

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
JANUARY 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 POLICE DEPARTMENT MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM, 124 EAST 7TH STREET OF SAID CITY:

Members Present:

Mayor Pat L. Sims
Mayor Pro Tem David M. Bonner
Commissioner Michael L. Funk
Commissioner Vernon McDowell
City Manager Vince DiPiazza
City Attorney Tom Moore

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Kelli Cummings-Danford, Dottie Williams, Scott Stark, Isidro Renteria, Raul Arparo, Jackie Wiswell, Tim Pilgrim, Louis Leven, Deck Shaver, Loke Marquez, Paul J. Jenkins, Shawn Hubbard, and Greg Tanner.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the January 17, 2011 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Mayor Sims presented a plaque to Don Parsons and thanked him for serving the community. Mr. Parsons served as Commissioner Place 3 and resigned his position. Mr. Parsons thanked the Commission and city staff for their dedication to the city and stated it was a privilege to have worked with them.

Kelli Cummings-Danford, Director of Safe Place, asked the Commission to consider allowing angle parking on the North side of W. 7th Street. The Commission approved angle parking for the South side of W. 7th Street a few years ago. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said that W. 7th Street is not wide enough for the South and North sides to allow parking but could allow angle parking on the North side instead of the South side. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve angle parking on the North side of W. 7th Street for Safe Place, Inc.

Scott Stark, architect for Happy State Bank, asked the Commission to approve the closing, abandonment, and to vacate property located in the 800 block of S. Dumas Avenue. The fair market value is \$2,066.67. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to vacate, abandon, and close property located in the 800 block of S. Dumas Avenue for Happy State Bank for the fair market value of \$2,066.67 with Happy State Bank paying all costs for the gas line relocation.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented an agreement to finance the fire department's fire truck. A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the lease-purchase agreement with Chase Equipment Finance for ten years at 3.1%, total amount repaid is \$78,903.48.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented a resolution that will authorize the reimbursement of capital expenditures from proceeds of tax-exempt borrowing. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-01, reimbursement of previously incurred capital expenditures from proceeds of debt issue for the police department vehicles.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented a resolution that will authorize the reimbursement of capital expenditures from proceeds of tax-exempt borrowing. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-03, reimbursement of previously incurred capital expenditures from proceeds of debt issue for the public works heavy equipment and fire truck.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented a resolution concerning the gas rate. The gas rate was \$8.70 and is reduced to \$8.45 through June 30, 2011. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-02 setting the natural gas rate at \$5.95 plus the \$2.50 adder fee for a total rate of \$8.45 locked in until June 30, 2011.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said Don Parsons served on the D.E.D.C. board and stated up to four members may serve on the board. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said there are currently two seats available on the board. A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously appointing Mayor Pro Tem Bonner to serve on the D.E.D.C. board.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented an asset forfeiture report. Mr. DiPiazza said the Commission must approve the audit expenditures concerning law enforcement. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the Chapter 59 asset forfeiture report to the state for fiscal year 2010 on behalf of the police department.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

The Commission discussed the landfill and solid waste issues. Public Works Director Deck Shaver presented a cost worksheet for solid waste, recycling and landfill departments. Mr. Shaver said the city would keep landfill Type IV which is collecting tree limbs, yard waste and commercial cardboard. The city is proposing contracting with a private company for Type I which is household garbage only. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said there is \$26,000 difference between the city operating the landfill Type IV and a private company providing service and he prefers the city keeping their Type IV landfill.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner stated if there are no salary cuts then the city would be reassigning time. There are seventeen employees between landfill and solid waste and eight full-time and one part-time positions would be eliminated. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner recommends that the Commission talk to past commissioners to get their input. Commissioner Funk suggested holding a public forum. After some discussion the consensus of the Commission was to have a public hearing, advertise the public hearing through the media, and have this item on the February 21, 2011 agenda for a decision to be made and have a private waste company representative at the February 7, 2011 meeting.

Mayor Sims recessed into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for attorney consultation concerning possible contemplated litigation with America's Fiberglass Animals. Mayor Sims closed the executive session at 8:39 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