

**DALHART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022**

The Dalhart City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Justin Moore Mayor, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Justin Moore led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited to the United States and Texas Flags. Members present were:

Justin Moore, Mayor

Absent:

John Loeppky

Dwayne Smith

Bryan Brewer

Tim Yee

Ian Van Den Heever

Parker Noel

Ginger Cleavinger

Sherri Haschke

Melissa Vossmer, Interim City Manager

Wendy Kleynhans, City Secretary

Greg Oelke, City Attorney

Bryan Brewer made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the previous Regular Meeting on February 28, 2022. The motion also included the approval of the February Financial Report, February Tax Report, and February bills in the amount of \$880,262.28. Those bills over \$3,000.00 were: Chase Bank \$3,941.32; Chase Bank \$7,506.81; Chase Bank \$5,330.03; Texas Municipal League \$253,739.32; Texas Municipal League \$51,502.81; Toot N Totum \$16,732.79; Chamber of Commerce \$12,500.00; Lang Electric \$3,028.84; AEG Petroleum LLC \$8,734.26; Axon Enterprises Inc. \$4,119.52; Pioneer Research Corporation \$3,945.80; Strategic Government Resources \$6,460.81; TML INTGV Risk Pool \$4,068.00; Xcel Energy \$9,011.57; Western Industrial Supply \$9,613.79; Heiser Tire Service \$4,983.46; Paradigm Technologies \$5,339.60; Brandt Engineers \$28,485.00; Paddock Enterprises Inc. \$10,910.50; Dalhart Economic Development \$78,820.65; City of Dalhart 2020 I&S \$6,746.00; West Texas Utility Contractor \$160,363.30; Cruz Alberto Rodriguez \$4,973.58; City of Dalhart 2021 I&S \$12,113.00; Strategic Government Resources \$6,258.91; Dalhart Economic Development \$33,508.77; Southwestern Equipment Co. \$7,296.29; Dell Marketing, L.P. \$3,084.12; Yellowhouse Machinery Co. \$37,869.00; Brandt Engineers \$40,908.75; West Texas Utility Contractor \$324,138.10; Cruz Alberto Rodriguez \$4,843.59 Ian Van Den Heever seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Gloria Francisco De Rubio came before council with public comment regarding a late hours permit to extend her hours at her bar, La Barranca Bar. She is requesting to have one (1) more hour added to Saturday hours to extend her open time until 2:00 am.

City Council Convened into executive session under Texas Local Government code 551.072 for deliberation and direction regarding 1st and Texas street at 6:06 pm.

City Council reconvened from executive session at 6:40 pm, no action was taken. After Executive Session, City Attorney Greg Oelke stated that there was a question about the ability to enter executive session and he stated that it was fine due to the possibility of litigation.

Council directed staff to do a temporary closure at the intersection of 1st and Texas Street. After discussion, Ginger Cleavinger made a motion to pursue litigation for reopening of the mentioned roadway. Sherri Haschke seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Aaron Farmer from The Retail Coach joined by zoom to review the FY15/16 report on Dalhart Sales Leakage. Discussion was held regarding the follow up with retailers once the process has started. The process will go through EDC first and then to council to act upon and this presentation will be on the next EDC meeting agenda.

Dwayne Smith made a motion to award the Bid for the annual Street Seal Coat Program to G & G Operators in the amount of \$236,160. Bryan Brewer seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Dwayne Smith made a motion to approve the short-term lease with S & V Bhakta LLC for the use of the city building located at 609 Liberal on a month-to-month basis, at no charge, and lessee must provide insurance. Tim Yee seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

City Council convened into Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.074 for the discussion and consideration of appointment of the Secretary to City Council and appointment of the Municipal Court Judge at 7:24 pm.

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:43 pm. No action was taken.

After executive session discussion Tim Yee made a motion to appoint Rhonda Reyna as the Municipal Judge and Wendy Kleynhans as the Secretary to City Council. Sherri Haschke seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Parker Noel made a motion to appoint Selene Schumacher as Election Judge for the May 7, 2022, General Election. She will appoint up to two (2) Election Clerks. Ian Van Den Heever seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Parker Noel made a motion to appoint Selene Schumacher as the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge for the General Election on May 7, 2022. Ian Van Den Heever seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Tim Yee made a motion to keep the pay rate at \$13.50 an hour for the Election Clerks, and \$25.00 an hour for the Election Judge. Bryan Brewer seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Tim Yee made a motion to appoint Wendy Kleynhans as the Early Voting Clerk and Trista Martinez and Anabel Acuna as Deputy Early Voting Clerks Bryan Brewer seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

In discussion of future agenda items for City Council, Dwayne requested a work session line item to discuss the charter amendments open for any date.

There were no comments from City Manager and Department Heads.

There being no further business, Sherri Haschke made a motion to adjourn. Bryan Brewer seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Justin Moore, Mayor

Wendy Kleynhans, City Secretary