

**DALHART CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020**

The Dalhart City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Clinton Hale, Mayor-Pro Tem, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Brian Walton led the prayer. Members present were:

Clinton Hale, Mayor Pro-Tem

Rusty Hancock  
Bryan Brewer  
Sherri Haschke

Brian Walton  
Tim Yee  
John Loepky

**Absent:**  
Phillip Hass, Mayor

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 May 12, 2020. The motion also included the approval of the May Financial Report, May Tax Report and May bills in the amount of \$624,475.16. Those bills over \$3,000.00 were: Toot-N-Totum-\$10,438.70; Texas Municipal League-\$49,030.99; Chemquest-\$6,398.00; Huber Technology-\$6,517.51; Chamber of Commerce-\$23,736.00; LaRita Performing Arts-\$11,867.90; Dalhart Economic Development-\$61,674.40; Lang Electric-\$3,553.13; Xcel Energy-\$5,613.19; Western Industrial Supply-\$19,307.95; Dallam-Hartley Counties-\$23,736.00; XIT Rodeo & Reunion-\$16,087.60; XIT Concrete-\$3,300.00; Paradigm Technologies-\$3,300.00; Gresham & Associates-\$10,150.00; Parkhill, Smith & Cooper-\$14,276.02; Texian Geospatial & Asset Solutions-\$3,640.00; Xcel Energy-\$21,049.82; AT&T Mobility-\$3,506.00; Evans Enterprises, Inc-\$8,145.08; Axon Enterprise, Inc-\$14,256.00; Casco Industries-\$8,912.00; Dallam County Appraisal-\$8,528.45; Dallam County-\$21,998.92; Roll-Offs of America-\$6,894.91; AEG Petroleum LLC-\$4,760.79; Parkhill, Smith & Cooper-\$78,758.46; Brandt Engineers-\$14,780.00; ACI Advanced Connections-\$6,705.00; Braun Intertec Corp-\$7,995.00; Texas Municipal Retirement-\$32,028.19; IRS Payroll Taxes-\$26,946.12; IRS Payroll Taxes-\$24,625.62. Bryan Brewer seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Heather Morris and Harold Meyers were present and requested to speak concerning Agenda Item #5 (Consider and act upon recommendation from the EDC to fund up to \$750,000 for the Recreation Center). City Manager James Stroud gave a brief explanation of the Economic Development Corporation. Mrs. Morris had several questions pertaining to how the EDC works in general. Both she and Mr. Meyers stated they would wait until Council got to that particular agenda item and possibly some of the questions would be answered.

Brian Walton made a motion to accept the resignation of Troy Ferguson, Councilmember, Ward 1. Bryan Brewer seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously. Rusty Hancock, Tim Yee, and John Loeppky were appointed to a committee to obtain a replacement for Ferguson. The Council has thirty (30) days in which to find a replacement.

Tim Yee made a motion to approve the request from the Planning & Zoning Commission and conduct the first reading of **Ordinance 2020-12**, on the proposed zone change of W 15' of Lot 13 and E 22.5' of Lot 14, 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 belongs to Jaime Moreno and is located at 1016 Matlock. There was no one in attendance to oppose the rezone. Brian Walton seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 was to consider and act upon recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and conduct first reading of **Ordinance 2020-13** on the proposed zone change of Section 5, Block 48, H&TC Ry Co, City of Dalhart, Dallam County Texas from R-3 Residential to Commercial Zoning to establish a manufactured home park. Thomas Berryman is asking for the re-zone at 901 East 1st St. Mr. Berryman was unable to attend the Planning & Zoning meeting on June 8, therefore, this agenda item was tabled at the Planning & Zoning meeting and also the June 9 meeting of the City Council. This will be re-scheduled for both meetings. Brian Walton made a motion to table the first reading. Tim Yee seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was a recommendation from the Economic Development Corporation 4-B to fund up to \$750,000 for the proposed Recreation Center. There was much discussion on this agenda item. Several in attendance asked why the City needed to fund an additional \$750,000 to the \$5,000,000 already donated. City Manager Stroud explained that the architects estimate came in at \$5,786,552, thus the request for the \$750,000. He also explained that the EDC funds are generated from sales tax. Greg Duggan was in attendance and explained that square footage has already been taken from the building and parking lot in order to get the cost down. He said he would like to see this project completed with help from the EDC. Duggan added that in the past, EDC funds have been used for parks, walking trails, coliseum, etc. He went on to say it is likely this project won't take place if the additional money is not received. Sherri Haschke, Councilmember, said she believes the money for this project could be spent differently and some of the main activities citizens asked for on the survey were not considered in the proposed plans. Tim Yee, Councilmember, asked Duggan several questions pertaining to the EDC meeting held on May 21, recommending the funding of \$750,000. Councilmember Bryan Brewer said he voted for the Recreation Center in the beginning, thinking it would not cost the taxpayers. However, he stated he would vote against the Recreation Center if additional funding is needed. Tim Yee made a motion to deny the funding of \$750,000. Sherri Haschke seconded the motion. It was requested the vote be taken by a show of hands. The vote was as follows:

**For the Additional Funding**

Rusty Hancock  
Brian Walton

**Against the Additional Funding**

Tim Yee                      Bryan Brewer  
Sherri Haschke        John Loeppky

Brian Walton made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee (HOT Committee) to fund \$3000 for the mud bog. Sherri Haschke seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Council members were asked to stay at the close of the meeting in order to complete the mandatory Cybersecurity Training.

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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Clinton Hale, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Frances Childers, City Secretary