

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on October 27, 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 Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

Discussed the building at 387 Oak Street. The contractor's trackhoe has broke down, and they are waiting for the needed parts to arrive so that they can continue with the demolition of the building. The contractor has cleaned up the area of the portion of the building that has already been torn down.

Mayor Higgins reported that she has not heard from the Illinois Department of Transportation in regards to the traffic signs at the wetlands area.

It was reported that the fall clean-up days went well and was taken advantage of by several residents.

Chris Classen reported that the fire hydrant at the corner of Linn Street and East Third Street has been replaced. The flood control structure has also been put up at the lift station by the elevator. There have been two water breaks in the past week, but both have been repaired. He also had to replace the meter in the meter pit at the water tower.

The water main replacement project is still in process. The contractor has hit a couple of phone lines, but they have been repaired. The new service line hook-ups have been installed on the East First Street project. A new meter pit still needs to be installed at the recreation park. The contractor is still working on the project along West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

It appears that there have been some engineering problems with the water main replacement project. The city attorney will be contacted regarding these problems.

Discussed pay request #2 from K & N Excavating for the water main replacement project in the amount of \$76,844.70. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to approve the payment of pay request #2 from K & N Excavating for the amount of \$76,844.70. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

It was reported that the city's chop saw needs to be replaced. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to purchase a new chop saw. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed the property at 120 West First Street that the city recently purchased. All the carpet, tile, and linoleum that needed to be removed has been taken out. It appears the siding on the west side of the building suffered a little heat damage from the house fire that recently occurred next door.

Discussed the bill from Klingner & Associates that was not approved at the last meeting for the asbestos tests that they did on the building at 387 Oak Street. Mayor Higgins has contacted Klingner & Associates, and the amount of the bill is correct. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to pay the bill for \$975 from Klingner & Associates for the asbestos tests that they did on the building at 387 Oak Street. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed the liquor license ordinance. The city attorney has drawn up an amended ordinance. It was decided to allow holders of city liquor licenses to start selling packaged liquor only at 9 a.m. on Sundays. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to pass, in tentative form, Ordinance #602, an ordinance amending the starting time of the sale of packaged liquor on Sundays from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 A.M. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The drop box at Linn Street and East Fourth Street has been put in.

Several residents have inquired as to the burning ban. It was reported that as far as the city is aware the burn ban is still in effect in Hancock County.

Discussed changing the date of the city council's second meeting in November since this falls on Thanksgiving Day. It was decided to hold the city's second council meeting in November on November 16 at 6 P.M. at the Dallas City Senior Citizens Center.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk