

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on August 25, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed making a donation to the Sons of the American Legion. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to donate \$100 to the Sons of the American Legion. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the property at 120 West First Street that the city recently purchased. Mayor Higgins has received a letter from the city attorney regarding this property. There is some language in the current deed that concerns him. He has recommended that the city not take possession of the property or sign a deed until he has checked on this. He has filed the necessary paperwork to get the language that concerns him changed on the current deed.

Discussed the building at 387 Oak Street. Klingner and Associates personnel was not able to do much of an inspection on the building due to safety reasons. They were able to take six samples, however, and one sample did show asbestos. Mayor Higgins has contacted the contractor that was awarded the bid for the demolition of the building to see if they would be able to segregate the material that showed asbestos. They informed Mayor Higgins that they are qualified to do the segregation. If the segregation of the material has to be done, this will increase the total cost of the demolition of the building.

Discussed the contract for the new water lines. The city has not been given a date as to when the contractor is planning on starting the project.

Discussed the sewer line between West First Street and the railroad tracks from Walnut Street to Sycamore Street. The city is still waiting to receive a written estimate from the contractor for this project.

It was reported that the contractor doing the work on the lift station at the elevator is still waiting for the electrician to get the electrical work done.

City employees have checked on prices for a new generator. It appears that the approximate cost is going to be around \$700. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

It was reported that a city employee was burned by acid while working on a water meter recently. The employee received treatment and is doing fine.

The work on the ditches at the wetlands project has been completed and the work on the driveway is nearing completion. As soon as the dirt work on the driveway has been completed, rock will be brought in. The Riverview Sportsmen have indicated that they would be willing to reimburse the city for the rock. Ducks Unlimited has also previously committed \$5,000 to the city for the expenses at the wetlands project.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to pay Donald Scanlan \$3002.50 for the building of the driveway at the wetlands project. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

The bullet proof vest that police officer Justin Hobby used when he was employed by the City of La Harpe has been purchased from the City of La Harpe.

A resident of Dallas City whose husband has recently become deaf has contacted the city about requesting signs be put up along Highway 9 & 96 in their neighborhood indicating that there is a deaf person living in the area. The city will check into getting these signs put up.

Commissioner Weese is going to go to Quincy, Illinois, to look at city truck/snowplows in the next few days and will report what he finds out at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to pass Ordinance #601 for the levy and assessment of taxes for the May 1, 2011, to April 30, 2012, fiscal year. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed updating the codified ordinance book. This will be discussed more at a future meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk