

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on September 9, 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 Charles O'Donnell and Rod Clark.

It was noted that the minutes of the August 26, 2010, meeting should have stated it is the new backhoe that needs brake work instead of the old backhoe.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Ellison to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2010, meeting, with the above amendment. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

Harold Northup arrived at 5:40 P.M.

Discussed the East Third Street and East Fourth Street bridges that are being replaced. The contractor working on the East Third Street bridge has informed Mayor Higgins that they are still looking at a completion date of the middle of October. The engineers working on the East Fourth Street bridge project has informed the City that they are still waiting on the approval of asphaltting the bridge from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Mayor Higgins recently attended a meeting in Carthage regarding the Uniform Traffic Control Devices law. Mid-West GIS has given the City a proposal to go around town, do an inventory of all the current stop signs and regulatory signs the city has, and provide the city with all the stop signs and regulatory signs that are in need of replacement in order to comply with the Uniform Traffic Control Devices law. Mid-West GIS's fee for this proposal is \$1500. The City would be responsible for putting the signs, posts, etc. up. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Ellison to accept Mid-West GIS's proposal for \$1500. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

The city has been informed that the signs recognizing the Illini West Bass Fishing Team's State Championship will be put up when the State of Illinois employees are in the area.

Discussed the proposed culvert ordinance. The council instructed the city attorney to make some changes to the rough draft of the ordinance. The city attorney will make the requested changes, and the council will discuss this more after they receive the updated ordinance from the attorney.

It was reported that the water line on West Second Street has been repaired. There appears to be a leak in the water line on West First Street between Pine Street and Sycamore Street. The city employees are working on finding this leak and getting it repaired as soon as possible.

Discussed Trick-Or-Treat. A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to hold Trick-Or-Treat on October 30 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Charles O'Donnell from Glacial Energy presented Glacial's plan for supplying the city's electricity. AmerenCIPS would still be the deliverer of the electricity. There is no fee to make the switch of suppliers and there would be no affect on the city's current franchise agreement with AmerenCIPS. After reviewing the city's current electric bill, Mr. O'Donnell estimated that Glacial Energy could save

the city approximately 30% on its electric bill. The proposal is for the city only and would not be an option for any of the city's residents. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed the city cemetery. There appears to be some areas that have washed out badly and need to be repaired. The mayor is going to try to find someone who would be able to do the work.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing damage to property. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:42 P.M.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:46 P.M.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to pay Mary Biggieri \$85 for the removing of her car that was blocking West Second Street due to the excavation of a new water line. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Jason Gold left the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Discussed a property in town that is in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance. It was decided to give the city attorney authorization to get permission from the Court to proceed with actions against the property owner.

Discussed part-time police help. One of the current part-time officers is no longer working for the city. The police chief is looking for someone to possibly work part-time.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk