

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DUMAS, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
6:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THERE CAME AND WAS HELD A SPECIAL 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, Marvin Trejo, Sandra Witt, Donene Skelly, Lawrence Skelly, Andres Rodriguez, Teofilo Arguello, M. Eugenia Arguello, Alex Arguello, Emeteria Rangel, Maria Rodriguez, Ron Pray, Alejandro Ortiz, Brenda Koehn, Pat Duffy, Antonio Acevedo, Condoc Hernandez, Raul Avila, Isidoro Carbajal, Jovenstino Carbajal, Kelly Dunavin, John Key, Paresh Bhakta, Lupita Arguello, Kit Black, Jay Patel, Maria Perez, Luis Garcia, Juana Longoria, Yolanda Reyes, Rodolfo Jimenez, Fernando Mendoza, and Jorge Padron.

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order.

During attending citizens and their business, Pat Duffy said he serves on the board for the Moore County Historical Museum and they would like to place a visible sign so traffic can see it from the north and south of the museum. City Manager Arbie Taylor told Mr. Duffy to contact Greg Tanner concerning where the sign could be placed. Mr. Duffy asked Mr. Taylor if the city was still paying on the 1.5 million they borrowed in October 2015. Mr. Taylor said that note was paid off in 7 months. Mr. Duffy asked why the citizens were still paying a \$40 surcharge on their utility bills if that note was paid. Mr. Taylor said the \$40 isn't a surcharge fee but base rate increases for gas and water and the city has not raised rates in 3 years. Mr. Taylor said the Commission will propose an ordinance soon that will freeze utility rates for citizens 65 and older. Mr. Duffy said the Commission discussed building reserves to pay for moving the utilities off of Highway 287 and asked if the city is still building reserves. Mr. Taylor said the city has built reserves for 2 years and to keep from depleting those reserves the city is going to do tax notes to pay for the project. Maria Rodriguez, translating for Alejandro Ortiz, asked if the city allows water east of Dumas outside the city limits. Mayor Sims said the city does not allow utilities outside the city limits. Mayor Sims also said citizens pay property taxes for city services and people outside the city limits do not pay city taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brinkmann, seconded by Commissioner Maples, and passed unanimously to approve the August 20, 2018 Regular City Commission meeting minutes.

Mayor Sims opened the Formal Session.

Kelly Dunavin with IMS presented the medical benefits insurance plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Willis, and passed unanimously to approve IMS as administrator, Optum insurance with a \$65,000 stop loss for the medical benefits plan, and Hartford Life Insurance for \$331,840.80.

Sandra Witt with the Dumas Rotary Club asked the Commission to allow them to obtain a noise permit and close a portion of N. 3rd Street for Oktoberfest. Mayor Sims asked if closing a portion of N. 3rd Street would impede people going to their residents, and Ms. Witt said no. Ms. Witt said the event will be October 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Witt Motors. Ms. Witt said they have contacted surrounding neighbors to tell them about the event. A motion was made by Commissioner Brinkmann, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, and passed unanimously to approve a noise permit and close a portion of N. 3rd Street for the Dumas Rotary Club event on October 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Kit Black with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) presented the traffic signal warrant analysis results for the Highway 287 project. Mr. Black said the traffic signals at 1st, 7th, and 14th Streets meet the traffic signal warrants but the traffic signals at 4th, 5th, 6th, and 8th Streets do not meet the traffic signal warrants and should be removed. Mr. Black said a 3 day pedestrian study was done on 4th and 5th Streets as requested by the city and TxDOT recommends removing the traffic signal light on 5th Street but an option on 4th Street would be to keep the light and have it for a school zone, then have it flashing green for north/south traffic and flashing red for east/west traffic. Mayor Sims recommends the traffic signal lights be removed at 5th, 6th, 8th Streets and have the traffic signal light operate during school zone hours then flash during the off hours. Mr. Black said on E. 6th Street TxDOT recommends a right turn only because the field of vision is not safe. There was no action taken.

Mayor Sims closed the Formal Session and opened the Public Hearing for the 2018-2019 proposed tax rate. The citizens present all spoke concerning the tax rate increase because they all own rental property. They said they have to pay the property tax increase, but when they pass that increase to their tenants, and raise the rental fee, their tenants could move out. Mayor Sims closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Formal Session.

Park Director Oscar Garcia asked the Commission to amend the 2017-2018 budget \$19,188 to purchase a swimming pool heater. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Willis, and passed unanimously to amend the 2017-2018 budget \$19,188 to purchase a swimming pool heater.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maples, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, and passed unanimously to approve the Second and Final 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)

The Commission reviewed an ordinance concerning mobile food vendor regulations. Mayor Sims said in Section 2. a. it states a food vendor can't be in specific areas more than 60 minutes, and asked if the Commission can approve longer than 60 minutes; City Attorney Jerod Pingelton said yes. Mr. Pingelton said Section 3. b. should state ...food vendor shall not be... Mayor Sims said I. 4. Needs to read 12 accumulative hours in lieu of 8 hours and I. 8. should read "...approval by the Park Director in lieu of Director of Community Services". Mr. Pingelton said he would get the recommended changes made. A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Commissioner Maples, and passed unanimously to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1156 pertaining to mobile food vendor regulations with proposed changes.

Meeting adjourned.

Pat L. Sims, Mayor

ATTEST:

A. F. Taylor, City Manager