

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on April 14, 2011, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry and Harold Northup. Joyce Ellison and Jason Gold were absent.

Others attending the meeting were Ryan Thompson and Rodney Clark.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Northup, and Higgins AYE. Ellison and Gold ABSENT.

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

Connie Siemens is holding an Easter Egg Hunt on April 23, 2011, at 10 A.M. at the Dallas City Elementary School. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to donate \$125 to Connie Siemens for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 23. Newberry, Northup, and Higgins AYE. Ellison and Gold ABSENT.

It was reported that the Kids Fishing Tournament in Dallas City will be held on June 11, 2011. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$300 to the Illinois Junior Fishing Association for the tournament in Dallas City. Newberry, Northup, and Higgins AYE. Ellison and Gold ABSENT.

Discussed City Clean-Up Days. Jackson Disposal has been contacted, and they are not available to provide dumpsters on May 13, 14, and 15. They are available, though, on June 3, 4, and 5. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to set June 3, 4, and 5, 2011, for City Clean-Up Days. Newberry, Northup, and Higgins AYE. Ellison and Gold ABSENT. Tom Maynard will have a trailer for scrap metal items on site during clean-up days. The city will contact Portia Faul and Karen Northup to see if they would be willing to split the time of overseeing the clean-up days.

Discussed cleaning out the ditch at the sewer lagoon. Donald Scanlan has given the city an estimate of no more than \$2000 to do the work. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to have Donald Scanlan clean out the ditch at the sewer lagoon for no more than \$2000. Newberry, Northup, and Higgins AYE. Ellison and Gold ABSENT.

The city council would like to "THANK" the students at Illini West High School and West Central High School for constructing wood duck boxes for the wetlands area.

The city engineer has contacted the city attorney about easements and right of ways for the new water line project. The attorney has checked, and we do have the necessary easements and right of ways.

The city attorney discussed the building at 387 Oak Street. The previously issued court order gives the current owner until the end of April to tear the building down. If the building is not down by the end of April, the city attorney will go back to court in order to get it taken down.

It was reported that the police radio has been repaired and is now working.

Discussed tires for the police car. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to purchase tires for the police car from Melton's Automotive at the cost of no more than \$120 each, including mounting and balancing. Newberry, Northup, and Higgins AYE. Ellison and Gold ABSENT.

It was reported that the new police agreement with the Village of Lomax is working well. Mayor Higgins advised the council that currently there has been three hours of service provided over the contracted rate of two hours per day for the month of April.

Justin Hobby will begin work as a full-time police officer on May 1 instead of April 1. He is allowed to work without the required training until a training slot is available.

It appears some of the city's flags need to be replaced. It was decided to purchase 2 dozen new flags.

The city truck needed a brake booster. This has been done and the truck is now working.

A battery is needed for a pump. The approximate cost for this is \$40. It was decided to purchase the battery.

It was reported that if the river is down enough, the work on the lift station at the elevator should be done by May 1.

Discussed a proposal from Land & Water Vegetation Control for the spraying of weeds and other vegetation control around city property. The proposed cost for around the cemetery, along Oak Street, Third Street, and around the bridges on First Street is \$341. The proposed cost for around the sewer lagoon is \$292. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to accept both proposals from Land & Water Vegetation Control for a total of \$633. Newberry, Northup, and Higgins AYE. Ellison and Gold ABSENT.

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

Matt's Mowing	\$420 per mowing (including brush clean-up & trimming of trees)
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A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to accept the bid of \$420 per mowing from Matt's Mowing. Newberry, Northup, and Higgins AYE. Ellison and Gold ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk