

The Dalla City City Council held its regular meeting on October 13, 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 Gabrielle Reidner and Rod Clark.

It was noted that the ditch and dropbox that was discussed at the last meeting is located at the corner of Linn Street and East Fourth Street and not at the wetlands area.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to accept the minutes, as corrected, of the September 22, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed bills. There is a question regarding the bill from Klingner & Associates for the asbestos test they did on the building at 387 Oak Street. A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to pay bills, except the one from Klingner & Associates. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Gabrielle Reidner appeared on behalf of Casey's General Stores. She requested that the city consider amending the liquor ordinance so that the sale of packaged liquor can be done before noon on Sundays. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to direct the city attorney to draw up a new ordinance amending the starting time for the sale of packaged liquor on Sundays by liquor license holders. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Hy-Tech Specialized Services has notified the city that they have received approval from the EPA to begin the demolition of the building at 387 Oak Street next week.

Discussed traffic signs at the wetlands area. The city attorney has contacted the Illinois Department of Transportation. Someone from the Illinois Department of Transportation should be contacting Mayor Higgins and setting up a meeting with her to get the necessary permits issued for the putting up of the traffic signs. The city attorney will then draw up the necessary ordinance.

Discussed making an inter-governmental agreement with the Dallas Rural Fire District regarding the use of each others assets. The city attorney is working on drawing up such an agreement.

Discussed the new water lines. The new line along West Second Street is scheduled to be connected to the water main on West Third Street on October 14, 2011.

It was reported that the work on the sewer lift station on West First Street at the elevator has been completed, with the exception of some sand blasting that needs to be done.

Mayor Higgins has been contacted by TEST, Inc. in regards to the renewing of the current contract. The representative of TEST, Inc. informed Mayor Higgins that the city's counter offer of a five year contract with a 3 1/2% annual increase in compensation would be acceptable with them. The city is now waiting to receive the new contract to sign.

Discussed putting up signs on West Third Street indicating there is a resident living in the area that is deaf. The Illinois Department of Transportation has informed the city that due to their rotation, it will probably be two to three months before the signs will be put up by the state.

The deed for the property at 120 West First Street has been transferred over to the city. It was decided to remove all the carpet that is currently in the building and any linoleum that needs to be replaced.

It was reported that the new truck/snowplow has been ordered. The delivery time is approximately four to eight weeks. Also, a couple of changes had to be made to the order. With the changes the final price of the vehicle is \$62,850 plus the cost of the carbide blades at \$55 per foot.

Discussed putting in a drop box with a grade on top at the southwest corner of Linn Street and East Fourth Street. D & D Construction has given the city an estimate of \$300-\$400. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to hire D & D Construction to put in a drop box with grade on top at the southwest corner of Linn Street and East Fourth Street. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed hiring someone to take care of the maintenance of the recycling bin so that the city's streets employee will not have to do it. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to hire James Rowley to take care of the maintenance of the recycling bin for \$8.25 per hour. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the stop signs and regulatory signs that need to be replaced in order to comply with the Uniform Traffic Control Devices law. Mayor Higgins has been notified that Hancock County held the bid letting for the signs on September 15, 2011. No time has been given to the city as far as to when the signs will be received.

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 7:20 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk