

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 2, 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, Dottie Williams, Travis McCoy, Tim Spurlock, Andrew Espinoza, Judy Pendley, Karla Smith, Mike Running, Kristen Wells, Jared Ort, Paul J. Jenkins, Brenda Koehn, Louis Leven, Isidro Renteria, Dale Alwan, Michelle Olivarez, and Herbert Olivarez.

During attending citizens and their business Mayor Milligan stated that he often finds city vehicles continuously running during the lunch hour with no one in the vehicle and said he thought it might be because of the radios. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said there is no reason a service vehicle should be left running with no one in the vehicle. Mayor Milligan said what if it's not a service vehicle. Mayor Milligan asked the city employees that were present if they had any comments and there were none. Mayor Milligan stated next time he saw a city vehicle running with no one in it he would personally talk to them.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked about the following bills: Glasstech and Overhead Door, \$288.36 for the street department. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the street department was mowing in an alley and a rock flew into the property owners' patio glass door. Kel-Tex Electric, \$1,711.30 for the police department. Police Chief Dale Alwan said this cost was to replace bulbs and ballasts. Chief Alwan said the police department has not had lights for some time, and they could install the light bulbs, but not the ballasts. Commissioner Salim asked why the city electrician did not do the work. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said the city electrician has been very busy with other city projects so a local company was contacted. Commissioner Mahaffey asked why the city didn't get prisoners to do this work. Mr. DiPiazza said a licensed electrician must change out ballasts. Commissioner Funk asked why the gas and water department were charged \$1,347.50 each by Oller Engineering for the U.S. 87 utility relocation. Finance Director Dottie Williams said the total cost is split between the gas and water departments. Commissioner Salim asked why the city paid the Texas Workforce Commission \$1,568 out of the landfill department for a claim concerning Mr. Ned. Mayor Milligan said the city should challenge all workforce claims, no exceptions. Mr. DiPiazza said this is a personnel matter and he would not discuss it in a public meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor

Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the October 19, 2009 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Milligan opened the Formal Session.

Dumas Economic Development Corporation Director Mike Running presented a grant and performance agreement with Wells Paint Service with a development incentive for \$20,000. The project improvements would be deemed complete upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy from the City of Dumas. A motion was made by Commissioner Salim, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed by a majority vote to approve the D.E.D.C. grant and performance agreement and a \$20,000 development incentive with Wells Paint Service. Commissioner Mahaffey abstained.

Mr. Running also presented the D.E.D.C. 2008-2009 annual report. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed by a majority vote to approve the 2008-2009 D.E.D.C. annual report. Commissioner Mahaffey abstained.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a contract with Oller Engineering for the U.S. 287 water line extension project and authorization to solicit bids. Mr. DiPiazza said the last time the Commission discussed this project the city looked at two things; water service for David Rehkopf's proposed RV park and to loop the water line in an area where the city needs to provide back up water supply. Mr. DiPiazza said the city staff is proposing a change to the project. In the original proposed water line extension, the line was going to go up the east side of U.S. 287, connect to the existing line in the vicinity of Wal-Mart, then run the line to the proposed RV park development. Mr. DiPiazza said the city does not need that line right now, only if there is future demand. Mr. DiPiazza proposes the city go to where the existing line ends, cross the highway, then down the east side to Mr. Rehkopf's property, where it would dead-end. Mr. DiPiazza said the city would complete and pay for a portion of the loop on the opposite side. Mr. Rehkopf said if the city chooses to do that, then the city should pay for the crossover on U.S. 287, and he would pay for the dead-end line. Mayor Milligan asked how the city would recover their cost in the future. Mr. DiPiazza said by changing the project to his recommendation it would save the city money up-front. Mr. DiPiazza also stated that D.E.D.C. is working on prospects south of Mr. Rehkopf's property, and they might consider paying a portion for the loop line, except Mr. Rehkopf's portion of the cost to cross U.S. 287. Mayor Milligan asked Mr. Rehkopf if he was going to have some type of water tower. Mr. Rehkopf said if the loop line is installed correctly the first time it would provide the volume and pressure for fire protection to his development and to the motels. Mayor Milligan said fire protection would not be discussed at this time. A citizen attending the meeting, Jared Ort, said if the Commission would listen, the fire chief is trying to tell them there isn't enough water pressure now if the motels were to catch on fire. Commissioner Funk said he understands the water issue at the motels, but if they were to catch on fire, would there be enough volume and pressure for the RV park development. Mr. DiPiazza said the city has looked at this project and assumes there is not a problem providing Mr. Rehkopf water at the volume and pressure that is required for his development. Commissioner Funk said the project should be done right the first time. Mayor Milligan asked how much it was going to cost to cross U.S. 287. Oller Engineering Representative Travis McCoy said approximately \$20,000 and the project could be bid with an eight inch line and a ten inch line. Mayor Pro Tem Sims asked Mr. McCoy if there were any risks with a dead-end line. Mr. McCoy said there would be pressure loss, a problem with chlorination,

and recommended the city not to do a dead-end line. Mayor Milligan and Commissioner Salim agreed the project should be done right the first time and should be bid both ways so the Commission could compare costs. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the contract with Oller Engineering and authorize soliciting of bids for the U.S. 287 water line extension project.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 09-07 authorizing the city to accept grant funds from SECO, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented the golf course fee policy and stated the golf pro worked out a compromise membership fee with the people who brought the issue before the Commission at the last meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the golf course fee policy.

Mayor Milligan opened the Work Session.

Wastewater Superintendent Louis Leven presented specifications for a sewer rodder machine. The consensus of the Commission agreed to the sewer rodder machine specifications.

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Milligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager