

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on December 8, 2011, at 6 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 and Rodney Clark.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

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

Discussed a request for a donation from the Dallas City Lions Club Toys-For-Tots. In the past the council has requested a report showing the number of individuals that have benefitted from their donation to this charity, but they have never received one. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer not to make a donation to the Dallas City Lions Club Toys-For-Tots this year, since they have not provided a report in the past. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed Christmas bonuses for the city's employees. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to give the city's full-time employees a \$75 Christmas bonus, part-time employees a \$35 Christmas bonus, and to pay the employees share of IMRF, social security, and medicare withholding. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

The city clerk reported that Brad Lanier from Klingner & Associates has approved the pay request #3 from K & N Excavating for the water main replacement project that the council approved at the November 10, 2011, meeting and that the payment has been sent.

Discussed pay request #4 from K & N Excavating for the water main replacement project in the amount of \$22,944.92. Mr. Lanier has not reviewed the pay request yet. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer to approve the payment of pay request #4 from K & N Excavating for the amount of \$22,944.92 with the stipulation that the city clerk is not to send the payment until Mr. Lanier has notified the city that there are no problems with the pay request. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed the property at 387 Oak Street. It was reported that the building is down, but the clean-up work has not been completed. The contractor has requested partial payment for the work that has been completed. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to pay Hy-Tech Specialized Services \$13,192.50, 50% of the original contract amount. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Chris Classen reported that he is going to get a grate on the discharge pipe at the wetlands area. The roof on the old water plant has been repaired. He also reported that the lift station by the elevator needs to be sealed and that there have been some problems with the lift station by the pond on East First Street that appear to have been taken care of.

Tom Schaefer left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Discussed stuck water meters. The city employees are working on getting these meters replaced.

City Christmas decorations have been put up. An electric line that is the power source to some of the Christmas lights was damaged when the building at 387 Oak Street was taken down. This electric line has been repaired.

Discussed recognition signs. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

The city attorney has called the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding highway signs at the wetlands area along Highway 9 & 96. No one from IDOT has returned his call.

The city attorney presented the council with a proposed intergovernmental agreement he has prepared between the city and the Dallas Rural Fire Protection District. The council advised the city attorney to make a few changes and present it to them at the next meeting he attends.

Ordinance #602, which allows the sale of packaged liquor to begin at 9 a.m. on Sundays, has been published and will take effect on December 11, 2011.

A motion was made Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to pass Ordinance #603, Adopting Hiring Standards for Part Time Police Officers. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to enter executive session to discuss ongoing litigation and properties in town. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:40 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:55 p.m.

Discussed the city's building at 120 West First Street. There appears to be some plumbing repairs that need to be done and the furnace needs to be checked. It was decided to contact Max Faul to see if he would be interested in doing this work for the city. Also, discussed making sure that this building is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act.

Discussed putting up a sign to prevent an alley from being blocked by parked vehicles.

Discussed updating the codified ordinance book. An estimate as to the cost of having this done is being made by a company.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk