

**DALHART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019**

The Dalhart City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Clinton Hale, Mayor Pro-Tem, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Rusty Hancock led the prayer. Members present were:

Clinton Hale, Mayor Pro-Tem

Brian Walton
Bryan Brewer
Troy Ferguson

Rusty Hancock
Sherri Haschke
Tim Yee

Absent:
Phillip Hass, Mayor
Billy Sisco

James Stroud, City Manager
Frances Childers, City Secretary
Greg Oelke, City Attorney

Before continuing with the regular agenda items, Mayor Pro-Tem Clinton Hale presented Gilbert Ramirez, Cemetery & Parks Superintendent, with a twenty (20) year service pin and thanked him for his service to the City.

Brian Walton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of minutes of the previous meeting on August 13, 2019. Tim Yee seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Clinton Hale opened the first Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate of \$0.414100 per \$100 of taxable property value. There was no one from the Public in opposition of the proposed tax rate. Brian Walton made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Sherry Haschke seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Brian Walton made a motion to call for a second Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate and set the date for Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 12:00 noon at Dalhart City Hall in Council Chambers. Tim Yee seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Tim Yee made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Economic Development Corporation to fund up to \$75,000 for grants matching funds for Frank Phillips College. Rusty Hancock seconded the motion and the same carried with 4 ayes, 1 nay (Troy Ferguson), and Brian Walton abstaining.

Brian Walton made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2019-11**, captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF DALHART, TEXAS (“CITY”) DENYING SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY’S PROPOSED RATE INCREASE IN CONNECTION WITH ITS STATEMENT OF INTENT SUBMITTED ON ABOUT AUGUST 8, 2019; AUTHORIZING THE CITY’S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE ALLIANCE OF XCEL MUNICIPALITIES (“AXM”) AND PARTICIPATION IN RELATED RATE PROCEEDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTANTS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF REASONABLE LEGAL AND CONSULTANT EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE

MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

Troy Ferguson seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Brian Walton made a motion to authorize the City Manager to act as Power of Attorney dealing with a filing error with the IRS on TML Health Care benefits. The motion also includes the adoption of **Resolution 2019-12**, authorizing representation in the IRS matter and delegating authority to execute Form 2848 IRS Power of Attorney.

Tim Yee seconded the motion and the same carries unanimously.

Tim Yee made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Salary Committee and allocate a 3% increase in salary to each employee. Those serving on the Salary Committee this year were Billy Sisco, Troy Ferguson, and Tim Yee. Brian Walton seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

There were no Department Head reports.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Clinton Hale, Mayor Pro-Tem

Frances Childers, City Secretary