

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
JULY 6, 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 Michael L. Funk
City Manager Vince DiPiazza
City Attorney Tom Moore

Members Absent:

Mayor Mike Milligan
Commissioner James Mahaffey

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, Greg Tanner, Joe Montana, Darin West, Brenda Koehn, Sam Cartwright, Michelle Brooks, Tommy Brooks, Steve Saenz, Tina Saenz, Jeff Turner, Darren Goodheart, Kris Batenhors, Coby Shacker, Judy Pendley, Cherie Coaly, Justin Coaly, David Gamblin, Clinton Hughes, Karla Smith, Gloria Woodman, Ricky McMinn, Emma Young, and Michael Wright.

Mayor Pro Tem Sims called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salim, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the June 15, 2009 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Moore County Hospital CEO Jeff Turner presented an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to the Dumas Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Turner said the volunteer firefighters are sometimes the first responder to a scene and decisions must be made quickly in a cardiac arrest. Mr. Turner said the hospital will own the AED but allow the fire department to keep it at the fire station. Mr. Turner said the hospital received state and federal funding to purchase the AED. Mr. Turner stated the hospital, fire department, volunteer firefighters, and the city have a very good working relationship and he appreciates that because that is not always the case with other entities he has worked for.

Darren Goodheart said he was partial owner of the old Western Sizzlin building. Mr. Goodheart is requesting a variance from the landscaping requirements because the building is surrounded by asphalt. Mr. Goodheart said he and the other co-owners are paying a huge cost to remodel the facility and it would be a big cost to remove the asphalt, install a sprinkler system, and landscape. Mr. Goodheart said part of the building would have a pleasant steak house atmosphere and the other part would be a sports bar. A motion was made by

Commissioner Salim, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to allow a variance from landscaping requirements at 1621 S. Dumas Avenue.

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 new 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. The residents asked Mr. West to consider moving his business to the Dumas Industrial Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Salim, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to table this item.

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 Commissioner Salim, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1068 allowing the city to place a lien on an owner’s property for non-payment of utility services.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said he received one bid on the McDade Park walking track for \$40,650. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed unanimously to approve the bid from Lewis Construction for \$40,650 for the replacement of the McDade Park walking track.

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 during the swim season until 9:00 p.m. Passes for adults, \$70 for 20 swims and youth, \$50 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. Mayor Pro Tem Sims and Commissioner Funk said \$200 is too high to rent the pool for a private party. Commissioner Salim told Park & Recreation Director Karla Smith if she received any feedback from the public concerning the fee, to inform them and they could reconsider changing the fee. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed unanimously to approve the above swimming pool fees.

Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins asked the Commission to consider allowing him to apply for a construction grant application to build a second fire station on the south side of the city. Chief Jenkins said due to President Obama’s stimulus plan there is two-hundred ten million dollars available. The facility must be built in three years and there are no matching funds. Commissioner Salim asked if the application includes personnel and Chief Jenkins said no. Commissioner Funk said Dumas continues to develop and a new station would be needed. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Salim, and passed unanimously to allow Chief Jenkins to file an application for a grant for the construction of a new fire station.

Mayor Pro Tem Sims 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, which was from Herbert Olivarez. Mr. DiPiazza said the city has purchased tables but the kitchen equipment must be a formal bid.

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Milligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager