

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on May 12, 2011, 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 Ryan Thompson, Chris Classen, and Rodney Clark.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2011, meeting. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Mayor Higgins "THANKED" Joyce Ellison and Jason Gold for their service on the city council.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 P.M.

The regular meeting of the new city council was opened at 5:33 P.M. City Clerk Steve Vorhies swore in Ruth Higgins as Mayor and Esther Newberry, Harold Northup Jr., Tom Schaefer, and Bob Weese as Commissioners.

The City Clerk informed the members of the council that the Illinois Statutes require the Council, by majority vote, to designate one commissioner to be Commissioner of Accounts and Finances; one to be Commissioner of Public Health and Safety; one to be Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, who ex-officio shall be Commissioner of Public Works; and one to be Commissioner of Public Property.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to designate Bob Weese Commissioner of Accounts and Finance, Tom Schaefer Commissioner of Public Health and Safety, Harold Northup Jr. Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, who ex-officio shall be Commissioner of Public Works, and Esther Newberry Commissioner of Public Property. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Whereupon said motion carried and Commissioner Weese is hereby designated Commissioner of Accounts and Finance, Commissioner Schaefer is hereby designated Commissioner of Public Health and Safety, Commissioner Northup is hereby designated Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, who ex-officio shall be Commissioner of Public Works, and Commissioner Newberry is hereby designated Commissioner of Public Property.

Discussed the time and dates to hold the regular meetings of the City Council. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to hold the City Council meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Dallas City Senior Citizens Center. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Weese to retain the services of Capps, Ancelet, Clark, and Rasmussen as the City's attorney. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to pay bills. Newberry, Northup, and Schaefer AYE. Weese ABSTAIN.

Ryan Thompson discussed changing the “STOP” sign at the corner of East Fifth Street and Linn Street back to a “YIELD” sign. The council agreed that this should be changed. Mr. Thompson also informed the council that he feels the city has done a good job cleaning out the ditch along East Fifth Street.

Discussed clean-up days that will be held on June 3, 4, and 5. Portia Faul has agreed to work these days and oversee the event.

Chris Classen reported on the bid letting for the replacement of water mains that will be held on June 7, 2011. He also reported that the pumps at the lift station on Chestnut Street had to be pulled and cleaned out, and the infiltration problem into the lift station by the pond on East First Street has been located and fixed. He is having the consumer confidence reports printed, and they will be sent out when they are done.

Mayor Higgins read “THANK YOU” letters from the Illini West students that attended the After Prom party and the West Central Illinois RSVP for the city's recent donations.

Discussed a request from the Hancock County Sheriff's office for a donation for the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to donate \$100 to Special Olympics Illinois. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The Motor Fuel Tax letting was held May 3, 2011. W.L. Miller Company submitted the only bid for \$36,190.64 to do the proposed street work and \$85 per ton for bituminous material (patch). A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to accept both bids of W.L. Miller Company. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Rod Clark presented the council with a tentative budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to enter executive session to discuss an ongoing lawsuit. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:35 P.M.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Schaefer to authorize Mayor Higgins to proceed with getting at least three bids for the demolition of the building at 387 Oak Street. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed properties that appear to be in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance.

Discussed ditches that need to be cleaned.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to adjourn the meeting. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk