

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on December 10, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Joyce Ellison, Esther Newberry, and Harold Northup. Jason Gold was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellison to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2009, meeting. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSENT.

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

Discussed making a donation to the Illini West High School's FFA. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to donate \$100 to the Illini West High School FFA. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSENT.

It was reported that Mayor Higgins, Chris Classen, and the city attorney recently met with a representative from the Illinois Department of Transportation concerning the water and sewer lines at East Third Street and Elm Street where the bridge is scheduled to be replaced. The city was able to show evidence that these lines were in place when the bridge was originally built. Therefore, it appears that the Illinois Department of Transportation is going to agree that it is their responsibility to have these lines re-located so that the bridge can be replaced.

Mayor Higgins and the Council would like to “THANK” everyone who helped put up the city's Christmas lights and Dave Greenig for the use of his power lift to put them up.

Mayor Higgins and the city clerk recently met with a representative from AmerenCIPS in regards to the city's franchise agreement with AmerenCIPS. The AmerenCIPS representative informed the mayor and clerk that a new franchise agreement needs to be adopted. This will be acted on at the next meeting.

Discussed electrical work that needs to be done at the police station.

It was reported that the water commissioner, city clerk, and city attorney are scheduled to meet with Hancock County Housing Authority personnel next week to discuss the water bills of the tenants of the Housing Authority.

It was reported that the tree on city property at West Second Street and Cherry Street has been removed.

Chris Classen discussed the updated Capital Needs Study conducted by Klingner and Associates. The estimated cost for the entire project is \$467,980.

Discussed the heating service at the police station. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Tom Edmonds has informed the city that he is quitting the recycling business. Unless someone else can be found to take over this job, the city's recycling bin will have to be closed down on December 31, 2009. The city is attempting to find a replacement for Mr. Edmonds so that the recycling bin does not have to stay closed permanently.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to run a Holiday ad on WCAZ radio. The cost is \$75 for 10 spots. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSENT.

Discussed properties that are in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk