

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on March 11, 2010, 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 Connie Siemens, Rodney Clark, and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellison to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2010, meeting. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSENT.

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

Connie Siemens informed the council that she doing an Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2010, at 10 A.M. at the Dallas City Elementary School, and she requested a donation from the city. A motion was made by Ellison, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to donate \$125 to Connie Siemens for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 3. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSENT.

Discussed the East Fourth Street bridge. It appears that things are going as scheduled.

Discussed placing an ad in the West Central Illinois RSVP's booklet that they will be giving out at their luncheon on April 24. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to place a ¼ page ad in the West Central Illinois RSVP's booklet for \$30. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSENT.

Discussed the Hancock County Economic Development Association dues. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

It was reported that Larry Fry has taken over the REC Recycling business. He plans to be at the next meeting to discuss a contract with the city and report on what his future plans are with the recycling business.

Mayor Higgins reported that she plans to attend a future Dallas City Township meeting to see if they would be willing to help out with the expense of the recycling bin since several residents of Dallas City Township, who are not residents of the City of Dallas City, use the recycling bin.

Chris Classen reported that he has put bolt holes in several of the manholes that have to be sandbagged during flooding, and he plans on getting the other manholes in the flood areas done in the near future. He has also installed new valves in the lift station at the old sewer plant and replaced the control lines at the water tower. He reported that a leak in a water line had been repaired, but that he is still looking for another one.

The City has learned that the City of Carthage is interested in selling their backhoe. Mayor Higgins will contact the City of Carthage to get more information about it.

Discussed two sewer lines that need to be capped off. One property owner is in the process of taking care of this, and the city attorney will write a letter to the other property owner in regards to this.

It was reported that the stool in the women's bathroom at the boat dock is broken. An estimate has been received for a stainless steel unit for around \$3000. It was decided to get more estimates for both

stainless steel units and ceramic units, and discuss this more at the next meeting.

It was reported that the old high school building was recently sold by sealed bid and purchased by a gentleman from Florida. The purchaser stated in his bid that he would be requiring the assistance of the City to obtain grants. The city attorney advised the council that they have no obligation to do any such thing.

The city attorney discussed the Municipal Sunshine Law Revisions for 2010. He advised the council that they needed to designate certain individuals to receive the Open Meetings Act training and be Freedom of Information Act officers. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellison to designate the mayor, city clerk, and deputy city clerk to receive the Open Meetings Act training and be the city's Freedom of Information Act officers. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk