

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on August 11, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Harold Northup, Tom Schaefer, and Bob Weese.

Others attending the meeting were John Finton, Eric Icenogle, and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the July 28, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

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

John Finton appeared in regards to a delinquent water bill at 280 Oak Street, which is property owned by his daughter. The last tenant left an unpaid balance of \$163.01, which included a reconnect fee. After the tenant's deposit was deducted from the unpaid balance, there is a balance due of \$88.01. Mr. Finton agreed that this balance would be paid before water service would be restored to this property.

Discussed making a donation to the Illini West Loop Club. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$100 to the Illini West Loop Club. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Chris Classen reported that Donald Scanlan has been working on cleaning out the ditches at the Wetlands Project and using the dirt to build a parking area for cars to pull off the highway and view the Wetlands area. It appears that he is getting close to finishing his part of the job. Chris feels that the Wetlands area will probably need to be re-seeded once the job is completed.

Chris is planning on replacing a water valve on East Fourth Street next week. He has not heard anything from the engineer or the contractor in regards to the water main replacement project. He is still waiting for the electrician to get the wiring work done on the lift station by the elevator.

Discussed the sewer line between West First Street and the railroad tracks from Walnut Street to Sycamore Street. A verbal estimate of \$14,000 has been received to line the existing sewer line and \$3,500 to \$5,000 for a new manhole that would be needed. Another verbal estimate of \$23,000 to \$24,000 has been received to replace the existing sewer line and put in a new manhole. The council requested that Chris Classen get an actual written estimate, and discuss this more at the next meeting.

It was reported that the mower deck needs to be repaired.

City employees are working on getting stuck water meters repaired.

Discussed replacing the current style of water meters with remote reading water meters. This will be discussed more at a future meeting.

Discussed purchasing a portable generator. It was decided to get prices and discuss more at the next meeting.

Discussed the next newsletter that will be going out next week.

Discussed making a donation to the Sons of the American Legion to help them pay for the cost of the piping they are going to be using on the flags that they are selling and then placing around town. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed the building at 387 Oak Street. The city is still waiting for the engineers to do the asbestos testing on the building.

Discussed purchasing a new city truck/snowplow. The city attorney will check to see if this has to be done thru a bid process.

The city has purchased the building at 120 West First Street for \$13,000. Richard Rasmussen is working on getting the deed work done. The city's attorney will then check it over when Mr. Rasmussen has finished it.

Discussed a property owner that is having problems with racoons that are coming from a property outside of the city limits. The city attorney informed the council that this is not a city problem. It is a problem between two private parties. The city attorney will check to see if there is anything that the property owner inside the city limits can do about the problem.

Discussed a RV that has been parked on Oak Street within the city's business district for several days. Mayor Higgins will talk to the owner and suggest some other possible locations to park it.

The City of La Harpe has been contacted about the possibility of selling us the bullet proof vest that police officer Justin Hobby used when he was employed by them, and they have stated that they would be willing to sell it to us.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk