

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on December 17, 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 Rod Clark and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2009, meeting. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSTAIN.

Discussed property on Oak Street. It appears that the building on this property is in process of being torn down. There is a question as to whether or not there is an alley adjacent to this property. The city attorney will check on this.

Joyce Ellison left the meeting at 5:40 P.M.

Discussed the franchise agreement with AmerenCIPS. A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to approve Ordinance #588, renewing the existing franchise agreement with AmerenCIPS for thirty years with a growth clause. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

Discussed work that needs to be done at the police station. The furnace appears to not be financially feasible to be repaired. It also needs to be insulated to help prevent the loss of heat. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to have Max Faul insulate, block off any open areas, and install a heater in the police station. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

The meeting with the Hancock County Housing Authority concerning water bills had to be postponed until January.

Chris Classen reported that he may have to start doing a seasonal chlorination at the sewer lagoon. He also reported that new water meters have been ordered so that non-operable meters can be replaced.

A notice has been posted on the recycling bin that there is to be no dumping after December 31, 2009. Mayor Higgins has been informed that there is someone who appears to be interested in taking over the recycling business from Tom Edmonds.

The next newsletter is going to be sent out the first of next week.

Discussed Christmas bonuses for the city employees. A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Northup to give full-time employees a \$50 bonus and part-time employees a \$25 bonus. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

It was reported that a new taser gun has been ordered for the police department.

The city attorney has filed a lawsuit for the city against a property owner in town for continued violation of the city's nuisance ordinance.

It appears that West First Street west of Sycamore Street needs some holes filled with gravel.

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

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

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk