

**DALHART CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

The Dalhart City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Phillip Hass, Mayor, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Rusty Hancock led the prayer. Members present were:

Phillip Hass, Mayor

Rusty Hancock  
Bryan Brewer  
Sherri Haschke  
Clinton Hale

Brian Walton  
Tim Yee  
John Loepky

**Absent:**  
Troy Ferguson

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 February 25, 2020. The motion also included the approval of the February Financial Report, February Tax Report and February bills in the amount of \$633,695.22. Those bills over \$3,000.00 were: Chamber of Commerce \$30,468.00; La Rita Theatre-\$15,234.00; Dallam County-\$20,155.95; Lang Electric-\$6,980.52; Dallam-Hartley Counties-\$30,468.00; XIT Rodeo & Reunion-\$20,650.00; Paradigm Technologies-\$10,087.79; Caldwell Country-\$75,235.00; Western Equipment, LLC-\$6,814.59; ACI Advanced Connections-\$8,431.64; Coon Memorial Assist-\$7,161.92; Xcel Energy-\$22,097.48; Texas Hotel & Lodging Association-\$3,595.00; Gresham & Associates, Inc-\$29,079.00; Jake's Auto-\$7,566.95; Atmos Energy Company-\$3,458.21; Xcel Energy-\$5,772.21; Western Industrial Supply-\$9,054.05; AEG Petroleum LLC-\$5,411.60; Chamber of Commerce-\$26,240.00; Dalhart Economic Development-\$66,244.57; Dallam County Appraisal-\$8,528.45; Texas Municipal League-\$50,515.25; TCEQ-\$15,851.67; Top of Texas Disc Golf-\$6,575.00; Dalhart Cruzers Car Club-\$9,750.00; Texas Municipal Retirement-\$21,611.70; IRS Payroll Taxes-\$25,972.90; IRS Payroll Taxes-\$25,329.10. Bryan Brewer seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Greg Duggan requested to speak under Public Comments. Duggan wanted to address some of the concerns residents have concerning the operating budget of the Recreation Center. He stated that the EDC (Economic Development Corporation) collects around \$600,000 a year from taxes that residents already pay, so the operations of the Recreation Center will not cost the citizens a single penny more than they already pay in taxes. He requested the Councilmembers vote by a show of hands on Agenda Item #11.

Mayor Hass opened the Public Hearing and second reading of **Ordinance 2020-01**, on the proposed zone change of Lots 8-9, Block 112, Blair Division, City of Dalhart, Dallam County Texas, from R-3 Residential to Special Use Zoning to place a manufactured

home. There was no one from the Public in opposition of the zone change. Brian Walton made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Bryan Brewer seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously. (618-620 Brooklyn/Kimberly Russell)

Brian Walton made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2020-01**, rezoning Lots 8-9, Block 112, Blair Division, City of Dalhart, Dallam County Texas. Rusty Hancock seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was to consider and act upon recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and conduct first reading of **Ordinance 2020-05** on proposed zone change of 7.5' of Lot 19 and all of Lot 20, Block 67, Blair Division, City of Dalhart, Dallam County Texas from R-3 Residential to Special Use Zoning to place a manufactured home. This property is located at 1002 Matlock and belongs to Adriano Lozano. Mr. Lozano has withdrawn his request to re-zone the property, therefore, this application has been cancelled and no action taken.

Brian Walton made a motion to appoint Selene Schumacher as Election Judge for the May 2, 2020 Special Bond Election. She will appoint two (2) Election Clerks. Tim Yee seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Brian Walton made a motion to appoint Selene Schumacher as the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge for the Special Bond Election on May 2, 2020. Sherri Haschke seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Brian Walton made a motion to appoint Frances Childers as the Early Voting Clerk and Rhonda Reyna and Sarah Cooley as Deputy Early Voting Clerks. Tim Yee seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Brian Walton made a motion to keep the pay rate at \$13.50 an hour plus \$25.00 for the Election Judge. The motion also included keeping the pay for the Election Clerks at \$13.50 an hour. Tim Yee seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Brian Walton made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2020-07**, cancelling the May 2, 2020 General Election. Bryan Brewer seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously. The City will hold a Special Bond Election on May 2, 2020 for a proposed new fire station.

Clinton Hale made a motion to appoint Kenneth Eldridge to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, replacing Tim Hatch and also appoint Eldridge to the Building Code Board of Adjustments, replacing Ronnie Hanbury. Brian Walton seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #11 was to rescind the vote on Item#6 from the October 22, 2019. The agenda read to "Consider and act upon a proposal from Gene & Louise Rahll". Councilman Yee felt the wording wasn't specific and it violates the Open Meetings Act. There was much discussion on this item and after hearing from City Manager James Stroud and City Attorney Greg Oelke, the Council was asked to rescind the action from the October meeting and reaccept the gift as specified in the contract executed by City Manager Stroud, City Attorney Greg Oelke, Gene & Louise Rahll, and Mr. Rahll's

attorney. Brian Walton made a motion to rescind the vote from the October 22, 2019 meeting and accept the donation of a Recreation Center (on a 13.32 acre tract) to the City of Dalhart, Texas. Bryan Brewer seconded the motion. The vote was taken by a show of hands as requested by Greg Duggan. Councilmembers voting yes were Walton, Brewer, Rusty Hancock, Clinton Hale and John Loepky. Councilmembers Tim Yee and Sherri Haschke voted no. Councilmember Troy Ferguson was absent. Councilmembers Yee and Sherri Haschke stated they were not against the Recreation Center, but were against the contract.

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

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Phillip Hass, Mayor

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Frances Childers, City Secretary