

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
AUGUST 20, 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, Lawrence L. Skelly, Laura Maner, Ron Pray, Travis Juilfs, Kurtis Thomas, Reece Spencer, David Tapp, Carl Watson, Jay Patel, Pamela Burt, Mike Running, John Key and Eric Davidson.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brinkmann, seconded by Commissioner Maples, and passed unanimously to approve the August 6, 2018 Regular City Commission meeting minutes, the August 7, 2018 Special City Commission meeting minutes and paying the bills.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Travis Juilfs with G and G Operators, LTD asked the Commission to allow them to install a four-inch water line outside the city limits. Mr. Juilfs said the water line will be used for a future concrete batch plant and they currently have city water. City Water Superintendent Reece Spencer said the city has an eighteen-inch water line at that location. G and G Operators will pay for the water tap and water line. A motion was made by Commissioner Brinkmann, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the request for a water tap outside the city limits for G and G Operators, LTD.

David Tapp requested the Commission consider allowing the closing of Durrett Avenue for the D'Town Barbeque event. A motion was made by Commissioner Brinkmann, seconded by Commissioner Willis, and passed unanimously to approve closing Durrett Avenue from 14th to 16th Streets on September 28-29, 2018 and a noise permit for the D'Town Barbeque event for the Dumas/Moore County Chamber of Commerce and the Visitors Center.

Lawrence K. Skelly asked the Commission to replat property in the Eastgate Subdivision and for a zoning change. Mayor Sims closed the Formal Session for the Public Hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Sims closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Formal Session. A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve the request to replat property described as Eastgate Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Lots 1 & 2, Block 13 and approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1155 be rezoned from "AG", Agriculture, to "E", Multiple Family; property being further described as, 7.40 acres and a portion of Lot 12, Block 26, Eastgate Unit No. 2, and an unplatted tract of land in Section 236, Block 44, H&TC Survey, for Lawrence K. Skelly, Sterling Management/Good Life Senior Care. (Zoning Case No. 305)

Pamela Burt, representing the Dumas Downtown Association, asked the Commission to allow mobile food vendors to participate in the city side walk sale event. Ms. Burt said the side walk sale will be held September 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Brinkmann, seconded by Commissioner Willis, and passed unanimously to allow mobile food vendors to participate in the city sidewalk sale on September 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Dumas Downtown Association.

Solid Waste Superintendent Eric Davidson asked the Commission to allow him to purchase four 30-yard roll-off containers and 36 trash containers. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of four, 30-yard roll-off containers for \$23,211 and 36 trash containers for \$20,091 from Roll-Offs USA.

Police Chief Jim Nelson asked the Commission to allow him to purchase a portable building for the gun range. Chief Nelson said the building is insulated, has heating, air conditioning, overhead lights and would be purchased with seizure funds. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of a portable building from JNL Steel Components for \$15,505.

City Manager Arbie Taylor presented a resolution concerning a rate settlement agreement with SPS. Mr. Taylor said the request was for \$81 million and at this time there is no change to SPS's net revenue. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 18-07, SPS rate settlement agreement with no change.

Mayor Sims opened the Work Session.

Mayor Sims said city staff added two percent to the tax rate and stated this could pay future debt and help with the city's bond rating. Commissioner Willis said there is a viable need for a tax rate but the 2018-2019 budget was completed without a tax rate increase. Commissioner Brinkmann does not want to raise taxes but said it is very hard to provide services, infrastructure and pay debt without raising taxes. Commissioner Brinkmann said he feels that the city should be in a good financial standing to provide for the citizens. Commissioner Maples said the Commission was told by the auditor to begin increasing the tax rate in small increments. Mayor Sims said he is also concerned what the survey on the water system will prevail. City Manager

Arbie Taylor said after years at a very low tax rate and an increase in fees, the low to moderate income families have been affected. Mr. Taylor said the city must begin increasing the tax rate to get to a point to free up debt.

Mayor Sims closed the Work Session and reopened the Formal Session.

A motion was made by Mayor Sims, "I propose a 2018 property tax rate of 0.330891 cents be considered for adoption at a future meeting", seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed by a majority vote. Commissioner Willis opposed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to approve September 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and September 24, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. as the dates and times for the Public Hearings on the tax rate.

Finance Director Jay Patel asked the Commission to amend the 2017-2018 budget \$132,326.20 for the repair of the police department and city hall roofs. A motion was made by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commissioner Maples, and passed unanimously to approve amending the 2017-2018 budget \$132,326.20.

Mayor Sims said in January the Commission discussed appointing a golf committee to get ideas on the golf course restaurant. Mayor Sims said he would like Golf Pro Rick Avina and City Manager Arbie Taylor to serve on the committee. Mayor Sims said each Commissioner could appoint a person to serve. Commissioner Maples would like to appoint Miles Mixon. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to establish a golf committee of nine members from the Mayor and Commission to discuss a vision for the golf course restaurant.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

A. F. Taylor, City Manager