residents. Ms. Bassham said there are children in the area and Mr. West already has N. Birge congested with heavy equipment at his current business location. Ms. Bassham recommended Mr. West move his business to the industrial business park because that property is for commercial and industrial businesses. Gloria Woodman, Creselda Ned, and Oma Lee Green agreed with Ms. Bassham and stated they did not want a commercial business in a residential area due to all the heavy equipment causing congestion, children playing in the area, and their homes would depreciate in value. They also suggested Mr. West move his business to the industrial business park.

Mayor Pro Tem Sims closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Formal Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salim, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to table this item until Mr. West could attend the meeting.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a letter from the Chamber of Commerce to close Durrett Avenue on July 4, 2009. Mr. DiPiazza said this is an annual request. The July Fourth celebration begins with mud volley ball and other entertainment including games for all ages. The evening event is the fireworks display. A motion was made by Commissioner Salim, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to approve closing Durrett Avenue at 16th Street for the July Fourth celebration.

Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins asked the Commission to approve the landfill as a public fireworks safe area for the July Fourth celebration. Chief Jenkins said there are very few fires in the county when the city provides an area for the public. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the landfill as a safe area for public fireworks.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented a resolution to approve the financing for the solid waste packer truck. Ms. Williams said Diversified Lenders require action by the Commission in the form of a resolution for financing. A motion was made by Commissioner Salim, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 09-03 for financing the solid waste packer truck with Diversified Lenders.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said there is one position open on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Larry Hale was interviewed by Mr. DiPiazza and P & Z Chairman William Watson. Mr. Hale was contacted again and he would still like to serve. Mr. DiPiazza said the other option is to advertise for volunteers. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to table this item and advertise for volunteers on all city boards and committees for one week.

Police Chief Dale Alwan informed the Commission he sent in a review narrative for the JAG Recovery Act federal grant application for Moore County Sheriff's Office (M.C.S.O.) and City of Dumas Police Department for \$18,709. Chief Alwan told the Commission they must accept the funds in a public meeting and the public has the right to comment on the grant. Chief Alwan said there wasn't enough Part 1 Crimes to generate money for the M.C.S.O. and last year the M.C.S.O. received all of the funds. Commissioner Salim asked Chief Alwan to explain Part 1 Crimes. Chief Alwan said Part 1 Crime is an aggravated offence under Uniform Crime Reporting, which is robbery, rape, or murder. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed unanimously to accept the JAG Recovery Act federal grant funds of \$18,709 for the purchase of a surveillance system in two locations at the police department, tactical entry weapons for the SWAT Team and the purchase of covert communication and other surveillance equipment.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented area swimming pool fees and past commission meeting minutes discussing the new pool fees. Mr. DiPiazza told the Commission swimming fees need to be set before the pool opens. The Commission discussed daily fees for children, students, adults, season passes and party rental fees. Commissioner Salim asked if Valero or other contributions had been received and Mr. DiPiazza said Moore County has contributed funds of \$250,000. Commissioner Salim said in reading the past commission minutes there was discussion concerning rental fees which was \$300 per hour, which is excessive. Commissioner Salim said \$200 per hour minimal would be more reasonable. Commissioner Funk said there is one lifeguard for every 25 people and suggested there should be more life guards with the pool expansion. Park and Recreation Superintendent Karla Smith said she always has 2 guards at every party and the state does require one life guard to every 25 people. Ms. Smith said Pampa offers one or two nights a week as family night, which still includes the public, and the Commission could consider that as an option. Ms. Smith said in the past the city charged \$35 for twenty swims and \$100 for private parties, which were 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Sims said he liked the idea of a punch card pass system. Mayor Pro Tem Sims said the swimming pool is using tax payer's money that funded the new swimming pool and said the Commission should consider options to cover all of the expenses. The Commission suggested Mr. DiPiazza and Ms. Smith discuss set fees for them to review at the next meeting. There was no action taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Sims opened the Work Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said progress is continuing on the swimming pool project and estimated opening would be in July. Public Works Director Andrew Espinoza said he has received two quotes on fencing and decking and the earth work still needs to be completed. Mayor Pro Tem Sims asked if the parking area would need repaired after the pool is finished and Mr. Espinoza said the parking area would need to be rebuilt. City Electrician James Blankenburg said the primary high voltage lines under the road would be installed in three weeks then Xcel would install the transformer.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the specifications for renovating the McDade Park walking track should be discussed before the city bids the project. Mr. DiPiazza said he received one quote from Lewis Construction to remove and replace the 8' by 2659' asphalt surface that would cost \$45,000 and a new 10' by 2650' asphalt base and 1 1/2 inch asphaltic concrete wear surface would cost \$60,000. Mr. DiPiazza said the park board had recommended a few years ago to expand the track to 10' and install a rubberized surface. Park and Recreation Director Karla Smith recommends the walking track be replaced instead of repaired. Commissioner Salim asked about the maintenance and Ms. Smith said tree roots and grass would continue to cause cracks in the future. The consensus of the Commission is to bid a new 8' asphalt walking track for McDade Park.

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Milligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager