

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on September 22, 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 September 8, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

The American Legion will be serving hot dogs on Trick-Or-Treat night. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to donate \$125 to the American Legion for this event. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to donate \$150 to Connie Siemens for Christmas with Santa. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Schaefer to donate \$300 to the Dallas City Fire Department for Christmas candy. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed making a donation to the local food pantry. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to donate \$500 to the Grace Bible Church Food Pantry. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed having Fall Clean-Up Days. A motion was made by Newberry, 2nd by Schaefer to have Fall Clean-Up Days on October 14, 15, & 16. Dumpsters will be located at the old stockyards. Tom Maynard will be contacted to see if he would be willing to set up a trailer for scrap metal items. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the new water main replacement project. The new line has been put in along East First Street from Osage Street to the recreation park. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to approve payment of pay request #1 from K & N Excavating in the amount of \$71,293.50 for the new water main replacement project. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

It was reported that the electrical work has been completed on the sewer lift station at the elevator and the concrete work will be done this week, weather permitting.

Discussed the city's contract with TEST Inc. The current contract expires on December 31, 2011. Mayor Higgins has met with a representative from TEST Inc. regarding a new contract. TEST Inc. has proposed a new five year contract with a 4% annual increase in compensation. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to make a counter offer to TEST Inc. for a five year contract with a 3 1/2% annual increase in compensation. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the property at 120 West First Street that the city recently purchased. It was reported that the locks have been changed and the grass has been mowed.

Discussed the building at 387 Oak Street. Hy-Tech Specialized Services has presented the city an estimate of \$5,580 for the removal of asbestos. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to accept the previous tentatively accepted bid from Hy-Tech Specialized Services of \$26,385 with the attachment of the change order for the removal of asbestos for an estimated \$5,580. Newberry,

Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed purchasing a new city truck/snowplow. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Schaefer to purchase a 2012 Ford F-550 chassis cab with Knapheide options for \$61,200 and carbide blades for \$55 per foot from Gem City Ford Lincoln Mercury in Quincy, Illinois. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the ditch at the wetlands area and possibly putting in a drop box. It was decided to contact an area contractor to see if this would be a possible option.

Discussed delinquent water bills.

Discussed approaching the Dallas Rural Fire Protection District about possibly making up an intergovernmental agreement involving each parties equipment when needed by the other party.

It was reported that the RV has been moved off of Oak Street.

The Council would like to “THANK” the Sons of the American Legion for all of their efforts in making the 9-1-1 commemorative ceremony that was held September 11 a wonderful event.

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

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

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk