

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 5, 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 Pat L. Sims
Mayor Pro Tem David M. Bonner
Commissioner Justin Willis
Commissioner Ben Maples
City Manager A. F. Taylor
City Attorney Jerod Pingelton

Members Absent:

Commissioner Bob Brinkmann

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Jim Nelson, Marvin Trejo, Ron Pray, Jodi Tuscana, Isidro Renteria, Loke Marquez, Jordan Mills, Sam McGill, Eric Davidson, Eduardo Soto, Jose Ramirez, John Key, Praful Bhakta, Mike Running and Eric Garnett.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

During attending citizens and their business, the following city employees introduced themselves to the Commission: Police Department - Jodi Tuscana, 1 month; Recycling - Jose Ramirez, 1 year and Solid Waste - Eric Garnett, 11 years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Willis, and passed unanimously to approve the October 15, 2018 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

City Manager Arbie Taylor presented an interlocal governmental cooperation contract with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) for professional services. Mr. Taylor said this contract is to help find a finance director/assistant city manager. Mr. Taylor said he is looking at someone local and has received a couple of interests through TML. The Commission would prefer someone that lives in Dumas if possible. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve an interlocal governmental cooperation contract with PRPC to help the city locate a finance director/assistant city manager.

Praful Bhakta asked the Commission to waive the hotel/motel tax penalty fees. Mr. Bhakta said he has done business since 1991 and has never been late on a payment. Mayor Sims said the city has an ordinance that specifically states there will be a penalty, and if the Commission waives the penalty fees it would set a precedence for other hotels. Mr. Bhakta said he was out of town and he is the only person that can sign a check, but he now has a plan in place in case this ever happens again. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed by a majority vote to waive hotel/motel tax penalty fees this one time for Praful Bhakta on Holiday Inn Express, La Quinta Inn & Suites and Super 8. Mayor Sims opposed.

Dumas Economic Development Corporation (DEDC) Director Mike Running asked the Commission to approve the reappointments of Harold Grall, Shawn Frische and Pat Sims. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Willis, and passed by a majority vote to approve the reappointment of Harold Grall, Shawn Frische and Pat Sims to the DEDC Board of Directors for three-year terms. Mayor Sims abstained.

City Manager Arbie Taylor presented a repair estimate to rebuild the motor for water well number 7 for \$7,986. Budgeted amount is \$70,000. Mr. Taylor said the well was struck by lightning and cost for a new motor is approximately \$20,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commissioner Maples, and passed unanimously to rebuild the motor for water well number 7 for \$7,986 from Evans Enterprises for the water department.

Shop Superintendent Loke Marquez asked the Commission to allow him to purchase five vehicles through Buy Board for the following departments: Warehouse (budgeted amount is \$55,000), Street (budgeted amount is \$40,000), Golf Course (budgeted amount is \$30,000), Waste Water (budgeted amount is \$35,000), Code Enforcement (budgeted amount is \$27,212). Mr. Marquez said the warehouse vehicle will be cab and chassis and he will get two quotes on the utility box. A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve allowing Shop Superintendent Loke Marquez to purchase five vehicles for the warehouse, street, golf course, waste water and code enforcement departments through Buy Board.

Captain Marvin Trejo presented a bid to purchase two new 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe's from Defender Supply, which is a Buy Board vendor, for \$82,762. Budgeted amount is \$84,542. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Willis, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of two, new, 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe's from Defender Supply, Buy Board vendor, for \$82,762.

Solid Waste Superintendent Eric Davidson presented a quote to purchase 36 rebuilt trash containers for \$16,720. Budgeted amount is \$100,000. Mr. Davidson said the company would take off an additional \$25 per container on an exchange program; if he delivers 36 rebuilt containers and takes back 36 old containers, any additional purchased containers will be discounted \$25 per container. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Willis, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of 36 rebuilt, three yard, trash containers from South Plains Waste Services for \$16,720, including delivery to future accounts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Mayor Sims, and passed unanimously to table the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1160 concerning adopting a limitation on the ad valorem taxation and utility rates of residence homestead of disabled individuals and individuals over the age of 65 until specific language is corrected stating tax **rate**. The Commission wants to make sure the ordinance is clear the ad valorem tax is for the tax rate only, not taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1161 conveying city property located on E. 19th Street being described as a parcel of land out of Survey 226, Block 44, H.&T.C. Railroad Company Survey, Moore County, Texas, to Cable One, Inc. at the fair market value of \$8,000.

Mayor Sims recessed into Executive Session at 7:12 P.M. for deliberation regarding personnel matters pertaining to city employee health concerns/insurance. Mayor Sims closed the Executive Session at 7:44 P.M. and reopened the Formal Session. There were no votes or action taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

A. F. Taylor, City Manager