

**DALHART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020**

The Dalhart City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Phillip Hass, Mayor, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Brian Walton led the prayer. Members present were:

Phillip Hass, Mayor

Rusty Hancock
Bryan Brewer
Brian Walton
John Loepkey

Sherry Haschke
Troy Ferguson
Tim Yee

Absent:

Clinton Hale

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

Brian Walton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of minutes of the previous Regular Meeting on January 14, 2020. Sherri Haschke seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Travis Juilfs was recognized by the Mayor and stated he has concerns about how Kid's Inc. will affect the Youth Sports Program already in place in Dalhart. The Mayor stated that possibly his questions could be answered by the representatives scheduled for a presentation later in the meeting.

Billy Thompson, TDCJ, Warden, Dalhart Unit, was in attendance and stated the Dalhart Unit is short staffed at the present time. They are only 38 percent staffed, being 100 correctional officers short. Part of the reason is the lack of housing in Dalhart. The City is working with TDCJ and hopes to find a solution.

Greg Duggan was the final attendee with a Public Comment. He stated that Dalhart is very fortunate to have money donated in order to have a sports complex being built for families to enjoy for years to come. He thanked Gene and Louise Rahl for their generous donation and the many other things they have done for Dalhart.

At the January 14, 2020 meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Clinton Hale appointed Troy Ferguson, Bryan Brewer, and Sherri Haschke to a Nomination Committee to find a replacement for Billy Sisco, Ward 3. Troy Ferguson made a motion to appoint John Loepkey to the unexpired term of Sisco who has moved to Amarillo. Tim Yee seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Frances Childers, City Secretary administered the Statement of Officer and Oath of Office to John Loepkey, Councilman, Ward 3.

The next agenda item was the presentation of a plaque to recognize Councilmembers who have passed while in office. Mayor Hass and Councilmember Billy Sisco organized this project. The two Councilmembers recognized for their time on the Dalhart City Council were Jim Chandler, Ward 3 and Kerry Miller, Ward 1. Kerry Miller's spouse, Richard, was present for the recognition.

The next agenda item was the acknowledgement of Coy Gergen, City Judge, who has retired after 29 years of service. Mayor Hass presented Gergen with a plaque/gavel.

Jimmy Lackey, Craig Wilfong, and Stacy Knight, with Kids Inc, were in attendance to present information on the organization. Their presentation explained how, if the City chooses, they would oversee the day to day operations of the future Recreation Center. They gave a review of the Kids Inc. program from scheduling, volunteers, participation and all of the various sporting activities offered. The Council had many questions, as well as ones in attendance.

The next agenda item was the discussion of Kid's Inc partnering with the City once the Recreation Center has been completed. Troy Ferguson made a motion to table this agenda item in order to give the Councilmembers time to reach out to the organizations already in place and to give citizens time to ask questions and have their concerns heard. Sherri Haschke seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

There was no Executive Session.

The Council continued in Open Session to discuss sub-leasing buildings located on airport property, which the City owns. Brian Walton made a motion to allow the owner of the building to sub-lease it for 10% of the additional amount over the lease agreement. The building can be sub-leased to one party only. Tim Yee seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Phillip Hass, Mayor

Frances Childers, City Secretary