

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS  
JUNE 15, 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  
Commissioner Michael L. Funk  
City Manager Vince DiPiazza  
City Attorney Tom Moore

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Andrew Espinoza, Dottie Williams, Rhonda McSpadden, Loke Marquez, Isidro Renteria, Louis Leven, Paul J. Jenkins, Sharon Bassham, Oma Lee Green, Tom Flood, James Blankenburg, Herbert Olivarez, Michelle Olivarez, Greg Tanner, Joe Montana, Darin West, Brenda Koehn, Sam Cartwright, and Michael Wright.

Mayor Milligan called the meeting to order.

During attending citizens and their business Mayor Milligan thanked Mayor Pro Tem Sims for performing the mayor's duties since he could not attend the last meeting. Mayor Milligan said Dr. J. Paul Price watches the televised city commission meetings and always informs Mayor Milligan if the audio and video isn't working. Mayor Milligan said Dr. Price has lived in Dumas for 64 years and he is moving to an assisted living facility in Missouri. Mayor Milligan said Dr. Price was always very interested in city government and would be missed greatly. Mayor Milligan also thanked Commissioner Mahaffey, Dumas Noon Lions Club Head Wrangler, for having a successful Dogie Days and stated that the weather was wonderful throughout Dogie Days. Commissioner Mahaffey thanked all city supervisors and employees for their hard work during Dogie Days. City Manager Vince DiPiazza commended Electrician Supervisor James Blankenburg for his hard work. Mr. DiPiazza said Mr. Blankenburg was working at the pool site and Dogie Days.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed by a majority vote to approve the June 1, 2009 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills. Commissioner Mahaffey abstained.

Darin West, owner of Westco Rental, asked the Commission to consider changing the zoning in the 100 block of N. Birge from "C", Multiple Family, to "J". Industrial". Mr. West must move his business from his current location at 1st Street and N. Birge Avenue due to the TxDOT overpass construction project that will begin soon. Mr. West stated he owns vacant property on N. Birge, directly behind his current business, which is the old art center. Mr. West would like to move his business back and build on his property and TxDOT is only giving him until November to move. Area residents were present and they were opposed to

Mr. West moving his business north on N. Birge due to the heavy equipment he has. Sharon Bassham lives a 117 N. Birge and said she is opposed to the business relocating across the street from her and the other homeowners. Ms. Bassham stated the heavy equipment at Mr. West's current location blocks the street and two cars can't get through. The residents asked Mr. West to consider moving his business to the Dumas Industrial Park. Mayor Milligan said he would like to see the overpass plans and stated D.E.D.C. should help businesses that were already established in the community. Mr. West said if he gets the plans done in July for the new building, it would still be January 2010 until the contractors are finished. Commissioner Funk asked Mr. West if he had met with the residents on N. Birge and Mr. West said no, but he should have. Mr. West said this is the busiest time for him and he has been out of town. Mayor Pro Tem Sims questioned the traffic flow and Mr. West replied that the traffic ramp would begin in the middle of the alley behind the Bible Baptist Church and at that point traffic could go either way, but after that, traffic would be directed to Twichell Avenue. Commissioner Salim said he knew of some property that might be for sale on Dumas Avenue and he would contact Mr. West after he talked to the property owner. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to table this item.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said there were only two responses from the city advertisements for citizens to volunteer their services on all city boards and committees. Mr. DiPiazza said two people contacted the city, Patty Meyer for any board and Sue Owens, park board. The people that previously volunteered are Jessica Beard, Andy Alexander, Larry Hale, Ralph Cunningham and Steve Bodnar. Mr. DiPiazza said he and Planning and Zoning Chairman William Watson interviewed Mr. Hale and recommends his appointment to the zoning commission. Mr. DiPiazza said the others willing to serve have not been interviewed. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to appoint Larry Hale to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented an ordinance that would allow the city to impose a lien against an owner's property to collect non-payment of utility services, unless it is a homestead. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1068 allowing the city to place a lien on an owner's property for non-payment of utility services.

Finance Director Dottie Williams told the Commission she received a letter from Kenney, Hembree Company stating they were no longer going to provide audit services to the city. Ms. Williams recommends the city advertise a request for audit services. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the request for proposal for professional audit services.

IT Director Rhonda McSpadden asked the Commission to approve the purchase of a server and personal computers. Ms. McSpadden said \$8,200 was budgeted to purchase these items and the server would be placed at the fire department and the personal computers would be located at city hall and the police department. Quotes received were from Dell, SHI, and ByteSpeed. Ms. McSpadden is recommending the low bid from SHI and she would adjust the number of personal computers to stay within budget. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to purchase a server and personal computers from SHI for \$8,200.

Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins presented bid specifications and a quote for a pump test pit and slab. Chief Jenkins presented an informal quote from Brown Construction for \$13,673. Chief Jenkins said \$15,000 was budgeted for this construction. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the bid specifications for formal bids to construct a concrete pump test pit and slab for \$15,000 or less.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve an agreement with Atlas Fireworks for \$6,000 for the July Fourth celebration.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented proposed swimming pool fees. General admission for adults, \$4.00; youth to 18 years old \$3.00; youth under 3 years old, free. Family night on Friday's with discussion concerning the cost. Passes for adults, \$70 for 20 swims and youth, \$50 for 20 swims. Current youth passes are \$35 for 20 swims. Private party rental fee of \$200 for any evening except family night with 2, two hour blocks from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The Commission would like for this item to be discussed with Park & Recreation Director Karla Smith. Commissioner Salim asked why the city is already paying a contract fee to the YMCA when the swimming pool isn't opened. Mr. DiPiazza said that was in the contract with the YMCA so he could start hiring life guards and prepare for the opening. Mayor Milligan asked Mr. DiPiazza to contact the Brownfield swimming pool and get their fee schedule. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to table this item.

Mayor Milligan opened the Work Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the city has been advertising for the lease of the golf course restaurant and has only received one proposal. Herbert Olivarez said he was interested and has only managed the restaurant under the previous lessee. Mr. Olivarez said he understands that the city would be placing equipment in the restaurant. Mr. Olivarez said he would like to keep the bar and eating area as it is and divide the banquet room, which already has a divider, to have a more country club atmosphere. Mayor Milligan asked that the advertisement run for two more weeks in the Dumas and Amarillo news papers. Commissioner Funk said the city should let Mr. Olivarez run the restaurant, not the city, because the city does not need to be in the restaurant or liquor business. City Inspector Greg Tanner suggested the city have a specific fund for replacement of equipment. Mr. DiPiazza and Mr. Olivarez are to meet and discuss the restaurant equipment.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said progress is still continuing on the swimming pool project. Mayor Milligan commended Public Works Director Andrew Espinoza for his expertise and labor at the pool site. Mr. Espinoza said the earth work was holding the project back but eighty percent of it has been completed.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Milligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vince DiPiazza, City Manager

