

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on April 22, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Joyce Ellison, Jason Gold, and Esther Newberry. Harold Northup was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2010, meeting. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the two bridge projects in town. It appears that the East Fourth Street bridge is coming along well. The city has been informed that the contractor that was awarded the bid for the East Third Street bridge is hoping to start on it around the first week in May.

Mayor Higgins has been informed that the Hancock County Economic Development Association will be in existence for at least one more year. A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to pay the Hancock County Economic Development Association \$1319 for the 2009 dues. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Mayor Higgins informed the council that a new stool for the restroom at the boat docks has been ordered from Holt Supply for \$385, and it should arrive in approximately two weeks.

Discussed the tractor blade that the city no longer uses. Don Ford has presented the city with an offer of \$200 for the 3 point tractor blade. A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to accept Don Ford's offer of \$200 for the 3 point tractor blade. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Mayor Higgins and Commissioner Gold attended a Rural Development meeting concerning the possibility of borrowing funds for the replacement of the city's water lines. Commissioner Gold is going to continue working on this.

The city council would like to remind everyone that the city's Clean-Up Days have been set for May 13, 14, and 15. Mayor Higgins is working on trying to find someone who would be willing to collect used computer equipment and other electronic items that can't be put in the dumpsters.

A city celebration has been set for July 31 and August 1, 2010. A public notice has been posted on the city's website showing some of the activities that are planned.

The city's pickup is in need of new tires. It was decided to get four new tires from Melton's Auto for \$450.

Chris Classen reported that he got most of the spraying done this week, and he is hoping to get the mowing done next week. He also reported that the tractor needs a new battery.

Discussed the pump carriages that need to be replaced. Chris has gotten the following estimates:

Huffman's:	\$1252 for 1	\$1187 each for 2	\$1117 each for 3
Awenkamp's of Quincy	\$770 for 1	\$690 each for 2	\$670 each for 3

A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to purchase four pump carriages from Awenkamp's of Quincy. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT. Since we need four, Chris is going to check with Awenkamp's to see if the cost per unit will be any less.

Jason Gold left the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Discussed a resident that needs to repair the water line to his house from the curb stand. It was decided to have the city attorney write this resident a letter informing him that these repairs need to be made.

Chris Classen informed the council the ditch around the sewer lagoon has filled in and needs to be cleaned out because it is now washing out the fence line.

Discussed violators of the city's nuisance ordinance. It appears that several of the violators are making an attempt to take care of their problems.

Discussed purchasing uniforms for Police Chief, Dennis Hilliard. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Ellison to give Dennis Hilliard approval to purchase 2 sets of uniforms for himself. Ellison, Newberry, and Higgins AYE. Gold and Northup ABSENT.

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

Chris Hibbard Lawn Care \$300 per mowing

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Ellison to accept Chris Hibbard's bid of \$300 per mowing. Ellison, Newberry, and Higgins AYE. Gold and Northup ABSENT.

Mayor Higgins read a "Thank You" from the Dallas City PTO for the city's recent donation.

The city's motor fuel tax letting is scheduled to take place on May 5, 2010, at 1 P.M. at the city clerk's office.

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

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

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk