

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
MAY 2, 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, Marvin Trejo, Jack Braswell, Karla Smith, Paul J. Jenkins, Steve Bodnar, Michell Brooks, Tommy Brooks, James Blankenburg, Stan Stroebel, James Mahaffey, Dale Alwan, Isidro Renteria, Judy Pendley, Michael Wright, Loke Marquez, Jose Escamilla, Louis Leven, Deck Shaver, David Garrett, and Jackie Wiswell.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order and opened the Work Session.

The Commission and Stan Stroebel discussed posting “no smoking signs” at the Cal Ripken ball fields. Mr. Stroebel said he received complaints concerning the number of people that smoke at the ball fields. Mayor Sims told Mr. Stroebel that the consensus, from a previous meeting, agreed that the signs should be posted. Writing a policy or an ordinance was discussed. The Commission told Mr. Stroebel to post the “no smoking signs” at the ball park and if necessary the city could write an ordinance.

Mayor Sims opened the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the April 18, 2011 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Agenda Item No. 1 was a request from Sayroth Khotsouvanh for utilities outside the city limits. Mr. Khotsouvanh was not present. There was no action taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and passed unanimously to approve the Second and Final Reading of

Ordinance No. 1083 to vacate and abandon the alleyway located in the 800 block of S. Dumas Avenue for Happy State Bank.

Detective David Garrett asked the Commission to consider a program allowing "Citizens On Patrol" (COP) to enforce handicap parking regulations. The COP's have been through training concerning the regulations. Detective Garrett said a letter was sent to all businesses asking them if they would like to participate. One requirement is that all businesses must have the correct handicap signs before the parking regulations could be enforced. Police Chief Dale Alwan said the COP's would enforce handicap parking and fire zones. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Funk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve Citizens On Patrol to enforce handicap parking and fire zones.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

City Manager Vince DiPiazza discussed natural gas rates. The current gas rate is \$5.95. Mr. DiPiazza said the rate for one year is \$5.50 or nine months for \$5.48. The consensus of the Commission is to lock in the one-year natural gas rate at \$5.50, plus \$2.50 adder fee, totaling \$8.00 effective July 1, 2011.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vince DiPiazza, City Manager