

**DALHART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 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. Franky Scott 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	Dwayne Smith
Brian DeMots	Ginger Cleavinger
Parker Noel	Ty Hancock
Gary Schniederjan	Franky Scott

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

Parker Noel made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the previous Regular Meeting on July 24, 2023, and minutes from the Budget Work Session on July 27, 2023. The motion also included the approval of the July Financial Report, July Tax Report, and July bills in the amount of \$540,223.86. Those bills over \$3,000.00 were: Texas Municipal League \$51,113.27; Xcel Energy \$10,030.72; Chase Bank \$4,384.50; Xcel Energy \$43,140.25; Toot N Totum \$13,983.77; Western Industrial Supply \$14,474.70; Heiser Tire \$7,621.16; Paradigm Technologies \$8,364.49; Jose's Landscaping \$12,000.00; SPC \$5,472.92; Law Offices of Greg Oelke \$3,490.00; State Comptroller \$17,453.35; Mid-American Research \$16,603.71; AEG Petroleum \$13,111.81; Dataprose LLC \$4,485.17; Dallam Hartley Counties Hospital District \$36,000.00; Mayberry Texas Real Estate \$3,513.68; Cloudpermit Inc. 13,000.00; Dalhart Rotary Club \$6,000.00; Dallam County \$21,639.93; Axon Enterprises Inc. \$40,000.00; Adcomp Systems Inc. \$6,681.20; Jose's Landscaping \$12,000.00; WJ's Heating & A/C \$8350.00; Hydro Resources \$13,410.00; Roll-Offs of America \$26,308.00; Roe Tactical \$4,925.01; Johson's Work \$4,291.63; Texas First Group LLC \$3,366.00; and Texas Municipal Retirement \$22,775.15. Gary Schniederjan seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

There were no Public Comments.

Mayor Moore presented Years of Service Awards to Amanda Miller, Ignacio Romero, and Jonathan Olvera.

Discussion was held to approve the request from Dallam & Hartley County 4H to oversee and utilize the Archery Range. After discussion Council requested the City Attorney, Greg Oelke, draft a lease agreement between Dallam & Hartley County 4H and the City of Dalhart. No action was taken.

Gary Schniederjan made the motion to approve the request from the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce to close streets for their Farm to Table Event. Ginger Cleavinger seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Dwayne Smith made a motion to approve the placement of State Certified signage at the roundabout at 13th and Prairie Drive. Ginger Cleavinger seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Ginger Cleavinger made a motion to resume the consideration of Tabled item to discuss Servline Leak Protection Program on July 10, 2023, regular meeting agenda. Parker Noel seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Dwayne Smith made a motion to deny an agreement with Servline Leak Protection Program. Gary Schniederjan seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Ginger Cleavinger made a motion to resume the consideration of Tabled item to discuss Servline Utilities Protection Program on July 10, 2023, regular meeting agenda. Parker Noel seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Ginger Cleavinger made a motion to approve an agreement with Servline Utilities Protection Program without the usage of the City Logo on marketing materials. Michele Griffin seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Dwayne Smith made a motion to not proceed with the lease buyout request from SBA Towers IX, LLC. Ginger Cleavinger seconded the motion with 3 ayes and 3 nays. Mayor Moore moved with a tie breaking vote to not move forward with this project.

Mayor Moore provided an update to Council on the Amphitheatre project. He stated that Wes gave him an email with an update and he reviewed the timeline of stages for the build and stated that completion was expected to be October 2023.

Dwayne Smith made a motion to approve the total Proposed 2023 Tax Rate of .424750 with an M&O of .396938 and I&S of .027812. Ginger Cleavinger seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously. A final vote was conducted by show of hands with Michele Griffin, Dwayne Smith, Parker Noel, Franky Scott, and Ginger Cleavinger for and Brian DeMots, Ty Hancock, and Gary Schniederjan opposing.

City Manager, Stacey Norris, and Interim Finance Director, Ken Nickel presented Council with the first reading of 2023-2024 Annual Budget.

Economic Development Corporation Director, Joe Livingston, presented Council with the first reading of the Dalhart Economic Development proposed budget for fiscal year 2022/2023.

Interim Finance Director, Ken Nickel, gave council the July financial report.

City Council convened into Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.074 for the deliberation of Emergency Management responsibilities at 7:33 pm.

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:14 pm. No action was taken.

For discussion of future agenda items, Ginger Cleavinger would like to see roll call and vote call for future items.

EDC Director Joe Livingston gave a report on their comp plan and the feedback given. He also invited Council to the Business meeting breakfast on August 15th at 8:00 am. Fire Chief Mario Garcia told council that they have been busy this month with fire calls. He also stated that they got some more gear in and added 3 probationary members. Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director informed Council that if they had an interest in a tour of the ERC to get in touch with them so they can schedule the tour. City Manager, Stacey Norris informed Council that summer hours ended on Friday August 11th.

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