

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 19, 2018
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 COMMISSION CHAMBERS/MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM, 124 EAST 7TH STREET OF SAID CITY:

Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem David M. Bonner
Commissioner Justin Willis
Commissioner Ben Maples
Commissioner Bob Brinkmann
City Manager A. F. Taylor
City Attorney Jerod Pingelton

Members Absent:

Mayor Pat L. Sims

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Jim Nelson, Eric Holt, Audra Rea, Monica Sullivan, Milton R. Pax, Sam Cartwright, Jose Escamilla, Preston Berkman, Francisco Bueno, Alisha Sladek, Osvaldo Barba, John Fisher, Ron Pray, Gwen Barnhart, Miguel Gomez, Greg Tanner, Reece Spencer, Oscar Garcia, Garrett Fortson, Camie Clark, Moises Jaquez, Alonso Corona, Eric Davidson, Russell Strayhorn, Juan W. Salazar, John Key and Esgar Castro.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said before he opens the meeting he would like to show appreciation to John Haltom that recently passed away. Mr. Haltom has served on the city park board since 2006. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said Mr. Haltom served in Lions Club and other civic affairs and asked everyone to keep Mr. Haltom's family in their prayers.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner called the meeting to order.

During attending citizens and their business, the following city employees introduced themselves to the Commission: Police Department - Esgar Castro, 14 months, Osvaldo Barba, 3 years, Eric Holt, 15 months, Cami Clark, 10 years, Alisha Sladek, 2 years and John Fisher, 7 years; Golf Department - Miguel Gomez, 2½ years and Francisco Bueno, 5 years; Solid Waste Department - Moises Jaquez, 16 years, Alonso Corona, 9 years and Juan Salazar, 6 years; Water Department - Russell Strayhorn, 2 months. Mr. Strayhorn said John Haltom was his grandfather and thanked the Commission for acknowledging him.

A motion was made by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to approve the November 5, 2018 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner opened the Formal Session.

City Manager Arbie Taylor presented an ordinance and stated that the language had been clarified pertaining to the ad valorem tax and utility rate freeze; that it is the rates only that will be frozen. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner told the public that the city will freeze the utility rates and the ad valorem tax rates for disabled individuals and for people sixty-five and older. Commissioner Maples said the ad valorem tax rate freeze is only the city portion, not the tax rate from the county, school or other entities. A motion was made by Commissioner Brinkmann, seconded by Commissioner Maples, and passed unanimously to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1160 adopting a limitation on the city ad valorem tax rates and utility rates of residence homestead of disabled individuals and individuals sixty-five and older.

Mayor Pro Tem Bonner said Moore County Resource Center is asking for a plat and zoning change on property located on E. 19th Street. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner closed the Formal Session and opened the Public Hearing. Milton Pax said the buildings that will be constructed on the five acres are non-profit businesses only, and those businesses help citizens that are less fortunate. Representatives from Care Net and Panhandle Community Services told the public what their entities provided to the community. There were no other public comments. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Formal Session. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Willis, and passed unanimously to approve a plat and the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1162 for a zoning change on property located on the south side of East 19th Street being further described as a 5 acre tract portion of Lot 1, Block 2, Tri-Canyon Subdivision, Unit No. 5, be rezoned from “AG”, Agriculture to “H”, Retail for Moore County Resource Center. (Zoning Case No. 306)

Street Department Supervisor Jose Escamilla presented bids for curb and gutter repairs at various locations. Mr. Escamilla said \$50,000 was budgeted and there were two bids received from Carbajal’s Construction for \$42,060 and Handsome Mud for \$52,708.53. Mr. Escamilla recommends the low bid from Carbajal’s Construction. A motion was made by Commissioner Brinkmann, seconded by Commissioner Maples, and passed unanimously to approve the bid from Carbajal’s Construction for \$42,060 to replace various curb and gutter for the street department.

Water/Wastewater Supervisor Reece Spencer presented a quote to purchase 150 new plastic water meter lids for \$5,212.50. Amount budgeted was \$15,000. City Manager Arbie Taylor said the water meter lids are for the new Neptune AMI meters, which will eventually be read automatically from city hall. Mr. Taylor said after the project is completed a utility customer will be able to log into their account to see their water usage. A motion was made by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of 150 water meter lids from Core & Main for \$5,212.50 for the water department.

Park Director Oscar Garcia presented a quote from Buy Board for a new mower for \$18,208.23. Amount budgeted was \$23,500. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Willis, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of a new Yanmar mower with the finish cut kit for \$18,208.23 for the park department.

City Manager Arbie Taylor told the Commission the city has ACH and wire transfers that need to be made in order for the city to pay bills and those transfers were made by the finance director. Mr. Taylor said until the city fills the finance director position he would like for Maria Montanez, accounts payable clerk, to be appointed temporary administrator of the bank accounts required for the accounts payable function. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to appoint Maria Montanez as temporary administrator of all bank accounts required for the accounts payable function.

Fire Chief Ron Pray presented two quotes to purchase 39 self-contained breathing apparatus' (SCBA) from Panhandle Breathing Air Systems, Inc. for \$213,790 plus a five-year maintenance agreement for \$57,500, totaling \$271,290 and a quote from Daco Fire Equipment for \$7,365 for 1 SCBA unit, totaling \$287,235. Chief Pray said \$81,000 was budgeted but he would like the Commission to consider allowing him to purchase 39 SCBA's with the maintenance agreement, through a five-year lease agreement with NPPGOV, at \$54,258 per year plus the finance cost, and that cost would be implemented into the budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of 39 SCBA units with a five-year maintenance agreement from Panhandle Breathing Air Systems, Inc. for a total of \$271,290 and finance the SCBA units through NPPGOV for five years at \$54,258 per year, plus the finance cost, with implementing this cost in the budget.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

A. F. Taylor, City Manager