

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on November 10, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Harold Northup, and Bob Weese. Tom Schaefer was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Brad Lanier from Klingner & Associates, Rod Clark, & Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the October 27, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

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

Discussed the liquor license ordinance. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to pass Ordinance #602, amending the starting time of the sale of packaged liquor on Sundays from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 A.M. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Discussed the engineering fees on the water main replacement project. Klingner & Associates has informed Mayor Higgins that the City will not be liable for any engineering fees over the amount of their original estimate.

Brad Lanier from Klingner & Associates discussed the change orders for the water main replacement project. The change orders resulted in an additional expense of \$15,200 for the cutting into Illinois Highway 9 & 96 at Pine Street and at Cedar Street. An additional \$2,000 in expenses has resulted from the additional work that had to be done on the water line on Leinbaugh Street.

Discussed some problems with a few of the new curb stands that have been installed along the new water line on East First Street. The contractor will be contacted regarding these problems.

It was decided, to help offset the additional cost of the change orders on the new water main replacement project, to eliminate some of the pavement replacement portion of the original bid specifications for now, and then include it in the motor fuel street contract next year.

Discussed pay request #3 from K & N Excavating for the water main replacement project in the amount of \$32,284.80. Brad Lanier, from Klingner & Associates, has not had a chance to review the pay request yet. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Weese to approve the payment of pay request #3 from K & N Excavating for the amount of \$32,284.80 with the stipulation that the city clerk is not to send the payment until Brad Lanier has notified the city that there are no problems with the pay request. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Chris Classen reported that the work on the lift station by the elevator has been completed. A leak in the water main on West First Street has been repaired. The new chop saw has been purchased.

Discussed the old water plant building. It was decided to look into this more next spring.

Discussed looking into going to radio read water meters and developing a plan to replace the current meters over a period of time. This will be discussed more after the current water main replacement project is completed.

Discussed the Wetlands Area. Chris Classen has spoken to a Quail Forever representative to see if they had any funds available for helping with the expense of the seeding of this area, and he is going to check on it and get back to Chris.

Discussed the building at 387 Oak Street. The contractor is still waiting for his equipment to be repaired so that the job can be completed.

Discussed the city's building at 120 West First Street.

Mayor Higgins read a letter of resignation from Justin Hobby as the city police officer effective November 21, 2011. Police Chief Dennis Hilliard has spoken to Joshua Smith and Travis Duffy to see if they would be interested in filling in part-time while the city searches for a new police officer, and they have indicated that they would do so at the same pay rate that they worked for in the past, \$12 per hour.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to pay the Dallas Rural Fire Protection District \$1,232.89 for the 2% fire tax that the city received from the State of Illinois. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to hire Chad Passley, C.P.A., to do the city's audit for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for \$2,750. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk