

**DALHART CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023**

The Dalhart City Council met for a work session at City Hall on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Justin Moore called the meeting to order and Ty Hancock led the prayer. Members present were:

Justin Moore, Mayor

Absent:

Dwayne Smith	Brian DeMots
Parker Noel	Ty Hancock
Franky Scott	Gary Schniederjan
Michele Griffin	Ginger Cleavinger

Stacey Norris, City Manager
Wendy Kleynhans, City Secretary
James Perez, Fleet Manager
Joe Livingston, Economic Development Director
Liana Hunter, Code Manager
Mike Olvera, Water/Wastewater Superintendent
Ken Nickel, Interim Finance Director
Gilbert Ramirez, Parks & Cemetery Supervisor

City Manager, Stacey Norris, gave a presentation reviewing the upgrades to infrastructure/quality of life improvements around the City of Dalhart which included the splashpad, new playground equipment at the 7th street park, pool park, and Teqball tables for all 5 parks. Initiatives included PD recruitment/retention, downtown initiatives with summer jams, Cinco de Mayo Celebration. EDC Initiatives included business grants, a comprehensive plan, and the Industrial Park.

For quality-of-life initiatives regarding health and safety, the Emergency Response Center remodel projects will be funded by COVID funds and Certificate of Obligations and Reserves funds. The water tower rehab on Texas Street will be funded by the water fund. The Fire Department purchased a new rescue pumper with the Texas A&M Fire Service Grant and part of the funds came from the General Fund. New dumpsters will be purchased from the General Fund. Pool initiatives included a new pool slide to be funded by EDC and General Fund, and social events added to the calendar for summer events. The Police Department signed an agreement for 15 new patrol vehicles which will have a new CAD system, department issued rifles, shields, helmets, holsters, optics, and lights. EDC project include Residential development, a comprehensive plan, industrial park projects, business grant opportunities, and property improvements. The downtown social events drove business to the local businesses. The City has been approved to be a film friendly City and will be working towards becoming a music friendly City.

She also reviewed department training initiatives for each department for employees to obtain licenses and to broaden their knowledge in their roles and become more certified in order to fill voids when more tenured employees leave the City.

Ken Nickel, Interim Finance Director, gave a presentation on the current budget and where the City stands financially. His presentation reviewed details of the revenues and expenses broken down by the different accounts and gave a projection of where things may be expected to be at year end. He reviewed the capital fund and stated that most of the funds are reserved for the Emergency Response Center. The Rita Blanca Lake Fund saw a significant drop in funding, and it was found to be a result of waiving fees for Coliseum rentals. His presentation included numbers for taxes and current projects within the City that were generating revenue and included a projection of FY 2023/2024. The general fund saw a jump which was a result from the new fleet, systems, and salaries for the Police Department.

He reviewed the Water Department fund and stated that he had some concerns due to the year being so wet but projected that in the next few months that the funds will start to rise. In discussion he stated that there is a rate study being conducted and should be completed by the end of 2023.

EDC review showed that they were up on revenue due to lot sales. Dwayne Smith had a question regarding Airport hangar rent which explained that it would be in the income into the general fund to the City. He wanted to better understand where the 12,000 comes out of the difference in hangar rent because it shows a drop from \$36,000 to \$24,000. There was just an error in the slide and the amount should have shown \$24,000 in rent for FY 2023-2024.

City Manager, Stacy Norris, reviewed the 5-year CIP plan for the City. Those plans included the rehab of the water towers, WWTP Belt Press, TxDOT Aviation grants, draining issues, water line relocations, street and sanitation projects, improvements to Downtown, EDC planning, Emergency Response Center construction, park improvements, and water equipment.

There being no further business, Ty Hancock made the motion to adjourn. Ginger Cleavinger seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Justin Moore, Mayor

Wendy Kleynhans, City Secretary