

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
OCTOBER 17, 2011
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 NOON LIONS CLUB BUILDING LOCATED AT 524 S. PORTER AVENUE OF SAID CITY:

Members Present:

Mayor Pat L. Sims
Mayor Pro Tem David M. Bonner
Commissioner Michael L. Funk
Commissioner Vernon McDowell
Commissioner Steve Bodnar
City Manager Vince DiPiazza

Members Absent:

City Attorney Tom Moore

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, David Garrett, Isidro Renteria, Deck Shaver, Dottie Crockett, Loke Marquez, Jose Escamilla, Paul J. Jenkins, Judy Pendley, Dale Alwan, Karen Price-Perry, and Barbara Mulanax.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Bodnar asked about the bill from Panhandle Golf Cars for \$500. Finance Director Dottie Crockett said this cost was for extra golf carts for the JBS Swift tournament. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Bodnar, and passed unanimously to approve the October 3, 2011 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Public Works Director Deck Shaver presented work change orders and the construction contract for the new landfill project. Mr. Shaver recommends rejecting change order number one concerning the scale house water and sewer package for an additional \$20,631. Mr. Shaver recommends rejecting change order number two concerning the concrete entrance road radius for an additional \$34,445.08. Mr. Shaver recommends accepting change order number three concerning the fence height. TCEQ does not require an eight foot fence. This will be a deduction of \$4,368. Change order number four concerning maintenance building footprint is a deduction of \$61,321. Change order number five concerning miscellaneous building items was an error and should be a deduction of \$18,600 in lieu \$8,600. Change order number six concerning the concrete pond lining is a deduction of \$27,336. Landfill Supervisor Isidro Renteria stated if the concrete liner was installed, that the permit would have to be modified, which would take approximately seven months. TCEQ is not requiring a concrete pond liner. Commissioner Funk suggested the building footprint and miscellaneous building items be rebid and allow the landfill supervisor to have input in the bid specifications. The

building project could be bid with separate options. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner asked when the completion date would be and Mr. Shaver said approximately one hundred days. Mayor Sims suggested the office and bathroom be built next to the scale house. Commissioner Bodnar does not like the idea of having gravel flooring. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner felt the concrete entrance would last longer than asphalt. Mayor Sims stated that asphalt would last possibly one year. Commissioner Funk said since the concrete pond lining was not going to be installed, the city could put those funds toward the concrete entrance. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner Bodnar, and passed unanimously to accept change orders two, three, and six. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to reject change orders one, four, and five and approve change order number seven to rebid the maintenance building and the miscellaneous building items.

City Secretary Kim Rehkopf presented a report of the records destroyed. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the report of records destroyed for 2010-2011.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented an ordinance increasing the solid waste fees. The Commission recommended consulting with the city attorney. Finance Director Dottie Crockett said the money is currently in general funds and the money would be transferred to an enterprise fund for the landfill and solid waste departments. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1085 amending the solid waste rate tariff to increase solid waste fees and have specific changes to review before the second reading.

The Commission discussed the appointment or reappointment of the municipal judge. Judge Barbara Mulanax asked if she is reappointed, if the city would withhold taxes out of her monthly check. Judge Mulanax would like to still be able to have approximately one thousand dollars net pay. A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to reappoint Barbara Mulanax as Municipal Judge and to adjust wages by taking out taxes so her net pay is approximately one thousand dollars.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

Street Department Supervisor Jose Escamilla presented specifications for a new pickup. The Commission would like to delete the 5.7 engine, leave the V-8 minimum, and add a used pickup with a maximum of 20,000 miles to the pickup bid specifications for the street department.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza told the Commission that at the last legislative session SB100 was enacted to comply with the MOVE Act. This puts the primary runoff to the fourth Tuesday in May. This creates a scheduling conflict in that the early voting period for primary runoffs would overlap with the May general elections. The county does not have enough election equipment for other entities if there is a primary runoff.

Mr. DiPiazza said the options are: Retaining our current election date and purchase our own election equipment for approximately \$27,984; extend our terms to November; unstagger our terms and have two or four year terms and hold our elections in May of odd numbered years. Mr. DiPiazza said there could possibly be another option. The county clerk is checking her records to see how many machines she used during the last primary runoff. It could be possible for her to lease us two machines for our 2012 election, then the city could budget for four refurbished machines and one printer with an approximate cost of \$7,080. This cost is subject to change by October 2012. Also, the refurbished election equipment could be sold out by the time the city holds their budget sessions. The Commission agreed that the option of leasing two machines for the 2012 general election and budget for election equipment would be a benefit and the best option for the city. The Commission will be updated if there are any changes.

Public Works Director Deck Shaver presented updates concerning the water and wastewater treatment plant; water test holes including confirming with Hydro-Resources the exact locations where the other three test holes are to be drilled; new landfill project; solid waste and landfill equipment. Commissioner Funk recommends adding to the list of projects, finishing the water loop line located south of town.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bodnar, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve going past the 9:00 P.M. meeting deadline.

Mayor Sims recessed into executive session at 9:11 p.m. for deliberation regarding personnel matters concerning the evaluation of the city manager. Mayor Sims closed the executive session at 9:40 p.m. and reopened the formal session. There were no votes or action taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager