

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on December 9, 2010, 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 Dennis Hilliard and Rod Clark.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2010, meeting. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

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

The Dallas City City Council would like to "CONGRATULATE" the Illini West High School Football Team for winning the 2010 IHSA Class 3A State Football Championship on November 26.

The city has received a request from the Dallas City Lions Club for a donation to their Toy Share Program. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to donate \$225 to the Dallas City Lions Club for their Toy Share Program. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

The city has received a letter from the LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. organization informing the council of their efforts and what they are planning on doing this Christmas season. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to donate \$225 to the LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed the city's property and casualty insurance with the Illinois Municipal League. The premium for the 2011 policy period is \$26,684 if paid in full by December 20, 2010. A motion was made by Gold, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellison to pay the insurance premium in full. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed making a donation to the local food pantry. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to donate \$400 to the Grace Bible Church Food Pantry. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed Christmas bonuses for the city employees. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to give Dennis Hilliard, Greg Ferrill, Karen Northup, and Steve Vorhies a \$50 bonus and Travis Duffy and Dennis Anderson a \$25 bonus. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

Mayor Higgins discussed the East Third Street bridge project. The city will be responsible for mowing the grass that was sodded around the bridge.

Discussed purchasing a fireproof safe and fireproof file cabinet for the city's documents and records. A motion was made by Gold, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to authorize up to \$2500 for the purchase of a fireproof safe and \$1500 for the purchase of a fireproof file cabinet. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Ron Van Niewaal has approached Mayor Higgins on behalf of the Village of Lomax to see if the city would be willing to share a police officer. Mayor Higgins and Police Commissioner Ellison will plan on attending the Village of Lomax's meeting in January to discuss this with them more.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:10 P.M.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to authorize the city attorney to amend the court order dated November 17, 2010, extending the city's authority to tear down the building at 387 Oak Street. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed replacing water lines in town that need to be replaced.

Discussed canceling the second council meeting in December scheduled for December 16, 2010. The city attorney will check to see if this is permissible. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to cancel the December 16, 2010, meeting if permissible. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk