

CITY OF DIMMITT  
Regular Meeting  
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Castro County  
Dimmitt, TX

The City of Dimmitt Council members met in a regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall as scheduled and posted 72 hours before the meeting.

Mayor-----Scott Sheffy  
Mayor Pro-Tem----- Steve Buckley  
Council member-----Gloria Hernandez  
Council member-----John Nino (absent)  
Council member-----Chad Okamoto  
Council member-----Sergio Navarro  
Council member-----Janie Bugarin(absent)  
Council member-----Dewayne Espinosa  
City Attorney----- Underwood Law Firm(absent)  
City Manager----- Daniel Jackson  
City Secretary----- Elaine Kern

- Item No.1.    Call meeting to order.  
Mayor Scott Sheffy called the meeting of February 19,2024 to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Item No.2.    Consider and approve the minutes from January 15,2024 regular meeting.  
Mayor Scott Sheffy indicated that the council members had previously received and reviewed the minutes from January 15,2024 regular meeting. Council member Steve Buckley made a motion to approve the minutes. Council member Dewayne Espinosa seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Item No.3.    Hear public comments.  
No public comments.
- Item No.4.    Discussion of current financials.  
Mayor Scott Sheffy and the City Council member reviewed the financials. Mayor Scott Sheffy feels the financials are on track.
- Item No.5.    Consideration of Interlocal Agreement with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission For Application Assistance for the 2024 Downtown Revitalization Program & Associated Administration Consideration if funded. Jarian Fred from PRPC explained the Interlocal Agreement it's accompanying resolution for a collaboration between PRPC and City of Dimmitt for Application Development for the 2024 Texas CDBG downtown Revitalization Program. Community Development Block Grant supports community development activity to build stronger, more resilient communities and it's a program that is through U.S. Housing Urban Development, but for a city such as Dimmitt, it gets administered through Texas Department Agriculture. This program is very helpful for downtown revitalization. This grant is not a beautification grant, but is focused on ADA accessibility and attracting people to our city. The grant is a total of \$500,000.00. The City will have to provide a match of ten percent to get full points in the application. But the minimum contribution would be \$17,500.00 to be eligible. This will take one more city council meeting and a public hearing.  
Council member Gloria Hernandez made a motion to approval the interlocal agreement and resolution to apply for the 2024 Texas CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant. Council member Dewayne Espinosa seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Item No.6.    Discuss and consider action on city water request for commercial use outside the city Limits.  
• Elizabeth and Enrique Martinez  
Enrique Martinez spoke on water usage that would be used. Mr. Martinez explained he would look into recycling water for his business. Mayor Scott Sheffy explained this item needed more information and discussion. It was tabled until next meeting.
- Item No.7.    Discuss and consider action on the proposal for the City of Dimmitt to become a Certified Gigabyte Community with AW Broadband.  
• Presentation by Michael Hughes from AW Broadband.  
Mr. Hughes did not attend.

- Item No.8. Discuss and consider action on the Tuition Assistance Agreement between the City of Dimmitt and Eric Enriquez.  
Police Chief Tony Martinez spoke with the council about the tuition assistance agreement. Chief Martinez said that Eric Enriquez has been doing a great job with his current position of Animal Control. Chief Martinez said that Eric is currently waiting to receive formal acceptance into the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy. Chief Martinez told the Council that he believed Eric would be a great candidate for this program. Council Member Steve Buckley made the motion to approve the Tuition Assistance Agreement between the City of Dimmitt and Eric Enriquez. Council Member Sergio Navarro seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Item No. 9. Presentation by the Dimmitt Police Chief.
- 2023 Racial Profiling Report
  - Seizures and arrest
  - Animal control Report
- Chief Martinez reported on Racial Profiling Report. This report requires collection of information relating to motor vehicle stops in which a warning or citation is issued and if an arrest was made as a result of those stops. Includes information relating to; race, ethnicity, gender, of the individual detained, whether a search was conducted and if so, whether the individual detained consented to the search. Also, the location of the stop, reason for the stop. Our officers answered 1239 calls and there is a report completed on each call. Animal control report-there were 292 dogs captured and 31 dog surrenders. There was 1 cat surrendered. There were 3 dogs returned to the owner and 320 euthanized. And 1 cat was euthanized.
- Item No. 10. Presentation by the Municipal Judge.
- 2023 Annual Report
- Judge Taylor spoke on the duties of the court clerk and himself.
- Item No.11. Presentation by the Dimmitt Fire Chief.
- 2023 Annual Report
- Dimmitt Fire Chief Corey Lane report last year they had a total of 93 calls. Out of the 93 calls, 24 were wrecks, 4 were vehicle fires, 22 grass fires, 13 structure fires, 15 commodity fires, (hay or cotton burrs, ag), and 15 miscellaneous fires for instance gas leaks, power lines down, and lift assists. They have 17 full time volunteers and 5 new volunteers working on training during probation period.
- Item No.12. Presentation by the Public Works Director.
- 2023 Annual Report
- Public Works Director Tony Rios reported Atmos Gas Company will be here until September 2024 working on line replacements. This past year we have had 4 new hires. Mr. Rios reported we have around two years left on the old cell (hole to bury trash at the landfill). We have about 10% of the new cell dug. City has torn down two old houses in town. The city also had some breaks in our sewer mains and had to have them repaired because of the depth between 12 to 14 feet deep. Well #10 we had to purchase a translator for the old system to talk to the new system. The city has done alley repairs with rock we had purchased 5 to 6 years ago. The city of Dimmitt has purchased more dumpsters at \$670.00 each. To repair old dumpster is costing \$400.00 each dumpster. Mr. Rios also reported that they have trimmed trees at the park and repaired water and sewer leaks through the year.
- Item No.13. City Manager's Report.
- City Manager Daniel Jackson reported the 4 incumbents were the only 4 to turn in their applications for a place on the ballot. The city was approved for the funding of the splash park. Mr. Jackson met with Dan from Texas Parks and Wildlife last week. We did a site visit to show him where we wanted the splash park. Dan did say we would not receive funding this year since we did a larger grant, it will be federal funding, not state funding. Time frame to begin paperwork will be around September 2024. Mr. Jackson reported we mailed out cards to the residents on the front yard parking ordinance. The city is giving the public until the end of March to comply with the ordinance. Mr. Jackson has been speaking with the TXDOT aviation on the airport. Our runway is in bad shape, the taxiways are in a little better shape, and the apron where you do tiedowns is also in bad shape. A rough estimate is ten to twelve million dollars to repair the entire airport. Mr. Jackson asked for an estimate to do only the runway.



The cost is 5.5 million dollars just for the runway. We are an unclassified airport, which means we are only eligible for state funding. With grant funding, we would be responsible for 10%. Design would be \$250,000 and in the fiscal year of 2025 and construction would be 5.5 million in fiscal year 2026. Our share would be \$25,000.00 in fiscal year 2025 and \$550,000.00 for fiscal year 2026. Mr. Jackson spoke about the fire department. He said we are looking at two things for the Fire Department; an aging building and aging vehicles. The volunteer fire department needs a new engine, the one to be replaced is 30 years old. As for the fire station building, we looked into building a new building and it will be too costly. Mr. Jackson said we are looking into remodeling the current fire station building, starting on the first floor. We can budget this annually, move in sections, and potentially spend the remaining \$370,000.00 in Covid funding on a new engine. We can working towards a goal with both. Fire Chief Corey Lane expressed his agreement with this plan. Mr. Jackson also spoke about the city wells and water situation. We will be working to get as many wells working as efficiently as possible.

Item No.14. Adjourn.

Mayor Scott Sheffy adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.



Mayor Scott Sheffy



City Secretary Elaine Kern