

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on September 8, 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.

Others attending the meeting were Rodney Clark and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer to accept the minutes of the August 25, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

Discussed a request from Hagy's Bar & Grill to begin serving alcohol at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, September 11, 2011, for the Sons of the American Legion's fundraiser that is being held there. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to authorize Hagy's Bar & Grill to begin serving alcohol at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Chris Classen reported that a water valve had to be replaced on West Third Street. Work on the lift station on West First Street at the elevator has begun. He has seeded the wetlands area. Rock has been put on the driveway at the wetlands area. Discussed putting a fence up across the entrance and exit areas of the driveway until "STOP" and "DO NOT ENTER" signs can be put up. Discussed seeding both sides of the driveway.

Discussed the water main replacement project. Work is scheduled to begin on the project next week.

It was reported that the gear box on the mower had to be repaired.

The fire hydrant at East Third Street and Linn Street is going to be replaced next week.

Discussed purchasing a new generator. The price for a new Briggs and Stratton generator at Melton's Auto is \$699. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to purchase the new Briggs and Stratton generator from Melton's Auto for \$699. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the property that the city recently purchased at 120 West First Street. The city attorney reported that he has gotten the deed back on the property, but he has not recorded it yet due to the fact that it states that there is an "in rem" deficiency judgement against the property. He does not feel that there will be a problem getting this "in rem" deficiency judgement removed from the deed, and he is working on getting it done. He is looking at sometime in October to having everything finished and the new deed recorded.

Discussed the problem a property owner is having with racoons coming from a property outside the city limits. The city attorney advised the council that since this is a private party problem, and not a city problem, there is nothing the city can do about it.

Discussed the property at 387 Oak Street. Work on tearing down the building is on hold. The city has received a report from Klingner & Associates regarding the asbestos test. The reports shows that asbestos was found in two areas. Someone from Klingner & Associates has contacted the contractor

that was awarded the bid to demolish the building. The contractor is going to let the city know what the cost will be to remove the asbestos, and a change order will be done showing the revised cost of this project.

Discussed a RV that has been parked on Oak Street for several days. It was decided to have the police chief talk to the owner of the RV about getting it moved.

Discussed the Appropriations Ordinance for 2011-2012. When it was passed in tentative form on May 26, 2011, it was assigned Ordinance #597. However, when it was passed on July 14, 2011, it was assigned Ordinance #599. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese that Ordinance #597 shall not be used as an ordinance number, now, or anytime in the future. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Mayor Higgins has checked on the request that was discussed at the last meeting to put up signs along Highway 9 & 96 indicating that a deaf person lived in the area. In order to get these signs put up, the city has to have a letter from the individuals doctor verifying that he is deaf. The city will work on getting these signs put up as soon as they receive the doctor's verification.

Discussed purchasing a new city truck/snowplow. Commissioner Weese has done some checking on this. He is in the process of getting prices and is hoping to have some more information for the council at the next meeting.

Discussed the ditch at East Fourth Street and Linn Street. This will be checked on.

Discussed loaning out the city backhoe to the fire department recently when they were fighting a fire on private property. A tire had to be replaced, and it appears the fire department is going to pay for it.

Discussed Trick-Or-Treat. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to have Trick-Or-Treat on October 31 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Harold Northup arrived at 7:25 P.M.

Discussed making donations to the food pantry and other organizations for the upcoming holidays. These will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Esther Newberry left the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

It was reported that Pioneer Seed Company has donated two pallets of plastic bags to the city that can be used in the future for flood protection.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk