

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
AUGUST 6, 2018
5:30 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
Commissioner Bob Brinkmann
City Manager A. F. Taylor
City Attorney Jerod Pingelton

Others Present: Kim Rehkopf, Jim Nelson, Brenda Koehn, Anthony Mills, Jay Patel, Patty Stahl, Fernando Mendoza, Miguel Trejo, Ron Pray, Jack Braswell, Steve Brooks, Loke Marquez, Seth Swafford, John Key, Gerardo Vasquez, Jose Fuentes, Sam McGill, Greg Tanner, Mike Running and David Swinford.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

During attending citizens and their business, City Manager Arbie Taylor said the gas department received a certificate from TMLIRP for recognition of the City of Dumas gas utility's '95' and better ratings on the last fifteen consecutive surveys. The letter from TML stated that the City of Dumas is dedicated to gas system safety excellence. Mr. Taylor and the Commission commended Superintendent Jack Braswell and all employees of the gas department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to approve the July 16, 2018 Regular City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

City Manager Arbie Taylor presented the bids and engineer's recommendation concerning the Texas Community Development Block Grant project pertaining to the water main system improvements. Two bids were received from MH Civil Constructors for \$320,000 and L.A. Fuller & Sons for \$359,446. Brandt Engineers recommends the low bid submitted by MH Civil Constructors. A motion was made by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to approve the bid from MH Constructors for \$320,000 for the Texas Community Development Block Grant project for the water main system improvements.

TMRS representative Anthony Mills discussed city retirement rates.

Cable One general manager Sam McGill asked the Commission to consider selling a 50' by 75' piece of city property located adjacent to the bulk water station located on 19th Street for \$8,000. Mr. McGill said Cable One would like to build a 12' by 15' facility to hold their equipment and generator. Mr. McGill said currently the facility is located at the landfill and that creates issues in getting to their site, especially in inclement weather. A motion was made by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve selling city property located on 19th Street, Cable One will provide a survey and legal description to City Attorney Jerod Pingelton so he can present an ordinance at a future meeting and it is to include language that if property is ever abandoned, Cable One will clear the site and the property will revert back to the City of Dumas.

Steve Brooks with BROOKSarchitecture representing Willis Construction is asking for a parking variance to be able to park in the right-of-way on the east side of Oak Avenue. City Inspector Greg Tanner said the property does not meet the required parking spaces and the Commission must approve a parking variance. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed by a majority vote to approve a parking variance to allow parking in the right-of-way on the east side of Oak Avenue for Willis Construction. Mayor Pro Tem Bonner and Commissioner Willis abstained.

Dumas Economic Development Corporation (DEDC) Director Mike Running recommended David Swinford be appointed as a board member to fill Chris Johnson's term. A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to appoint David Swinford to the DEDC board. Mr. Running presented the 2018-2019 budget and plan of work. A motion was made by Commissioner Brinkmann, seconded by Commissioner Maples, and passed unanimously to approve the 2018-2019 budget of \$964,237 and 2018-2019 plan of work for DEDC.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

City Manager Arbie Taylor told the Commission that in the future they should consider approving a right-of-way management ordinance. Mr. Taylor said work is currently being done in the city's right-of-way, and the city doesn't have an ordinance regarding right-of-way management, so a permit is not required, nor is the city receiving revenue. City Attorney Jerod Pingelton said a city can't give away any right-of-ways they own and must be good stewards of citizen's property. Mr. Taylor suggested \$2.00 per foot, then charge by linear foot on road crossings/intersections. The consensus of the Commission is for Mr. Taylor and Mr. Pingelton to provide an ordinance on a future agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to continue past the 9:00 P.M. meeting deadline.

The Commission held budget work sessions for the following departments: Police, Gas, Warehouse and Fire.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

A. F. Taylor, City Manager