

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on November 12, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Joyce Ellison, Jason Gold, Esther Newberry, and Harold Northup.

Others attending the meeting were Sheryl Moore, Ryan Thompson, and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2009, meeting. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to pay bills. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Mayor Higgins reported that the Dallas City Ducks Unlimited has donated the \$200 proceeds they received from the raffle they held at the city's celebration this past summer to the city's Beautification Fund. The city council would like to "THANK" the Dallas City Ducks Unlimited for their donation.

Christmas with Santa will be held on December 5, 2009, at the Dallas City Senior Citizens Center from 10 A.M. to noon.

The bid letting for the East Fourth Street bridge between Oak Street and Elm Street took place on November 6, 2009. The low bid of \$387,499.34 was received from Midwest Bridge and Crane, Inc. of Good Hope, Illinois. The preliminary estimate for this project was \$537,400.00. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to concur with the bid letting and accept the bid from Midwest Bridge and Crane, Inc. for \$387,499.34. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Ryan Thompson appeared regarding his property on East Fourth Street. He would like the ditches on the north and west sides of his property cleaned out. He feels that there are some stop signs in towns that need to be replaced. He also brought it to the council's attention that there is a constant problem of vehicles being parked next to a "NO PARKING" zone by the fire station that can create a hindrance for the fire trucks exiting the fire station. The council will look into these problems and work on getting them taken care of.

Discussed the East Third Street bridge at Elm Street. Chris Classen reported that he has found documentation that proves the city's water and sewer lines were in place when the highway was built. Since the lines were pre-existing when the highway was built, it appears that it will be the state's responsibility to move the water and sewer lines.

Three water leaks were discovered this past week. Fire hydrants that require an adapter in order to be used by the fire department are being marked so that the fire department knows which hydrants need an adapter used on them.

Discussed delinquent water bills at the Hancock County Housing Authority. This will be discussed more with the city attorney.

Discussed vehicles that the State of Illinois has for sale.

Discussed the A.B.A.T.E. Christmas project. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed the furnace at the police station. It appears that it needs to be replaced.

Mayor Higgins is working on getting the next newsletter out.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to pay the Dallas Rural Fire Protection District \$1,026.75 for the 2% fire tax that the city received from the State of Illinois. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellison to hire Chad Passley, C.P.A., to do the city's 2009-2010 audit for \$2750. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to adjourn the meeting. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk