

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS  
APRIL 18, 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 Bonner  
Commissioner Vernon McDowell  
City Manager Vince DiPiazza

Members Absent:

Commissioner Michael L. Funk  
City Attorney Tom Moore

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Dottie Williams, Isidro Renteria, Judy Pendley, Michael Wright, Loke Marquez, Jose Escamilla, Gabriel Rodriguez, Louis Leven, Sam Cartwright, Deck Shaver, Greg Tanner, Stephanie Purcell, Ray Purcell, Jackie Wiswell, and Tommy Gonzales.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the April 4, 2011 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Ray Purcell asked the Commission to consider allowing him a variance from certain landscaping requirements. Mr. Purcell said that the ordinance requires him to plant twenty-nine trees. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner asked what the landscaping ordinance specifically required. City Inspector Greg Tanner said five percent of square footage of the total lot and ten percent of the frontage. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve a variance from certain landscaping requirements to allow a minimum of eleven trees to be planted for Ray Purcell on his property south of town.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the Second & Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1082 rezoning property located at 10th Street and Bruce Avenue from "A", Single Family Dwelling, to "SU", Specific Use, further described as the Northeast part of Block 13, Unit 5, Morningside Addition, to allow duplexes to be built for The Victory Tree Foundation.

A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1083 to vacate, abandon an alleyway for Happy State Bank in the 800 Block of N. Dumas Avenue.

Captain Larry Dutcher presented an agreement for the July Fourth fireworks celebration. A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the agreement with Atlas Enterprises, Inc. to perform the fireworks at the July Fourth celebration.

Street Supervisor Jose Escamilla asked the Commission to consider the purchase of a mosquito fogger. The lowest bid received was from Phesco International for \$7,395 with a three year warranty. The amount budgeted was \$8,200. A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of a mosquito fogger from Phesco International for \$7,395 for the street department.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza presented an agreement from P.R.P.C. concerning the use of the city's 9-1-1 data. Mr. DiPiazza said there is no cost to the city for P.R.P.C. to use the city's data in their system. The project will be completed in approximately eighteen to twenty-four months. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the interlocal agreement with P.R.P.C. for the use of the city's 9-1-1 data.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza said that Stan Stroebel mentioned during a previous meeting, not allowing people to smoke at the Cal Ripken (Little League) ball fields. Commissioner McDowell said that Mr. Stroebel needs to be informed that children were playing with sharp tools including picks that were left out during a ballgame. Mayor Sims asked if a police officer was designated to patrol the ballgames and Officer Gonzales said there was not a designated officer. Mr. DiPiazza said the options are writing an ordinance or a policy. After some discussion, the consensus of the Commission is to have Mr. Stroebel attend the next meeting to discuss this item.

Captain Larry Dutcher discussed the replacement of a fire truck that was lost in a recent grass fire. Captain Dutcher told the Commission the fire department would like to purchase a similar truck as soon as possible. City Manager Vince DiPiazza said replacement of this fire truck was discussed at budget. The minimum required insurance is all the coverage on the fire truck. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner asked if the county would consider helping with the purchase cost of another fire truck. Mayor Sims told Captain Dutcher to see what fire trucks were available including costs and bring back for their review.

Meeting adjourned.

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Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vince DiPiazza, City Manager