

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS  
JULY 20, 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, Isidro Renteria, Louis Leven, Justin Coaly, Karla Smith, Clinton Hughes, Sharon Bassham, Greg Tanner, Joe Montana, Darin West, Brenda Koehn, Sam Cartwright, Jack Braswell, Dale Alwan, Marti Christman, Milton R. Pax, Mike Running, Terri George, Carolyn Stallwitz, Darin Kleb, Damon Admire, and Michael Wright.

Mayor Milligan called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the bill from Amarillo Globe News for \$2,028.96. Finance Director Dottie Williams said this cost was the request for proposals for audit services. Ms. Williams said the deadline to receive proposals is August 11, 2009. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said request for proposals were also sent to specific firms. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the July 6, 2009 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Milligan opened the Work Session.

Milton Pax, representing Ports-to-Plains, asked the Commission to reconsider the city's membership with Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor because Dumas is a main corridor with Highway 287/87, expanding to Colorado and New Mexico. Mayor Milligan told Mr. Pax the city would put this item on the next agenda for reconsideration.

Mayor Milligan closed the Work Session and opened the Formal Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said this item concerning a zoning change has been tabled three times and Commissioner Funk said he and Commissioner Salim met with Darin West and the area residents. Commissioner Funk said he would go with the majority of the residents and stated two residents were opposed and four were in favor of allowing the zoning change, provided fencing and landscaping was included. 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 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. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the zoning change request in the 100 block of N. Birge from "C", Multiple Family, to "J", Industrial, including fencing and landscaping.

Dumas/Moore County Chamber of Commerce CEO Sam Cartwright presented the 2009-2010 proposed budget request. Mr. Cartwright said he has included, at the Commission's request, a detailed profit and loss form. The proposed budget is \$159,000.

Carolyn Stallwitz presented the 2009-2010 proposed budget request for the Moore County Art Association. The proposed budget is \$87,217.65. Ms. Stallwitz thanked the city for providing funding for their facility.

Terri George presented the 2009-2010 proposed budget request for the Moore County Historical Museum. The proposed budget is \$92,608. Ms. George also thanked the city for providing funds.

D.E.D.C. Director Mike Running presented a detailed 2009/2010 proposed budget request of \$680,800. Mr. Running told the Commission about the current projects and presented the 2008/2009 budget narrative.

Mayor Pro Tem Sims commended the art and museum for their hard work at both facilities. A motion was made by Commissioner Salim, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the Dumas/Moore County Chamber of Commerce and visitors center for \$142,160; Moore County Art Association for \$87,217.65; Moore County Historical Museum, \$92,608; and D.E.D.C. for \$680,800 for 2009-2010 proposed budget requests.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said John Harris was the city's liaison on the park board and asked the Commission if they would like to appoint another ex-officio member. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed by a majority vote to appoint Mike Funk as the city's liaison on the park board. Commissioner Funk abstained.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented an ordinance that states attendance requirements for city advisory boards. Mr. DiPiazza said this request was discussed at a prior meeting, with no action taken, but the park board is requesting the Commission reconsider approving the ordinance. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1069 with specific attendance requirements for city advisory boards.

Captain Coaly with the Dumas Fire Department presented the pump test pit and slab bids. Captain Coaly said one quote was received from Benny Brown Construction for \$13,673. \$15,000 was budgeted for the pump test pit and slab. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the bid from Benny Brown Construction for \$13,673 to construct a pump test pit and slab for the fire department.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented agreements with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) concerning the Highway 87 overpass project. Mayor Milligan asked what the city will have to pay for this project. Mr. DiPiazza said the city will pay for the relocation of the utilities in the right-of-way and ten percent of the local right-of-way acquisition with some exceptions. Mr. DiPiazza said the estimated project cost is \$500,000 but TxDOT will pay thirty-six percent, then the cost for the city would be approximately \$300,000. Mayor Pro Tem Sims asked when the railroad would be closed and the line relocation begin. Mr. DiPiazza said the city has to do this project before November. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the agreement with TxDOT for participation in the utility relocation costs; agreement with TxDOT and B.N.S.F. to close the railroad crossing at W. 11th Street; and authorize to seek bids for the utility relocation project.

Mayor Milligan closed the Formal Session and reopened the Work Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Sims said he, Commissioner Salim, and Mike Running were invited to attend a meeting with a group of people from Holland. They build different wind energy turbines than those that have been placed in this area. Mayor Pro Tem Sims said he would like for the Commission to consider proceeding, and possibly have a small turbine installed for the city. D.E.D.C. Director Mike Running said the cost is based on a facilities power usage. Mr. Running said for D.E.D.C. the cost would be approximately \$65,000 for a small turbine. A large turbine, for example to run the waste water treatment plant, would cost \$465,000. Commissioner Salim suggested that the group of people from Holland should attend a city commission meeting to discuss wind energy turbines.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Milligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vince DiPiazza, City Manager