

**DALHART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023**

The Dalhart City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Justin Moore, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Parker Noel led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited to the United States and Texas Flags. Members present were:

Justin Moore, Mayor

Absent:

Michele Griffin
Brian DeMots
Parker Noel
Gary Schniederjan

Dwayne Smith
Ginger Cleavinger
Ty Hancock

Franky Scott

Stacey Norris, City Manager
Wendy Kleynhans, City Secretary
Greg Oelke, City Attorney

Dwayne Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the previous Regular Meeting on July 10, 2023. The motion also included the approval of the June Financial Report, June Tax Report, and June bills in the amount of \$870,093.38. Those bills over \$3,000.00 were: Texas Municipal League \$55,287.90; Xcel Energy \$47,258.34; Xcel Energy \$10,134.57; Chase Bank \$3,947.97; AT&T Mobility \$3,262.58; Toot N Totum \$16,363.49; Axon Enterprise Inc. \$7,995.76; Western Equipment, LLC \$58,902.75; Primary Arms, LLC \$5,283.98; Law Offices of Greg Oelke \$4,091.00; Western Industrial Supply \$5,674.87; Heiser Tire Service \$5,772.68; Paradigm Technologies \$6,494.50; Hartley County Appraisal District \$9,106.14; City of Dalhart 2020 June Transfer \$6,562.00; City of Dalhart 2021 June Transfer \$10,588.00; Hi-Plains Civil Engineers \$38,255.00; Ricoh USA Inc. \$8,360.50; Parkhill Smith & Cooper \$70,999.50; Kraftsman Commercial Playground \$59,411.15; Dalhart EDC June Sales Tax \$62,360.93; City of Dalhart, \$3,511.60; AEG Petroleum \$6,836.78; Dallam County Jail Bills \$119,057.62; Hi-Plains Civil Engineers \$19,516.65; Jose's Landscaping \$6,600.00; Bryer's Paving LLC \$195,166.50; Texas Municipal Retirement \$23,290.68. The motion also included Committees and Boards Appointments. Ty Hancock seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

There were no Public Comments.

Jeff Teel with Texas Health Benefits Pool provided an update on the Employee Insurance plans. He explained that the City of Dalhart saw a 50% increase in cost for premiums but could have been much higher if some claims were reported.

Discussion was held on the new plans offered by TML. City Manager, Stacey Norris, recommended choosing option 4, which increases the deductible from \$1,500 to \$5,000 and has a lower cost increase for employees. After discussion of insurance plans, Dwayne

Smith made a motion to accept the recommendation to select Option 4 changing the employee health insurance plan to a 5,000 deductible. Michele Griffin seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Dean McFadden with Apollo Medflight was present and gave an update on Helipad Operations. He informed Council that they have the opportunity to move the Helipad to the back side of the Hospital near the Emergency Room Entrance. Mayor Moore asked about the timeline. Dean stated it would be about 45 days. This change will alleviate the need for Police or Fire Personnel to secure the landing area and aid in easier loading of patients.

Adolfo Garcia with Hi-Plains Civil Engineers gave an update on the Hwy 54 Project Utility Relocation project. He stated that all service lines have been replaced and the old lines have been abandoned. He put together weather delays and time spent on change orders that added up to about 82 days delaying the project. He also invited John Plank from Amarillo Utility Contractors. John stated that everything that is open now should be completed by the end of this week. Alfonso clarified with John that the project would be completed by the end of August.

Dwayne Smith made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee to provide funding in the amount of \$2,000 to Strike Out Cancer for a Golf Tournament. Ginger Cleavinger seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Dwayne Smith made a motion to open the second reading and public hearing of **Ordinance 2023-09** to re-zone lot 31, Block 48, Kendrick Addition, City of Dalhart, Dallam County, Texas from Apartments to Special Use for the purpose of placing a Manufactured Home. (1010 E 3rd St.) Parker Noel seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously. Ty Hancock made a motion to close the second reading and public hearing of **Ordinance 2023-09**. Ginger Cleavinger seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Dwayne Smith made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2023-09**. An Ordinance amending the comprehensive zoning ordinance of the City of Dalhart, Dallam and Hartley Counties, Texas enacted by the City Council of the City of Dalhart, Texas on the 11th day of July 2006. Parker Noel seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Parker Noel made a motion to open the second reading and public hearing of **Ordinance 2023-10** to re-zone lots 4-7, Block 111, Blair Division, City of Dalhart, Dallam County, Texas from R-3 Residential to Special Use for the purpose of placing a Manufactured Home. (706 Brooklyn St.) Ty Hancock seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously. Ginger Cleavinger made a motion to close the second reading and public hearing of **Ordinance 2023-10**. Ty Hancock seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Dwayne Smith made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2023-10**. An Ordinance amending the comprehensive zoning ordinance of the City of Dalhart, Dallam and Hartley Counties, Texas enacted by the City Council of the City of Dalhart, Texas on the 11th day of July 2006. Parker Noel seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Ginger Cleavinger made a motion to open the third reading and public hearing of **Ordinance 2023-07**. An Ordinance worded as follows: Ordinance of the City of Dalhart, Texas, Granting West Texas Gas Utility, LLC, WTG, the Franchise and rights to conduct in such City the business of acquiring, maintaining, constructing, laying, repairing, removing, replacing, installing, operating, and disposing of a gas system for the sale, transportation, and distribution of natural gas within the Municipal Boundaries of the City and to the Residents and Businesses located therein for light, heat, power, and any other purposes and the right to use the present and future Streets, Roads, Highways, Alleys, Public Ways, and Real Property in such City and owned or controlled by such City for such purposes prescribing the terms and conditions to which such Franchise and rights are subject; and prescribing the term of such Franchise and rights. Ginger Cleavinger seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously. Dwayne Smith made a motion to close the third reading and public hearing of **Ordinance 2023-07**. Ginger Cleavinger seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Ginger Cleavinger made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2023-07**. An Ordinance of the City of Dalhart, Texas, Granting West Texas Gas Utility, LLC, WTG Franchise, and rights. Dwayne Smith seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Dwayne Smith made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2023-14**. A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Dalhart, Texas, where the State of Texas through the Office of the Attorney General, and a negotiation group for Texas political subdivisions entered into an agreement entitled Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet (hereafter, the Texas Term Sheet) approving the allocation of any and all opioid settlement funds within the State of Texas. Michele Griffin seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

After discussion, Council decided to obtain more information on the options regarding SBA Towers IX, LLC easement agreement. No action was taken on this item.

Ken Nickel, interim Finance Director, provided a presentation of June Financial Reports:

Dwayne Smith made a motion to award the Bid for the Emergency Response Center to Plains Builders Inc. of Amarillo Texas in the amount of \$4,503,900. Ginger Cleavinger seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

For discussion of future agenda items, it was requested to add an update on the Amphitheatre will be added to the next meeting agenda.

City Manager, Stacey Norris, reminded Council of the Budget Work Session on July 27, 2023. She also informed Council that the summer hours for administrative staff will end on August 11, 2023 and City Hall will close at 4:00 pm on August 3, 2023 for staff to attend XIT Watermelon Feed. City of Dalhart Chief of Police stated that he has one new officer set to start August 9th. Joe Livingston informed Council that EDC has the potential to move forward with approval of a Downtown Revitalization Grant to help replace sidewalks downtown. During the vetting process the City of Dalhart scored 9th in the State which should move them through to the next phase. For the Texas Community Development Grant, the City scored 3rd in the region and will move to the second round.

There being no further business, Michele Griffin made a motion to adjourn. Ginger Cleavinger seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Justin Moore, Mayor

Wendy Kleynhans, City Secretary