

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 22, 2011
6:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THERE CAME AND WAS HELD A SPECIAL 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 Attorney Tom Moore
City Manager Vince DiPiazza

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Dottie Williams, Robert A. Crockett, Karla Smith, Jack Braswell, Jackie Wiswell, Rhonda McSpadden, Paul J. Jenkins, Michael Wright, Deck Shaver, Mike Stephens, Eddie Ruiz, Steve Bodnar, Kali Smith, Tommy Smith, Rich Oller, Mike Running, Matt Hopper, Nathan Blankenburg, James Blankenburg, Stan Stroebel, Isidro Renteria, Loke Marquez, Tim Spurlock, David Garrett, and Dale Alwan.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the February 7, 2011 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Detective David Garrett presented the police department racial profiling report.

Gas Director Jack Braswell discussed a gas line, outside the city limits, for Celso Garcia. Mr. Garcia had asked the Commission to approve a gas line for his business on N. Dumas Avenue. Mr. Garcia already has city water. Mr. Braswell said there is a gas line located at J.P. Industries and Mr. Garcia's gas meter would be installed at the same location. Mr. Braswell said there would not be a problem to furnish Mr. Garcia gas he understands he will pay for all costs to install the gas line. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve utilities outside the city limits on N. Dumas Avenue for Celso Garcia, with Mr. Garcia paying for the gas meter, gas line, and any other incurred costs.

Stan Stroebel asked the Commission to consider helping fund improvements to the Little League baseball fields. Mr. Stroebel said season practice would begin the last week of March. Mr. Stroebel also asked if the league could put up a "no smoking" sign. City Attorney Tom Moore said there must be a city ordinance in place before a sign could

be posted. Mr. Stroebel presented a cost of \$15,900 for the grade work, sod, irrigation and new base hardware. Mr. Stroebel said scoreboards are \$3,000 each and he needs two. In the future he would like to purchase netting and have a space for the pitcher to warm up. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner suggested tabling this item until exact costs were presented, including the netting. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said this request is an unbudgeted item. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Sims, and passed unanimously to table this item.

Engineer Rich Oller presented proposed specifications, engineering plans, and permitting for the new landfill on Keith Road. Mr. Oller stated the Commission would need to approve the proposal in order to proceed with construction and development. Mr. Oller stated purchasing new weight scales would be less expensive compared to moving the old scales. Design services total \$321,000, administrative service fee is \$20,000, and construction services are \$82,000. A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the Wasteline Engineering site development agreement on the proposed new landfill on Keith Road.

D.E.D.C. Director Mike Running presented an agreement with Equipment Supply Company (ESCO). They specialize in distribution of irrigation supplies. Cash incentive is \$50,000. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the agreement with Equipment Supply Company with a \$50,000 cash incentive. Mr. Running recommended David Swinford be appointed to the D.E.D.C. board to fill a vacancy. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Sims, and passed unanimously to appoint David Swinford to the Dumas Economic Development Corporation board. Mr. Running presented the 2009-2010 annual report. Mr. Running discussed business growth and development, community development grant awarded, and active projects.

Police Chief Dale Alwan presented quotes for a new copier. Three quotes were received from Ricoh for \$406, thirty-six month lease; SPC for \$405.29, thirty-six month lease; and Canon for \$415.60, thirty-six month lease. A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the quote from SPC for \$405.29 for thirty-six months with a cost of \$0.11 over 120,000 copies.

IT Director Rhonda McSpadden presented quotes for a new phone system for the police department. Ms. McSpadden said there was \$10,595 budgeted for this project. Seven quotes were received from AMATechtel \$11,273.50 with a five-year warranty; AMATechtel for \$12,668.50 with a five-year warranty; PAO Enterprises for \$8,619 with a five-year warranty; Ideacom for \$7,960 with a five-year warranty; Ideacom for \$9,235 with a one-year warranty; IdeaCom for \$14,820 with a 2/5 year warranty; and Windstream for \$19,333 with a one-year warranty. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve Ideacom for \$7,960, with a five-year warranty, for the police department telephone system.

IT Director Rhonda McSpadden presented a proposal to replace the city's current meter reading equipment. The cost is \$21,500 from Badger Meter, which is a sole source because of the city's current automation system. A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of meter reading equipment: one new handheld, one new laptop, and upgrade two handhelds for \$21,500.

Finance Director Dottie Williams presented various homestead exemption increases. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Funk, and passed unanimously to set the homestead exemption at \$52,000 for homeowners and disabled veterans.

Golf Course Superintendent Robert A. Crockett asked the Commission to consider the purchase of irrigation pump equipment. Mr. Crockett said due to the recent subzero weather conditions there is damage to the pumping equipment. Mr. Crockett said this project will cost \$14,460 and is unbudgeted. A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase and installation of irrigation pump equipment for the golf course from Esquaredi, Inc. for \$14,460.

City Electrician James Blankenburg told the Commission that the city's current pole decorations have cracked sockets and brittle wiring. Mr. Blankenburg said there are thirty to fifty percent discounts during January and February with vendors. The quote submitted is the lowest quote received for thirty-six pole decorations. The amount budgeted was \$13,810. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Mayor Sims, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of thirty-six Christmas pole decorations from Display Sales for \$10,007.

Mayor Sims recessed into executive session at 8:10 p.m. for attorney consultation concerning matters related to the lease agreement for the golf course restaurant. Mayor Sims closed the executive session at 8:57 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