

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
JANUARY 3, 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 Don Parsons
Commissioner Vernon McDowell
City Manager Vince DiPiazza
City Attorney Tom Moore

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Dale Alwan, Isidro Renteria. Tyler James, Dottie Williams, Robert A. Crockett, Michael Wright, Jack Braswell, Judy Pendley, Robert Pudwell, Jose Escamilla, Sam Cartwright, Deck Shaver, Karla Smith, James Blankenburg, Loke Marquez, Paul J. Jenkins, Wanda Brooks, Dale Alwan, Jay West, and Jackie Wiswell.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the December 20, 2010 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Wanda Brooks presented a proclamation. Ms. Brook's stated she would like the community to shop locally and recognize the 20th day of each month as "Shop Local Day". A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve a proclamation recognizing the 20th day of each month as "Shop Local Day".

Commissioner Parsons presented his letter of resignation and thanked all city employees, the Mayor and the Commission for the jobs they do. Commissioner Parsons said serving the community has been a great experience. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed by a majority vote to approve the resignation of Commissioner Parsons effective January 14, 2011. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner and Commissioner Parsons abstained. City Attorney Tom Moore stated by accepting the resignation effective January 14, 2011 this would be within the 120 days to follow the election code and order a special election. City Manager Vince DiPiazza asked the date of the election and City Secretary Kim Rehkopf said May 14, 2011.

Gas Superintendent Jack Braswell presented a quote to purchase a remote methane leak detector (RMLD). The machine detects methane gas, which is 91% of

natural gas. This machine will replace a 12 year old flame ionization unit. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner asked if the machine only detects 91% of methane gas. The machine detects 1% to 100% of methane gas. A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of remote methane leak detector equipment for the gas department for \$17,000.

Public Works Director Deck Shaver presented the bids on a 4x4 dually pickup. Five bids were received from Culberson-Stowers for \$35,740.65; Stevens 5-Star for \$35,969.40 and \$40,849.72 with towing package; Witt Motors for \$39,859.42; Plains Chevrolet for \$40,148; and Grande Truck Center for \$32,995. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of a 2011 Chevrolet 4WD dually from Culberson-Stowers for \$35,740.65. Bids were presented on the wheel loader with two bids received from Warren Cat for \$155,231.95 for a 2008 Caterpillar with 2791 hours and a 2006 Caterpillar with 4502 hours for \$165,245.85; Amarillo Machinery for \$161,241 for a 2010 Kawasaki with 43 hours. There was one bid received on the motorgrader from Warren Cat for \$165,245.85 for a 2008 Caterpillar with 2829 hours. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the wheel loader bid from Warren Cat for a 2008 Caterpillar with 2791 hours for \$155,31.95 and approve the motorgrader bid from Warren Cat for a 2008 Caterpillar with 2829 hours for \$165,245.85.

Public Works Director Deck Shaver presented the dump truck bids from five companies; the bid sheet is attached. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of two dump trucks from East Texas Mack Sales, 2010 Mack with 14,035 miles for \$98,000 and a 2009 Mack with 50,548 miles for \$95,300 contingent upon the city shop director, landfill director, and public works director's approval after thoroughly inspecting the equipment.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza reviewed the city's purchasing policy. In May 2010 a charter amendment was passed to allow a sum of more than \$15,000, passed by resolution of the city commission and to comply with the competitive bidding procedures established by statutes of the State of Texas. Mr. DiPiazza said the city Commission has final approval. State law, at that time, was \$25,000 and now it is \$50,000. Mr. DiPiazza wanted to bring this to the Commissions' attention to be discussed at a future date.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager