

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 21, 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 POLICE DEPARTMENT MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM, 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, Rich Oller, Travis McCoy, Dale Alwan, Dottie Williams, Loke Marquez, Joe Montana, Judy Pendley, Ashley Elerick, David Rehkopf, Paul J. Jenkins, Damon Admire, Barbara Mulanax, Toby Tobias, Andrew Espinoza, Jack Braswell, Isidro Renteria, Jared Ort, Louis Leven, and James Blankenburg.

During attending citizens and their business David Rehkopf, representing the Dumas Post of the American Legion, invited the Commission and public to attend an opening ceremony, September 22, 2009 for the arrival of the Veterans Memorial Traveling Tribute. The Dumas Post of the American Legion is sponsoring the Traveling Tribute. Mr. Rehkopf said the Veterans Memorial Traveling Tribute would be escorted into town by a group of veteran motorcycle riders. Mr. Rehkopf said the Veterans Memorial would be on display at the museum and would be accessible to view 24 hours a day. Mr. Rehkopf said the 4th District Commander and the 18th District Commander of the American Legion would speak during the opening ceremony and there would be a fly over by the Dew Line Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force, based at the Tradewind Airport, Amarillo, Texas. Mr. Rehkopf stated that a flag raising ceremony and speech is planned for each day and the closing ceremony would be September 26, 2009.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the following bills: Farm Plan Corp., \$887.76 for the fire department. Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins said this cost is for horse stall mats, which are three manhole covers. City of Dalhart, \$4,192 for the landfill department. Public Works Director Andrew Espinoza said this cost is for tub grinder usage. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said this tub grinder is used by the City of Dumas and city of Dalhart and was a joint grant received PRPC. Upbeat Inc., \$704.10 for the park department. Mr. DiPiazza said this cost us for a bike rack that will be placed at the swimming pool next year. Amarillo Globe news, \$48 for the city commission. Mr. DiPiazza said this cost is for school and Lions Club advertisement. Commissioner Funk asked Police Chief Dale Alwan about the bill from Dumas Noon Lions Club for \$40 and asked if he attended the Lions Club meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the September 8, 2009 Special City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

David Rehkopf is requesting the commission to consider allowing utility service outside the city limits. Mr. Rehkopf said he would like to build an upscale RV park. Rich Oller, owner of Oller Engineering, and representative Travis McCoy presented preliminary plans to install an eight inch utility line from Prime Builders, going east under Highway 287, and continue east to Mr. Rehkopf's property. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the cost to install utilities is not in the city budget and asked Mr. Rehkopf how soon he would begin this project. Mr. Rehkopf said he would like to open the RV park on January 1, 2010. Mr. DiPiazza said he would like confirmation on the exact time is of the water line at prime builders. Commissioner Funk agrees with the infrastructure and the city definitely does need to know the exact size of the line. Mayor Milligan asked that this autumn be put on the September 21 of, 2009 agenda.

Fire Chief Paul J. Jenkins presented a proclamation concerning fire prevention week. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve a proclamation declaring October 4-10, 2009 as fire prevention week.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented an agreement to reappoint Barbara Mulanax as municipal judge. Ms. Mulanax receives \$900 a month and the city provides a cellular telephone. Ms. Mulanax said she is not asking for any changes to be made in the agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Salim, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the reappointment of Barbara Mulanax as municipal judge for one year, October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza told the Commission that he, Tim Spurlock, and Brenda Koehn interviewed four applicants and the recommendation is to appoint Mr. Robert (Bob) Crockett as golf course superintendent. Mr. Crockett was introduced and thanked the Commission for allowing him the opportunity to serve as golf course superintendent. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to appoint Robert Crockett as golf course superintendent.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented documents concerning the city's participation in the TxDOT US HWY 87 overpass project. Rich Oller, owner of Oller engineering, presented to bid for the utility relocation project. Mr. Oller said only one bid was received from Triple L Utilities for \$453,150.60. That TxDOT indicated they would be responsible for about thirty-six percent of this cost, leaving a cost to the city \$290,017. Finance Director Dottie Williams presented a resolution and information concerning the financing for the utility relocation. Ms. Williams would like to finance project through TxDOT State Infrastructure Bank. Ms. Williams said using the state infrastructure bank allows the ability of borrows to access capital funds at lower-than-market interest rates and the city can take up to five years after the completion of the project to start paying the money back and there is not a penalty for early repayment. A motion was made by Commissioner Salim, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to accept the bid from Triple L Utilities for the utility relocation project at \$443,151; approve financing through text thoughts state infrastructure Bank; and approve Resolution No. 09-03 to authorize City Manager Vince DiPiazza to act on behalf of the city to submit an application to the infrastructure bank.

Public Works Director Andrew Espinoza presented two resolutions concerning a solid waste grant application for waste oil containers and a commercial paper shredder. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 09-04, submitting a grant application for a commercial paper shredder. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve it Resolution No. 09-05, submitting a grant application for waste oil containers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salim, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1070 to rezone property located in the 700 block of Oak Avenue, from “B”, “Two Family Dwelling”, to “C”, “Multiple Family Dwelling”, for Eastland Properties LLC/Damon Admire.

A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1071 prohibiting use of wireless communication devices while driving in a school zone.

Mayor Milligan opened the public hearing concerning setting the ad valorem tax rate. There were no public comments. Mayor Milligan closed the public hearing and reopened the formal session.

Mayor Milligan said Dumas has the lowest tax rate in Texas. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1072 setting the ad valorem tax rate at \$.148944 on the \$100 valuation.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented the janitorial service bids. Ms. Williams said she had four individuals that picked up the bid specification packets and she received one bid back from Lisa's Cleaning Service. A motion was made by Commissioner Salim, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to award the janitorial service bid to Lisa's Cleaning Service for \$19,200 annually, which includes city hall, city warehouse, and the police department. Ms. Williams also presented the banking/depositing service bids with one bid received from Happy State Bank. Ms. Williams said she did receive a letter from First National Bank and Bank of America thanking her for the opportunity to enter a bid but declined. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to award the banking/depositing service bid to Happy State Bank.

Mayor Milligan opened the Work Session.

Commissioner Funk said he serves as an ex-officio member on the park board and was told the bicycle path had been discussed in a previous city commission meeting and he would like for the Commission to reconsider the bicycle path in the southeast area of town. City manager Vince DiPiazza said parking had to be considered. Public Works Director enters them so said he ought to check on the path that had been considered due to the flow of traffic. Mr. Espinoza said he did not work for the city when the bike path is first discussed. Commissioner found that he would like to take suggestions back to the cardboard.

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Milligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager