

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on October 22, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Joyce Ellison, Jason Gold, and Esther Newberry. Harold Northup was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Mike Clanton, Dennis Hilliard, Chris Classen, and Rod Clark.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2009, meeting. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

It was reported that the city clean-up days went well.

Mike Clanton appeared regarding some gravel that had been put on his property by another resident. Mr. Clanton was informed that the city had nothing to do with this gravel being placed on his property and that it is a legal problem between him and the other resident.

Discussed the water and sewer lines that need to be moved so that the bridge at East Third Street and Elm Street can be replaced. The city attorney is going to check on seeing whose responsibility it is to move these lines.

Chris Classen reported that he has been working on the fire hydrants that need to be repaired, and he should be able to get them finished as soon as the weather clears up. He has also had to do some minor repairs on the lift stations. It appears that some of the seeding has taken at the Wetland area.

Discussed the city's property and casualty insurance with the Illinois Municipal League. The premium for the 2010 policy period is \$24,663. If the premium is paid in full by November 20, 2009, a 1% discount is allowed. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to pay the insurance premium, less the 1% discount, by November 20, 2009. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the renewal of the franchise agreement with Mediacom. The city attorney recommended that the city have a representative from Mediacom attend a future city council meeting to discuss this more. The city council would appreciate it if any resident of Dallas City has a complaint dealing with Mediacom that they would contact the mayor or a council member and let them know about the problem(s) they are having or have had in the past.

Discussed properties in town that are in violation of the nuisance ordinance. There are currently five property owners that are on the third step of the city's three step plan.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to ammend the motion from the October 8, 2009, meeting regarding the hiring of an attorney for any citations issued for violating the city's nuisance ordinance to read that an attorney outside of the city attorney's firm of Capps, Ancelet, Clark, and Rasmussen will be hired to represent the City, if needed, for any citations issued for violating the city's nuisance ordinance if there is a conflict of interest with the city attorney's firm. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Jason Gold left the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Ellison to adjourn the meeting. Ellison, Newberry, and Higgins AYE. Gold and Northup ABSENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk