

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on March 27, 2008, 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 Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2008, meeting. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Mayor Higgins reported that the local Ducks Unlimited organization is planning on putting up several nesting boxes at the wetlands area in the near future. She also presented the council with a copy of the picture David Badge has made of the city to be used for the Hancock County Courthouse Centennial Committee's community project. The council gave their approval of this picture.

Chris Classen reported that the City's bid of \$1501 to the City of Carthage for a 1991 Ford ¾ ton flatbed truck, with hoist, has been accepted. He is working on getting estimates for shoring equipment and hopes to have them at the next meeting so that a decision can be made. He is also working on getting estimates for painting the city water tank and from a company to do a leak assessment on the city water lines.

The stop sign at the old water plant has been replaced and a new street sign has been ordered for the corner of Elm Street and Creamery Hill Road.

Discussed water rates. The city has received a letter from Dallas Rural Water District stating that they are raising their rates from \$2.10 to \$2.50 per thousand gallons, effective May 1, 2008.

Discussed City Clean-Up Days. It was decided to have clean-up days on May 1 and May 2 from 8 A.M. to 7 P.M. and May 3 from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the old stockyards by the recycling bin.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$300 to the Illini West After-Prom with a letter stating the City of Dallas City supports the Illini West School District. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Opened bids for the mowing of the city cemetery. The following bid was received:

Chris Hibbard Lawn Care \$290 per mowing

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the bid of \$290 per mowing from Chris Hibbard Lawn Care. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed cell phones for city employees. It was decided to authorize Commissioner Northup to check with U.S. Cellular and see what kind of plans were available.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Gold to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:45 P.M.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:50 P.M.

Discussed recent interviews with possible part-time police officers. A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Northup to hire Brandon Norris and Travis Duffy as part-time police officers for \$12 per hour. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSTAIN.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk