

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on July 28, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Tom Schaefer, and Bob Weese. Harold Northup was absent.

There were no others in attendance.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Mayor Higgins read a thank you from the Special Olympics for the city's recent donation.

Ordinance #600 has been published in the paper, and it was decided to have the new water shut off specifications and reconnect fee take affect with the September 1, 2011, water bills.

Klingners & Associates are in the process of getting a "Notice of Award" prepared for the proposed water main replacement project. As soon as this is received, Mayor Higgins will sign it and return it so that the contractor can begin work on the project as soon as possible.

It was reported that the parking lot at the boat docks has been sprayed, and the ditch at the sewer lagoon will be cleaned out soon, weather permitting.

Discussed the wiring work that is to be done on the lift station by the elevator. This has been delayed several times due to the high river levels. The work should be completed as soon as the river level makes it possible to do so.

Discussed the sewer line between West First Street and the railroad tracks between Walnut Street and Sycamore Street. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed the building at 387 Oak Street. Klingners & Associates has been contacted to do the asbestos inspection.

Discussed purchasing a bullet proof vest for police officer Justin Hobby. Since these are custom fit, it was decided to contact Mr. Hobby's former employer, the City of La Harpe, to see if they would be willing to sell us his old vest that he used while employed by them.

It was reported that a few businesses had been broken into the last two weeks.

Commissioner Weese attended a WIRC workshop.

Discussed replacing the city dump truck/snow plow. The council will talk to the city's street employee and discuss this more at the next meeting.

Discussed a couple of dead trees along Highway 96 in the east end of town. Officials from IDOT in Biggsville have looked at them and informed Mayor Higgins that they will take care of them this fall.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to enter executive session to discuss possible property acquisition. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:50 P.M.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 7:03 P.M.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to authorize Mayor Higgins to attend the sheriff's sale on August 2, 2011, at 11 A.M. for the property at 120 West First Street in Dallas City, and set a maximum bid of \$35,500. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed stuck water meters. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Schaefer to contact Dennis Anderson and see if he would be willing to replace these meters for the city. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk